

USFSP News

[USFSP Librarian Recognized for Dedication to Local History](#)

Jim Schnur, librarian of Special Collections and University Archives at the Nelson Poynter Memorial Library at USF St. Petersburg, received a Proclamation from the City of Seminole earlier this month at a City Council meeting.

The Proclamation recognized his contributions to local history, particularly his new book on the history of the Seminole community that was released in November 2015. The profits for his book releases—the latest release marking five books in five years—go directly to local historical societies and a library friends group. The recognition was presented by Mayor Leslie Waters, a former state representative who also previously taught at USFSP.

“Professionally, this honor celebrates my extensive record of community outreach to cultural and historical organizations, something I have proudly done since my days as a graduate student at USF in the early 1990s,” said Schnur, a USF alumnus and lifelong resident of Pinellas County. “Faculty at USFSP are expected to do research and service as part of their work to give back to the community. I have chosen to take a different path by sometimes merging these two activities in a way that the rewards of my efforts go entirely back to the community rather than myself.”

On Jan. 17, he spoke at Heritage Village as part of the [Speaking of History free lecture series](#), “The History of Our Heritage #3: Preserving Our Past in an Urbanized County.” The program traces the growth of Heritage Village between the mid-1980s and the end of the 20th century.

Schnur also will moderate the upcoming [“USFSP by the Decades: Pursuing a New Identity \(1995-2005\)”](#) presentation on Wednesday, Feb. 10 at noon. The event, part of the university’s yearlong 50th Anniversary celebration, is part of a series that talks about USFSP’s history and culture over the last 50 years.



Seminole Mayor Leslie Waters presents a proclamation to Jim Schnur, USFSP librarian of Special Collections and University Archives., during the January city council meeting.



The proclamation from the City of Seminole to Jim Schnur.





PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Jim Schnur is a native of Pinellas County and resides in the greater Seminole area;

WHEREAS, Jim Schnur is a Librarian and Head of Special Collections and University Archives, at Nelson Poynter Memorial Library, University of South Florida, St. Petersburg;

WHEREAS, Jim Schnur serves as President of the Pinellas County Historical Society, and as a Member of the Library Advisory Board of the Seminole Community Library at St. Petersburg College;

WHEREAS, Jim Schnur is the author of five books: *Largo, Historic Pinellas County, A Centennial History, Madeira Beach, St. Petersburg through Time* and most recently the *Seminole* book;

WHEREAS, *Seminole* is filled with historical photos and images of Seminole, the "youngest" incorporated municipality in Pinellas County;

WHEREAS, *Seminole* captured his hard work, dedication and "labor of love" for the communities;

WHEREAS, Jim Schnur has designated that all royalties go directly to cultural heritage institutions.

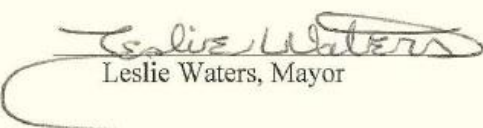
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Leslie Waters, do hereby proclaim the 12th of January, 2016 as:

"Jim Schnur Day"

and ask all citizens of the City of Seminole and surrounding area to join me in congratulating Jim Schnur for his success and generosity in giving back to our community.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Official Seal of the City of Seminole, Florida, to be affixed this 12th day of January, 2016.




Leslie Waters, Mayor