

From the Editor



Dear Friends,

Welcome to the spring 2022 edition of *Florida Libraries*, where we focus on the upcoming annual conference and our chance to meet together as professionals and as friends. The support that libraries provide to our communities is vitally important, and in order to continue our efforts we must also take time to support each other and also to care for ourselves. I hope that the conference presentations, gatherings, and time away from your usual schedules will feed your minds and hearts, so you can return to your libraries and your library work with a renewed sense of purpose.

My work as editor of the journal has been a role that I have greatly enjoyed and so it is with mixed feelings that I announce that I am stepping down as editor of *Florida Libraries*. I will always be thankful for the confidence that the board placed in me when they selected me for this position and I have done my best to ensure that trust was not misplaced. Along the way, it has been my good fortune to work with many talented writers, editors, librarians, and leaders to produce this publication. I especially must name the editorial board—Claudia Holland, Mary Daniels, Keila Zayas Ruiz, and Renaine Julian (former board member)—without your talents and dedication, the journal would not have been able to include so many interesting and impactful articles and we could not have begun accepting, reviewing, and publishing peer reviewed articles. Thank you all for volunteering to work alongside me and for improving *Florida Libraries* so much. And finally, I have to thank Karen Layton for all the incredible support, encouragement, and brainstorming during my tenure as editor. So much of the detail work, the great ideas, the eye-catching visuals, and the million little details that make each edition come together has been done by Karen. I truly could not have done this job so well without her help. I cannot thank you enough, Karen.

Life has brought me back home to Massachusetts, and so it makes sense for me to step aside and make room for a new leader to take the reins. I look forward to seeing how the journal continues to grow and change in the future and I am optimistic about how *Florida Libraries* will continue to develop. Thank you all for reading, writing, and sharing your thoughts with me these past few years.

Sincerely,

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