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## What's New!

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### Digital Collections in the Library Catalog

The image on the right is the Freedmen's Bank building (S.W. corner of Main and Forsyth Streets). It was destroyed in the fire of August 18, 1891. The image is found in *History of Jacksonville, Florida, and Vicinity, 1513 to 1924*, published in 1925 and digitized from the original source held in our library's Special Collections. You can see [the entire digitized book here](#).



This and other fascinating digital collections as diverse as *Reclaiming the Everglades* and *Yiddish Children's Books* are now available full text in the Library's "[next-generation](#)" catalog. Included are hundreds of wildlife and plant images. The tri-color heron on the left is from the *Florida Heritage Collection*. You can find it [in the catalog](#) by simply typing in tri-color heron.

To get an idea of what is available, just click on the search button in the [catalog](#) without entering a search term. You'll get a list of all the items in the library. Now, select "Digital Collections" under the Subcollection facet on the left toward the bottom. You'll see a few collections, but if you select "Show more", you'll see an expanded list. You can also start with a keyword and then narrow by Subcollection.

## Database Spotlights

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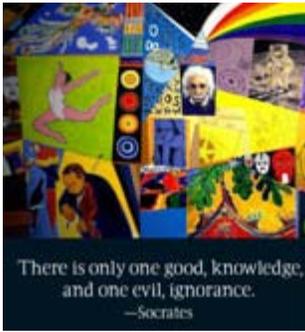
### [Health & Wellness Resource Center](#)

Health information you can trust from medical dictionaries and encyclopedias, from *Harvard Special Health Reports*, from medical magazines and journals. It includes modules focusing on diseases and conditions, alternative medicine, drugs and herbal remedies. HWRC also includes links to trusted websites.



### [OmniFile Full Text Mega](#)

*OmniFile* contains full text articles, page images, article abstracts, and citations from over 4,000 journals. Coverage goes back as early as 1982. It contains everything from all these databases: *Education Full Text*, *General Science Full Text*, *Humanities Full Text*, *Readers' Guide*, *Social Sciences Full Text* and *Wilson Business Full Text*. It also contains full text from applied science



and technology, art, library science, biological and agricultural and legal periodicals.

## Did you know?

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- The new 7th edition of the *MLA Handbook* has simplified and updated its recommendations for citing electronic sources. *RefWorks* already gives you the choice of selecting the 7th edition and Jim Alderman has updated his [citation guide](#) to reflect the changes.
- The library receives funds each year from the Florida Center for Library Automation (FCLA) to purchase or upgrade technology. All public-use computers in the library are paid for by these funds. This year the library used some of the dollars to acquire laptops for check-out and purchase the LibTV screens. FCLA money, provided through the legislature, is shared by the other ten state university libraries. It can only be used for technology and cannot be used for books, journals or databases.
- FCLA also receives funding from the legislature to help state university libraries pay for research databases. Over \$3 million was allocated in 2008 for database subscriptions covering many disciplines. In addition to this shared funding, the library participates in consortial contracts with other state university libraries in Florida to pay for full-text journals that would be unaffordable as individual subscriptions.
- You could have a librarian come to a departmental meeting to demonstrate some of the new things available to you and your students.

## As a Matter of Fact...

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Since July 2008, the library's instruction crew, led by Jim Alderman, taught 175 classes with attendance of 4,432 students. We encourage faculty to arrange for library instruction tailored to their classes. You may request a [session online here](#).

