



**FLORIDA  
TECH.**

Evans  
Library

# ANNUAL REPORT

2024–2025







## Dean's Message

I started at Florida Tech in August 2024, and it is hard to believe I have been here for (almost) a year. A lot has happened in that short time. We celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Evans Library. Not only did this year-long celebration bring back a lot of great memories for alumni, faculty, staff, students, and the Brevard community, but our generous patrons helped us celebrate with \$2,349 in donations. This money was used to purchase new technology and enhance programs for student success. From the bottom of my heart, I thank each and every one of you great donors.

During this past year I learned what a special place the Evans Library and Florida Tech is in many ways. One, the library is a very busy place. We averaged 7,792 visitors per week when classes were in session. With an on-campus enrollment of 4,727 students, 165% of the student population visited the library each week during the Fall and Spring semesters. I have never worked in a library as busy as the Evans Library is. If the high number of visitors did not clue me in on what a great place the library is, then the high level of engagement from faculty, staff, and students definitely did. Whenever and wherever I tell people what I do, I get a wonderful compliment or heart-warming story about the Evans Library and how helpful the library faculty and staff are. Which brings me to my final point: the great people who work in the library have not only made my time at Florida Tech special, but they are the ones who make the Evans Library and the campus so special.



—Jason Martin, Ed.D.

### MISSION STATEMENT:

Support Florida Tech's mission of teaching, learning, and research through our spaces, services, and collections, all with great people delivering maximum human impact.

### VISION STATEMENT:

To be the innovative hub of information, learning, and culture for the campus, empowering students to succeed at Florida Tech and beyond.

## Quick Stats

FY 24/25 IN REVIEW



**\$2,349**

DONATIONS



**269,260**

LIBRARY VISITORS

**7,792**

VISITORS PER WEEK



**98.5**

HOURS OPEN PER WEEK  
& 24/7 DURING FINALS

10 SECTIONS OF

**COM 2012**



**243**

STUDENTS  
TAUGHT

**62**

CLASS SECTIONS



**127**

INSTRUCTION SESSIONS

**3,263**

STUDENTS TAUGHT



**1,277**

STUDENTS TAUGHT  
ASYNCHRONOUSLY





## Library Achievements

WITH AN ON-CAMPUS  
ENROLLMENT OF 4,727 STUDENTS,

**165%**

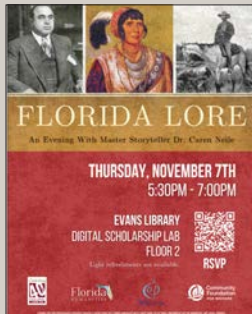
OF THE STUDENT  
POPULATION VISITED  
THE LIBRARY EACH WEEK  
DURING THE FALL AND  
SPRING SEMESTERS.



The Evans Library  
developed a new  
**strategic plan**  
based on the  
four pillars of the  
university's plan.

## Library Events

This year marked the Evans Library's 40th Anniversary! Our celebration included the following events:

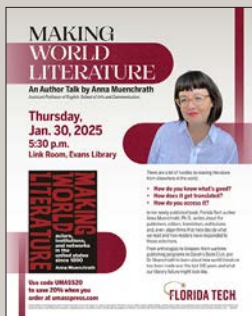


### FLORIDA LORE: AN EVENING WITH MASTER STORYTELLER DR. CAREN NEILE

Presented by the Community  
Foundation of Brevard

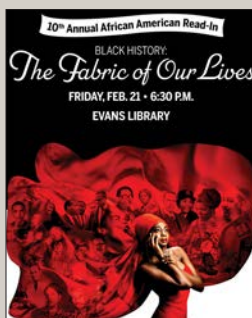


### THE BREAKING BARRIERS RECEPTION & MEET THE NEW LIBRARY DEAN



### MAKING WORLD LITERATURE

An author talk by Anna Muenchrath



### 10TH ANNUAL AFRICAN- AMERICAN READ-IN

Celebrating the Harlem Renaissance,  
this event was the most well-  
attended African-American Read-In  
to date.



### EVENT HORIZON: THE NEXT 40 YEARS OF SPACE AND BEYOND



A student contest sponsored by the  
Astronauts Memorial Foundation,  
won by **Robert Gadomski** for  
*SpaceCast*, with honorable mentions  
going to **Kozmo Colina** for *Breaking  
the Cosmic Silence: 40 Years  
of Bridging Alien Language and  
Eseroghene Oguma* for *Beyond  
the Horizon: The Future of Space  
Entrepreneurship*.



### ALGORITHMS AND US

A faculty panel discussion on the use  
and misuse of algorithms in our daily  
lives with Siddhartha Bhattacharyya,  
Tejas Channagiri, Moti Mizrahi and  
Anna Muenchrath

## Other Accomplishments

- » Work began on the 2nd floor of Evans Library to build the new Academic Advising Center.
- » The Evans Library removed a large number of periodicals and government documents now available electronically.
- » The library donated many print volumes of *Florida Trend* to the publisher whose library was damaged during Hurricane Milton.





## Gifts

BETWEEN THE LIBRARY'S 40TH  
ANNIVERSARY AND FLORIDA TECH'S DAY  
OF GIVING, THE LIBRARY RECEIVED,

**\$2,349**

IN DONATIONS FROM GENEROUS DONORS.

These funds supported new technology  
for the DSL and many student success  
programs and services.

This year, the  
Evans Library received  
**565 DONATED  
BOOKS**, including:

**A SET OF 198 FOR A SPECIAL  
NAMED COLLECTION FROM  
DR. DAVID C. WEBB**

Some of Dr. Webb's achievements  
include appointment to President  
Ronald Reagan's National Commission  
on Space (NCOS), creating the first  
interdisciplinary Space Studies  
Program in the world at UND, and  
serving as founding chairman of the  
International Space University.

**A CURATED HISTORY BOOK  
DONATION FROM  
DR. ROBERT TAYLOR**

Dr. Taylor, history professor and former  
dean of the College of Psychology and  
Liberal Arts, recently retired.

## Other Donations

### FRESHMEN MEMORABILIA

Michael Behl donated items from his time as an undergraduate at Florida Tech, including the beanie all “Frogs” (freshmen) were required to wear as well as *Conphusion: A Guide to Frog Living* issued to all freshmen.



### SAILING LETTER

Dan Machowski (Class of 1976) was the commodore of the 1975 Florida Tech sailing team, which received the first letter in sailing at Florida Tech. Mr. Machowski donated that letter to the Evans Library Special Collections & Archives as well as establishing the Robert Dunlap Sailing Endowment. Shelley Johnson, senior director of philanthropy, worked with Dan and Liisa Machowski to establish the endowment. Mr. & Mrs. Machowski attended a celebration at the Mertens Marine Center to commemorate the endowment with university leadership, faculty, staff, alumni and members of the sailing club. Dan talked about his experiences being a member of the Sailing Team in the late 1970s. He and his wife Liisa who is also a Florida Tech alumna visited campus from Charleston, SC, where they live. In addition to funding the endowment, Dan supported Sailing Letters for the graduating seniors who were members of the Sailing Club.





## Individual Achievements

Faculty Librarians Chelsea Carroll, Bill Bowman, Kaylee Erdos, Suzanne Odom and Wanda Perez worked on a research project studying student perceptions and student use of GenAI for classwork. Their project resulted in:

- » **CONFERENCE PRESENTATION:** Fact or Fiction: Exploring Student Perceptions of Citation Quality from Generative AI 2.0
- » **WEBINAR:** Generative AI and Library Instruction: Keeping It Real (and Ethical)
- » **POSTER SESSION:** Fact or Fiction? Exploring Students Perception of Citation Quality from Generative AI

Faculty Librarian Suzanne Odom won a \$500 scholarship from the NEFLIN Jim Morris Continuing Education Fund to attend the ALA 2025 annual conference.

Faculty Librarian Kaylee Erdos graduated from the Sunshine State Library Leadership Institute.

Associate Dean Nancy Garmer served on the NEFLIN board of directors and served as the director of the QEP during the university's SACSCOC reaffirmation process.

Dean Jason Martin completed work on a book manuscript he edited titled *Creating Healthy Library Workplaces: Five Factors that Improve Employee Engagement and Satisfaction*. He also co-founded and became faculty advisor for Tri-Alpha Honor Society for First-Generation Students and was named vice-president/president-elect of Florida Tech's chapter of Phi Kappa Phi.

## Welcome



Sara Bueno  
Admin assistant



Jason Martin  
Dean





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