FROM THE EDITOR

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I'm so grateful to be able to present our Summer/ Conference Proceedings issue. The Florida Library Association conference is an incredible gathering, so I want to be sure we include as much as possible in this issue to refresh the memories of attendees, and to include our colleagues who were unable to attend.

Conference opened with Dr. Brandy McNeil, the President of PLA, who gave an impassioned call to action encouraging Florida librarians to keep doing the work we do in the face of adversity.

The highlight of conference for many was getting to meet and listen to Mychal Threets, internet sensation and library joy advocate. His genuine love of libraries and the people who work and frequent them is contagious, and a great reminder of *why* we do what we do.

Breakout sessions, panels, and poster sessions were presented on a wide array of topics, geared towards public librarians, academic librarians, and everyone in between. These sessions are always an excellent opportunity to hear from our coworkers in the field, and gain new insights that might positively impact our own communities.

The exhibition hall is a great space to network with vendors, organizations, authors, and others who so generously support our work. FLA brought back its merchandise booth this year. If you didn't grab the merch you wanted at the conference, you can always shop their online store.

Incoming President Allison Grubbs called us to "Tell Your Story," her theme for the 2025-2026 year. The hope is to foster greater equity, visibility, connection, and shared experiences by sharing our own library stories with each other and our communities.

I personally want to thank immediate past President, Jorge Perez, for his ongoing support of both FLA and *Florida Libraries Journal*. His term brought so much joy in times when it was desperately needed, and I know I'm not alone when I express my gratitude for his enthusiasm and encouragement. And thank you to everyone who worked on and with the Conference Planning Committee—your hard work is so appreciated.

FLA Conference is a rare opportunity to connect, learn, network, and receive new ideas. I know when I return to work after conference I feel refreshed and invigorated, and I hope you all, whether you attended or just read the recap issue, feel the same.

Have an excellent summer!

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