

MESSAGE FROM **DEAN OF THE LIBRARIES**



I am pleased to welcome you to our fifth issue of *SOURCE: the Magazine of the University of Florida George A. Smathers Libraries*, published by the LibraryPress@UF. This is an open access journal, distributed primarily in electronic format. *SOURCE* offers the reader an opportunity to view remarkable materials from our collections, learn about our innovative research and collaborations conducted both in the Libraries and with other colleagues throughout the University and beyond, and explore highlights of exceptional faculty and student services provided by the Smathers Libraries.

Our cover for this issue features images of the Libraries' spaces from past, present, and future for our series on spaces, which we will cover in several issues. In this issue, we share stories of our spaces and their changes over time, including on-campus spaces like the Grand Reading Room, University Colonnade, and Library West, locations for several offsite storage facilities, and Governor's House in St. Augustine. We look forward to exploring more spaces with you in future issues.

This issue also includes an article on the collaborative Digital Humanities Working Group and a graduate student intern's work on the Cuba collections. Photographs in this issue showcase fantastic locations in the Libraries. Please note that all photographs are historical—some near and some long ago—and that is why the people in them are not wearing masks.

We welcome your feedback and ideas. Please let us know what you think and we hope you enjoy reading this very special issue of *SOURCE*.


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