## MESSAGE FROM **DEAN OF THE LIBRARIES**



I am pleased to welcome you to our sixth 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 an 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 features images of the spaces in the Libraries. This is the second of four special issues for this series.

In this issue, we share stories of our spaces and their changes, including on-campus spaces—like the Architecture and Fine Arts Library, the Judaica Suite, and the Prosser Memorial Garden—and off-campus locations for Conservation and Digitization. We look forward to exploring more spaces with you in future issues. This issue also shares information about other types of library spaces, with articles on the Business Library (virtual) and the Affiliated Libraries. Rounding out this issue are three stories of collaboration and history collections of the campus and the community. One is a story of student researchers working on existing collections in Special & Area Studies Collections. Another is the story of a graduate student researcher and collaborating staff member who developed a recent history collection. The third is a story from two staff members working with community collaborators to ensure our archives represent and respond to St. Augustine's recent history. We encourage you to explore this issue, and once again encourage you to visit the collections and spaces in person.

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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