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# NPML [Bull]etin

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## From the Dean

For the past couple of years, Nelson Poynter Memorial Library has been involved in re-imagining how the first floor of the library could be transformed to meet our users' needs. Thanks to students, faculty, and staff, we have a vision that includes mostly our indoor space but also some outdoor space.

Our planning led to an opportunity to refresh the area around the outside of the library where the USFSP community will be able to relax, work, catch some shade, and enjoy our beautiful campus surroundings. Thanks to an incredible donor, Ms. Josephine Hall, NPML has a good start to a fundraising campaign that will bring the vision of the first floor closer to reality.



Splitting her time between New York City and Saint Petersburg, Ms. Hall spent time on campus taking classes, attending lectures in the library, and getting involved in the local arts community. You can read more about Ms. Hall in a recent [Tampa Bay Times article](#). I know I speak for everyone in NPML when I say we are truly grateful for her generosity and goodwill.

I hope your semester is off to a terrific start.

**Catherine Cardwell**  
Dean, Nelson Poynter Memorial Library



## Spaces



### A New Indoor / Outdoor Library Space for USFSP Students

A new library space for students is under construction on the north side of our building. With a patio and increased Wi-Fi connectivity, this space will expand student options for outdoor seating and study in an attractive and shaded location.

Since construction started, we've heard some common concerns. To respond and keep you in the know:

- The plants that were previously located by the library were carefully removed for relocation and re-use around the USFSP campus. A mixture of Florida native grasses and plants are to be used to landscape the space.
- While we can't make the construction project completely silent, we are working with Willis Smith Construction to cause the least amount of disruption to student library use and need for quiet study. Construction aims to be completed by April 2019, well before the end of semester exam week.

Funding for this project comes from USFSP students via the Capital Improvement Trust Fund. Design by BFrank Studio.



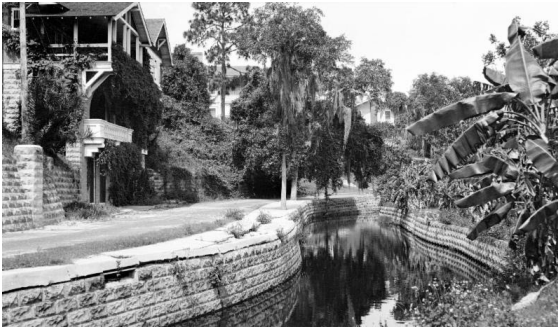
## Special Collections Trivia

This image from the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library's Special Collections and University Archives comes from the Jacobs collection of Francis Wagner photographs.

**Question:** Can you name the historic St. Petersburg neighborhood where this photo was taken back in the 1920s or 1930s?

## Scholars Corner

Quality Matters is a faculty-centered, peer review process to certify the quality of the design of online and blended courses. The rigorous process follows a research-based rubric focused on best practices for student success in online learning. Faculty at USF St. Petersburg are leading the system in this national recognition. Many also conduct teaching and learning research around the application of the QM rubric standards to their courses. To learn more about



the accomplishments of our colleagues, visit the [USFSP QM Certified Courses website](#).



**Answer:**

[Digital Collections](#)



## Tapestry

While we often think of diversity as the inclusion of people from varied backgrounds, it may also refer to varied thoughts, beliefs and opinions as reflected in the books, journals, and media found in the library. At NPML, we strive to provide materials that represent varied perspectives, meet the needs of people from varied backgrounds, support a wide range of academic programs, and reflect the diversity of our community.

Our Juvenile Collection includes a rich multi-cultural collection of award-winning books for children and young adults. These include books that have won prizes and honors from the Children's Africana Book Award, Coretta Scott King Awards, Mildred L. Batchelder Award (for translated children's books), Pura Belpre Award, and Stonewall Book Awards, among others. These books support our College of Education and a number are held on reserve as required texts. For more information see our [guide on Children's Book Awards](#).

Of course, our Juvenile Collection is not the only area of the library rich in diverse materials. Our Graphic Fiction & Nonfiction Collection focuses on works by, about, and for people from varied backgrounds, and our history collection is strong in African American history. Going forward, juvenile books that focus on STEM, including biographies of notable women and multicultural scientists, will be part of our focus. We invite you to come to the library and Check it out!



## Did You Know?

### **New: Online Study Room Reservation System**

USFSP faculty and students can now reserve library student rooms. A total of 16 rooms are available for advanced reservation and can be booked up to one week in advance. Visit our study room page, [lib.usfsp.edu/service/group-study-rooms/](http://lib.usfsp.edu/service/group-study-rooms/), use your USF ID to book online, and confirm your reservation using your USF email account. When you're ready to use the study room, go to the library front desk and check out the study room key.



## New: Technology Lockers

Made possible through funding by the Student Technology Fee, a twelve bay IT Locker system by D-Tech corporation will begin operations in February 2019. The locker system features items that can be checked out by students registered to use the system by simply swiping their ID and using a four digit pin. The twelve bays will initially house three Dell and three Apple laptops, as well as charging bins to securely hold cell phones and student owned laptops as they charge. (Students should bring their own chargers for student-owned laptop charging.) Registration for use of the system will be available through the USFSP library's Student Technology Center, using a form similar to that used to check out laptops from circulation. The registrations last one semester for currently enrolled students with locker access available during all times that the library is open. Future additions will include STEM electronics, and other possibilities include tablets and other mobile computing variants. We anticipate that this unit will be a great addition to service students through the Student Technology Fee.



## Events

**Leverage Social Media to Fuel Student Engagement & Learning**  
January 29th at 2pm-3pm

**Project PUP - Therapy Dogs**  
January 30th at 4:30pm-5:30pm

**4th Annual Bay to Bay Learning Symposium: Diversity in Action**  
February 8th at 9am-3:30pm-USC Ballroom

## Exhibits

**USFSP Vets: Portraits in Black and White**  
Library 1st Floor

**Jack Davis and The Gulf**  
Library 1st Floor

**Weekly Challenger Display**  
Library 1st Floor

**Conducting QM Research**  
February 13th at 11am-12pm

**Quick Videos with Screencast-O-Matic**  
February 19th at 2pm - 3pm

**Strategies for Engaging Video**  
February 26th at 10am-11am

[See our Full Calendar](#)



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