Florida Humanities FORUM Magazine Exhibit
at University of South Florida St. Petersburg Campus Library

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A new University of South Florida St. Petersburg campus Nelson Poynter Memorial Library exhibit showcases a sampling of FORUM magazine covers celebrating the diverse history and heritage of Florida. The selected magazines highlight USF-related writers who have contributed to FORUM through their research and narrative storytelling. The permanent exhibit is located near the landings in the library’s main stairway and a separate StoryMaps1 version has been posted online.

FORUM magazine is produced by Florida Humanities, which has partnered with the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library to create a digital archive for the magazine and other Florida Humanities content. In 2020 the library and Florida Humanities also worked together to produce an interactive audio, print, and video bibliography2 about African American history. Additionally, both institutions are on the St. Petersburg campus and have benefited from a rich collaborative history.

The Florida Humanities website3 reminds us that the organization’s mission is to “preserve, promote and share the history, literature, culture and personal stories that offer Floridians a better understanding of themselves, their communities and their state.” We hope that in some small way our library can help Florida Humanities carry out their valuable mission to our state and its people.

1https://arcg.is/1K4z1P1
2https://floridahumanities.org/programs-publications/african-american-archive/
3https://floridahumanities.org/about-us/history-and-mission/