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Annelies Dykgraaf. **Flow of the River.**
Woodcut and acrylic on paper

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A WORD FROM THE DEAN

Dear Friends and Supporters of the Carpenter Library,

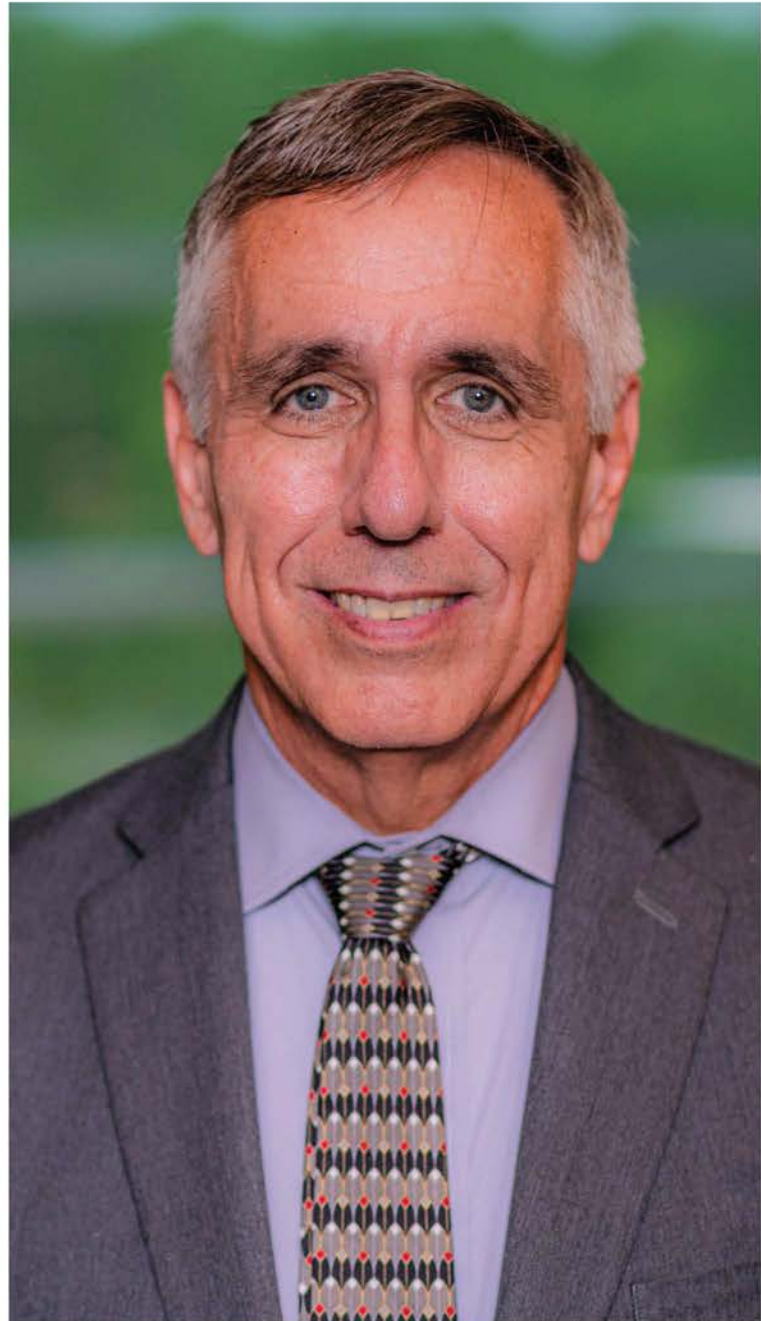
I am honored to present the annual report for the 2022-2023 academic year, reflecting the unwavering commitment and dedication of the Carpenter Library at the University of North Florida. Our library, both in its physical and digital form, has always stood as a beacon of knowledge, connecting students and faculty to the vast world of information. In this dynamic era of information sharing and digital resources, we have remained steadfast in our mission to facilitate learning and research.

Our strategic priorities reflect our commitment to educational excellence and community engagement. These priorities are not just words on paper; they are actions that have been set into motion. They exemplify our dedication to aligning with the broader goals of the University and catalyzing positive change in our community.

I would like to express my deepest gratitude to our library staff and our incredible community of patrons, whose shared passion for knowledge has made every achievement of the past year possible. As the Dean of the Carpenter Library, I am truly privileged to be a part of this dynamic and dedicated organization.

With warm regards,

DR. BRENT MAI
DEAN OF THE LIBRARY





THE ART OF SUCCESS

The 2022-2023 fiscal year was an exciting and meaningful year for the Thomas G. Carpenter Library due to notable accomplishments by staff and faculty, several staff transitions, and the continuous evolution of our student spaces. The usage statistics highlighted in this report will tell the story of an organization continuously pursuing growth and excellence to support the University of North Florida's academic community. One of the most exciting statistics comes from the university's retention model, which identifies library use as an important predictor of first time in college (FTIC) student retention.

All of the Library's units supported the mission and vision of the department by serving students to the best of their ability, whether that involved leading instruction sessions, assisting with material acquisitions and cataloging, or providing front-line assistance in Access Services. Every employee, donor, and visitor made this a year to remember.

As we look ahead, the library remains committed to student success, advancing research, and community partnerships. We aim to evolve our services, collections, and spaces to empower learning and scholarly excellence. This report highlights our substantial contributions across essential areas: instruction, access services, archives, acquisitions, preservation, and access. We will build on this year's achievements through innovation and cooperation to help the UNF community thrive.

As you read this report, think of ways to contribute to the UNF Library's vision of success. Perhaps this means proposing a program, partnering with one of our departments, donating rare and historical materials, or joining our Dean's Leadership Council. We're doing great things for our scholars, and we'd love for you to join us on the journey.

MISSION

Through proactive engagement in teaching & learning, research & scholarship, the Carpenter Library plays a key leadership role in the academic success of the UNF community.

VISION

The Carpenter Library is the collaborative hub of the university through the advancement of diverse and innovative educational, scholarly, and creative endeavors.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

The following strategic priorities have been used to guide our library in our mission to serve the students, faculty, and staff of the University of North Florida.

These priorities provide a roadmap to elevate the library as a leader in empowering teaching, research, and partnerships at the university and in the community. They will inform decision-making at all levels as we continually improve our services, resources, spaces, and expertise. With an emphasis on innovation, assessment, and talent development, the library is poised to deliver exceptional value in pursuit of our mission.

- Priority 1: Support and Enhance Teaching and Learning
- Priority 2: Advance Scholarly Research and Creative Activities
- Priority 3: Build Relationships with the University's Local and Global Communities
- Priority 4: Advance the Library's Effectiveness & Efficiency
- Priority 5: Promote Workforce Development

No place better than here.
No time better than now.



44,300

Average of Student Visits
per Month

503,751

Total Patron Count during the
2022-2023 Fiscal Year

+14%

Higher than Fiscal Year
2021-2022 Patron Count

Kathleen Wobie. Detail of *Palmetto Scrub*.
Oil on canvas.

Gateway to Success: Access Services Connects Users to Resources

The Thomas G. Carpenter Library continues to be one of the busiest places on campus. Over 70% of enrolled students entered the library at least once during the Fall and Spring semesters! Collectively, the facilities had over 500,000 visits last year, facilitated in part by the increase in student-centered spaces and seating.

Laptop checkouts continued to be a major driver of circulation activity, with 3,396 laptops being checked out to students, an increase of 23%. As expected, book loans followed the nationwide decreasing trend; however, our Graphic Novel and fiction collection remain popular student resources.

Outreach efforts continued to excel by interacting with UNF students, faculty, and staff over 16,000 times over the course of 135 programs.

EYES ON ENGAGEMENT



204 tweets

580 "likes"



193 posts

54K subscribers



171 posts

1,923 followers



// During one of our class periods, Lauren Newton provided us with a tutorial on how to effectively use the library's resources, including how to navigate databases and use search terms to refine our research. This tutorial was immensely helpful, as it allowed me to maximize my use of the library's resources. //

Kaia Lacey, Senior





Lee Harvey. *Tropic of Mischief*.
Acrylic on canvas.

Digital Projects: Preserving the Past, Powering the Future

856,144

Downloads of Digital Commons
materials, with 397,435 from Special
Collections

208

Number of countries where users
accessed Digital Commons materials

In collaboration with Special Collections and University Archives, our Digital Projects Unit extended the reach of the Carpenter Library's unique collections and the scholarship of UNF scholars. The unit added over 3000 items to the institutional repository, with over 1800 from Special Collections, reaching nearly 4.7 million total downloads. The unit assisted faculty by creating 20 new SelectedWorks profiles and adding 360 publication records.

NEW DIGITAL EXHIBITS INCLUDE:

- [Dr. Christine Rasche Papers](#), October 2022
- [Selections from the Rodney L. Hurst, Sr. Papers](#), February 2023
- [Project Intersect](#), June 2023

Treasures From the Vault: Special Collections Offers Rare Glimpses into Our Past

Guided by a vision of scholarship and education, Special Collections and University Archives (SCUA) connects researchers near and far with UNF's unique collections. Locally, class instruction and individual consultations service student's faculty, and the North Florida community. Nationally, SCUA has partnered with a number of organizations to tell the story of the First Coast's unique history.

This year's collaborators include an impressive number of national organizations and local supporters of History and the Arts.

- Beaches Museum
- Cengage Learning
- Florida Department of State
- Friends of Augusta Savage Arts and Community Center
- Jacksonville University (for the Mandarin Museum)
- Jacksonville Historical Society
- Metropolitan Museum of Art
- Museum of Florida History
- National Theatre (London, England)
- PBS/Investigative Media Group
- T. J. Reddick Bar Association/Old Dillard Museum



Louise Freshmen Brown. ***The Rehearsal.***
Acrylic on Masonite.

Building Community Relationships, One Experience at a Time

THE EARTHA M.M. WHITE VIRTUAL REALITY EXPERIENCE

The jewel in this year's collaborative crown has to be the amazing collective effort that resulted in the Carpenter Library's first VR experience!

This VR experience tells the story of North East Florida native Eartha M. M. White, a prominent African-American female from Jacksonville who founded the Clara White Mission. The VR narrative biography tells the story of Ms. White's life and all of her accomplishments while giving users a glimpse into her home and base of operations, which is now the Eartha M.M. White Museum located in Jacksonville FL.

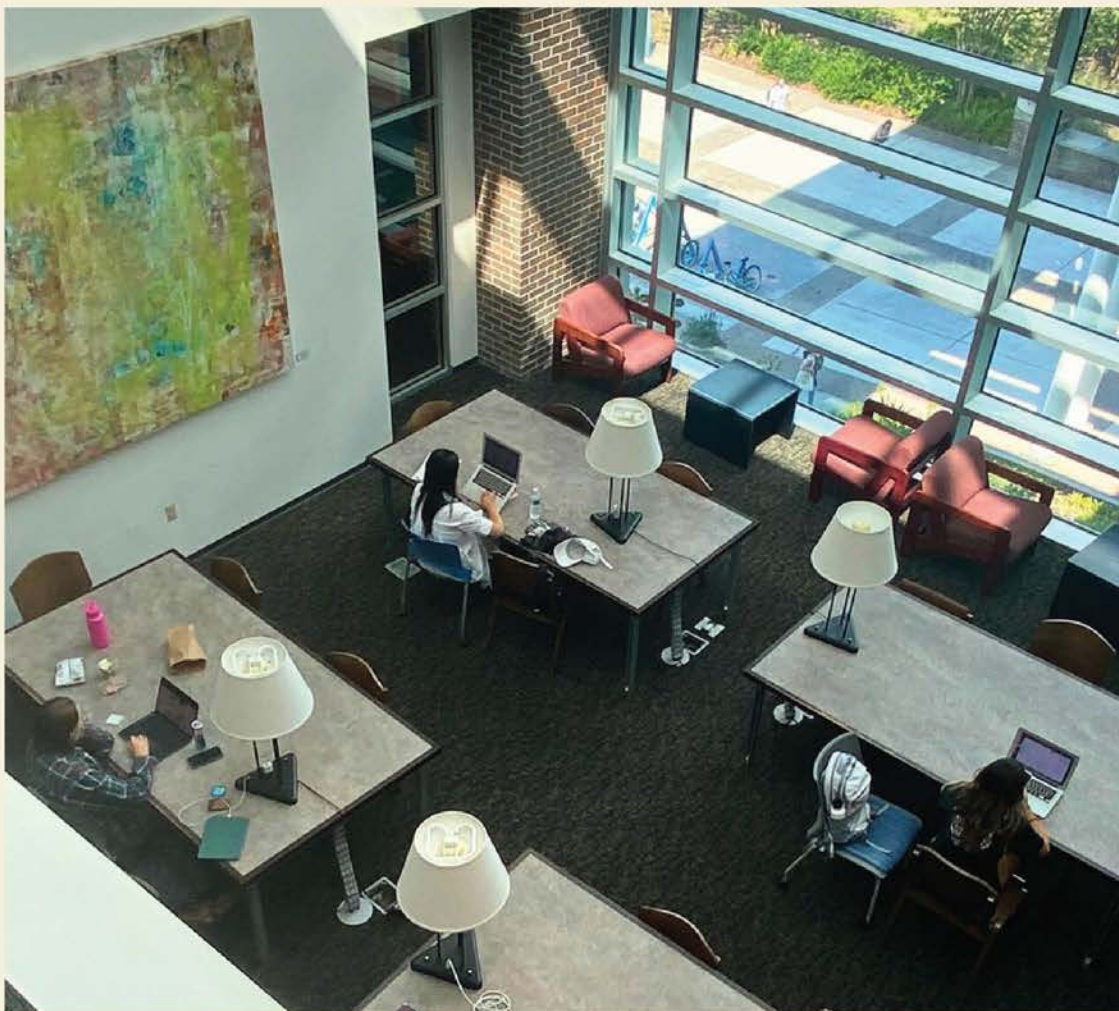
The experience was made possible by an Innovative Project Award from the Northeast Florida Information Network (NEFLIN).

In cooperation with the Eartha M.M. White Museum, The University of North Florida Thomas G. Carpenter Library Special Collections and University Archives, UNF's Computer Science Department, and the UNF Virtual Learning Center.



// I sometimes have issues with online learning because there isn't a classroom to give me structure. The library has provided me the structure I need to succeed. I am incredibly grateful for the resources available at this facility. //

Reece Braswell, Junior

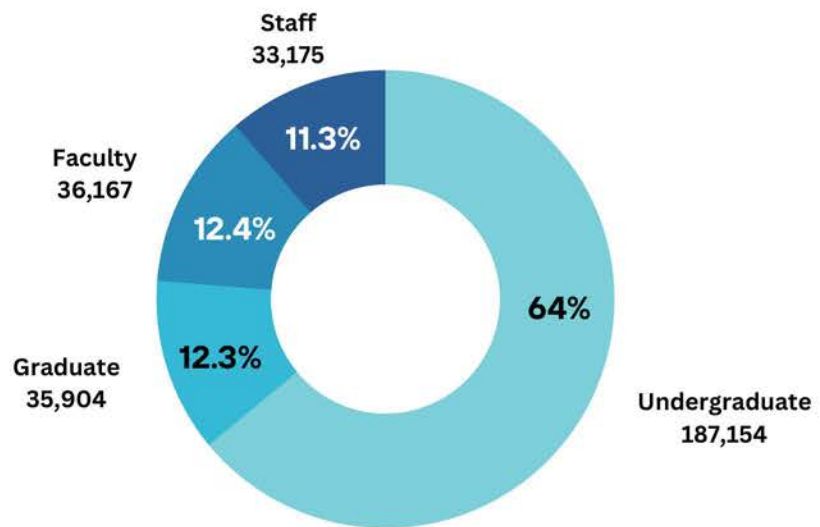


Fueling Knowledge Discovery: A RAD Year in Review

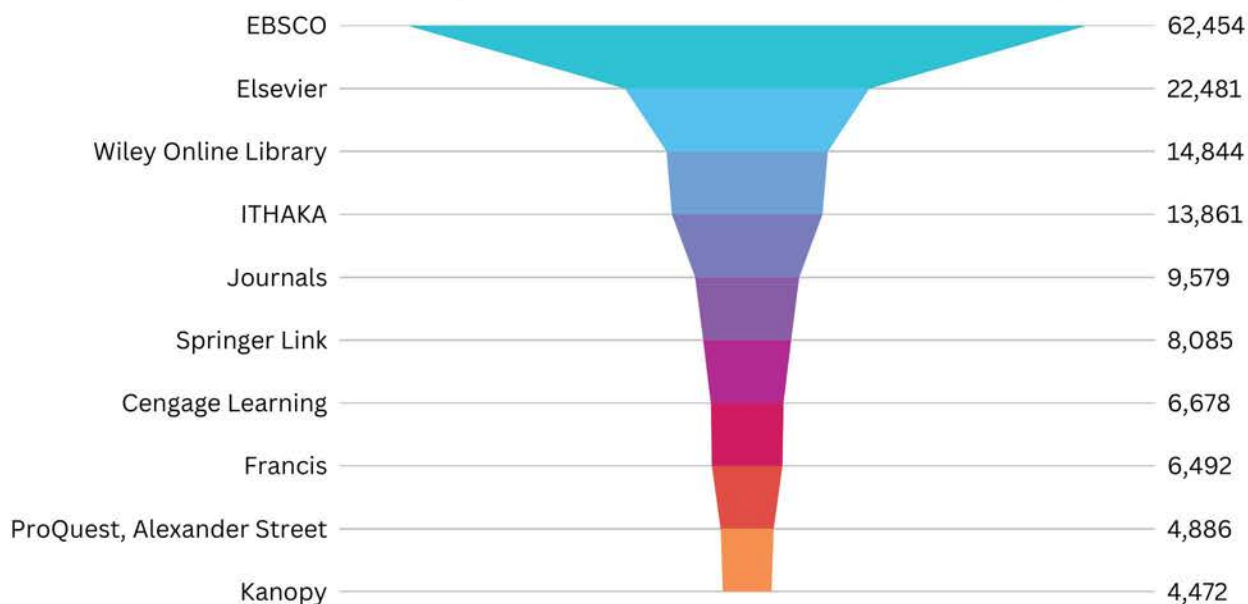
Despite multiple staff changes, the Resource Acquisition and Discovery (RAD) unit maintained its commitment to providing our users with learning resources as efficiently as possible. Their dedication empowers the UNF community by ensuring access to credible, timely, and impactful resources necessary for academic excellence.

Total views and clicks from the library's A-Z Database list totaled 60,610. However, resources can also be accessed via OneSearch and Google Scholar, increasing overall usage.

TOTAL OPENATHENS AUTHENTICATIONS



TOP 10 STUDENT RESOURCES (OPEN ATHENS AUTHENTICATIONS)

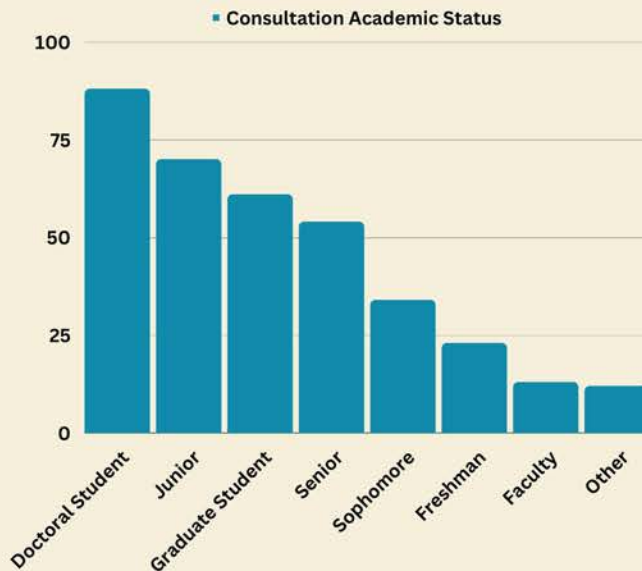


Connecting the Dots with Reference and Instruction

The Carpenter Library's Reference and Instruction services lie at the heart of our mission and vision. While each service resides within a different unit, the purpose and intent remain the same- to provide guidance and information promptly while empowering users with the skills to continue their research independently.

369

Completed Research Consultations



254

Library Instruction Sessions

4,233

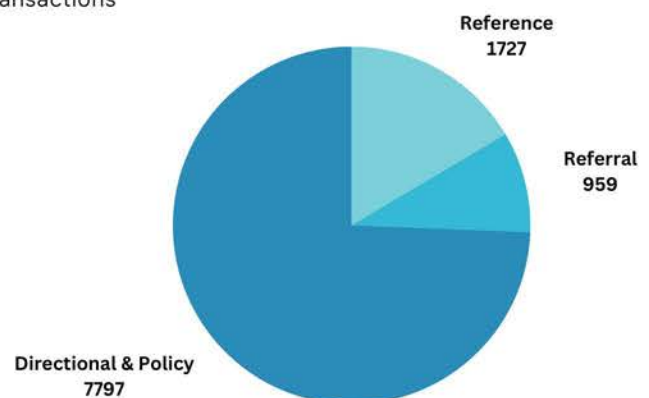
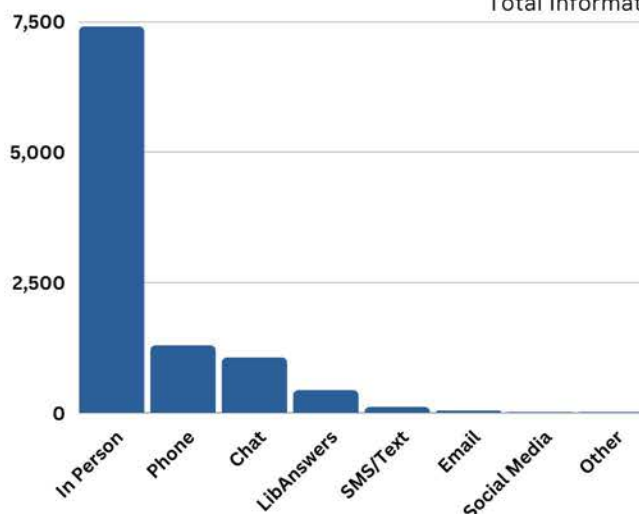
Total Instruction Student Count

23%

Percentage of UNF student headcount

10,483

Total Information Transactions



Help Expand Possibilities: Support the Carpenter Library



Camilla Ursini, Winner of the Fall 2022 Dr. Carolyn Williams Library Student Award



Kaia Lacey, Winner of our 2023 Dr. Edna L. Saffy Library Scholarship

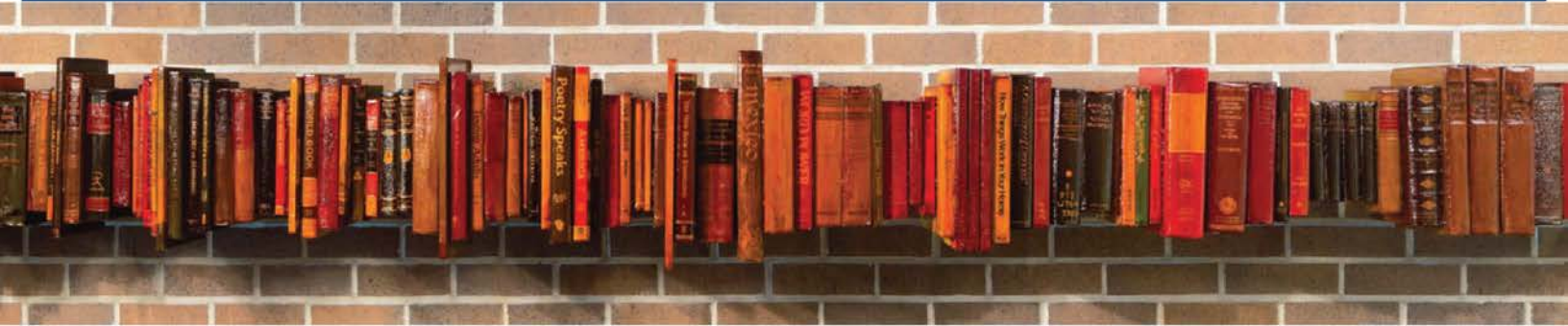
The Thomas G. Carpenter Library is the intellectual and social heart of the University of North Florida. We take pride in providing our students, faculty, and surrounding communities with the resources and spaces they need to learn, grow, and connect. Your help will ensure this vital mission continues.

Your gifts directly empower our students' academic journeys through scholarships for library workers, stipends for student research, and access to cutting-edge materials. Your generosity enriches our spaces through new furnishings, technology upgrades, and critical repairs that keep our building running. Most importantly, you reaffirm that our work matters through your investment in the library.

This past year, we stretched each contribution further to support more scholars and make an even more significant impact at UNF and beyond. Imagine what more we can achieve with your partnership in the upcoming year. From all of us at the Carpenter Library, thank you for believing in our mission and giving the priceless gift of opportunity through education. We can't wait to have you visit us and see your generosity in action.

With gratitude, Dr. Brent Mai, Dean of the Library

Honoring Our Partners in Student Success - Thank You Donors!



Clark Lunberry. ***Suspended Sentence.***
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2023 Library Research Prize

The Thomas G. Carpenter Library and The Dean's Leadership Council are thrilled to continue the tradition of rewarding scholarly excellence at UNF. This year, two exceptional students - one undergraduate and one graduate - each received a \$1,000 prize for their outstanding use of the library's resources and services in their research. This year's submissions were so impressive that we decided to add an honorable mention prize!

These prizes highlight our students' dedication to academic achievement and showcase the library's commitment to empowering our UNF community. By leveraging our wealth of resources, from knowledgeable librarians to extensive digital collections, these students produced exemplary scholarship that contributes to the University's legacy.



Outstanding Graduate Researcher - Lauren Boyd

Lauren Boyd is a graduate student in the Master in Psychological Science program. Her project involves capturing movements using virtual reality technology to study Developmental Coordination Disorder (DCD) in adults with and without developmental disabilities. Dr. Dominik Guess supported her application.

Outstanding Undergraduate Researcher - Kaia Lacey

Kaia Lacey is a senior majoring in history/anthropology with her project titled "White Man's War: Māori Stance Against Conscription in the Great War." Dr. Chris Rominger supported her application.



Honorable Mention Undergraduate Researcher - Boaz Levy

Boaz Levy is a senior majoring in Political Science with his project titled "The Sephardic-Mizrahi Moment: Cultural Renewal, Jewish-Arab Rapprochement, and Zionism in the 1920s." Dr. Chris Rominger supported his application.



A Year of Excellence: Staff and Faculty Triumphs



George Cornwell. **Zadar.**
Serigraph

Staff and faculty scholarly outputs and achievements are vital to the success of an academic library. Our experts contribute to the broader profession through research, publication, presentation, and service while modeling excellence for our campus. This past fiscal year, our outstanding team gave over a dozen presentations, published articles and book chapters, obtained grant funding, served on professional committees, and earned promotions and awards. Their accomplishments advance our mission locally and beyond. We take pride in both supporting their efforts and sharing their knowledge. Our librarians' and staff's commitment to professional engagement strengthens our institution.

- Publication of a book review for College & Research Libraries
- Acceptance of a book chapter for inclusion in a national publication
- Presenting at regional, state, and national conferences
- Serving on the boards of regional and national library organizations
- Attending numerous conferences and professional development sessions
- Taking active roles on University, Faculty Association, and Library Committees

// From utilizing the digital commons to finding newspapers relevant to research projects on microfilm, I make an active effort to utilize all materials that UNF provides to its students. ... libraries mean accessibility for all regardless of any external factors. //

Nor Chodry, Senior



Thank you!



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