I am pleased to welcome you to our eighth issue of *SOURCE: the Magazine of the University of Florida George A. Smathers Libraries*, published by the Library-Press@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 features images of the Digital Library of the Caribbean, or dLOC, an international collaborative where the Libraries are a founding partner and the leader for operations.

In this issue, we share stories of other major collaborative partnerships, including a story celebrating the Panama Canal Museum and a story of preserving the history of farmworkers and Native American oral histories. This issue also includes an interview with retired Director of Communications; and articles on library leadership for civic engagement, conservation of scaleboard books, and an award winning book exploring the Baldwin Library of Historical Children’s Literature; and an article on the Undergraduate Fellows Program. We encourage you to explore this issue, and once again encourage you to visit the collections in person.

We welcome your feedback and ideas. We hope you enjoy reading this issue of *SOURCE*.