

MESSAGE FROM **DEAN OF THE LIBRARIES**



I am pleased to welcome you to this 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 library employees an opportunity to share our stories, as we work together for resiliency and compassion.

Our cover for this issue features the article by Dr. H  l  ne Huet, our European Studies Librarian, telling of her work to preserve and share her great-grandfather's journal from World War I. Thanks to work by the Libraries and collaborators, the journal is openly online with images, transcriptions, and translations, which support new teaching and research, as well as her family connection to history. Also in this issue are articles on a collaborative project to 3D print dinosaur models, student research where students collaboratively created an award-winning book about Madagascar, the wealth of information in government documents and the intricate work required by these complex resources, a book telling the story of polio in a child's voice, and more. Despite dramatically different disciplinary areas and methods, these articles speak to the fullness of our work at the Libraries as we enable new possibilities.

The stories here illuminate our work as a community that practices kindness, especially in times of crisis, both within the Libraries and as part of our broader communities for research, teaching, life-long learning, innovation, and joy.

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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