

**ANNUAL
REPORT**
2025-2026



Dean's Message

After a great first year, I was excited to start my second, and it did not disappoint. This past year was a busy one, filled with library programs and events, a tremendous amount of work on our strategic plan, and lots and lots of students. We had an 11% increase in total number of visitors from last year, and during the fall and spring semester finals week we set a record with 11,000 students visiting the library.



This year marked the 10th anniversary of the Digital Scholarship Lab (DSL) on the second floor of Evans Library. The DSL is a signature space for library and campus events, student learning, and the innovation Evans Library and Florida Tech are known for.

In addition to celebrating the DSL, this year was one of library programs and events. The library held programs on AI and technology in general, brought back the popular Reel Reads series on books-to-film adaptations, and much more, including the 11th Annual African American Read-In.

Two special programs were based on Dale Carnegie's *How to Win Friends and Influence People*. Evans Library partnered with Florida Tech SGA to purchase 100 copies of the book to distribute to students for free. We then held two panel discussions with esteemed Florida Tech faculty—Communicating to Win and How to Influence People through Civil Argumentation—on using Carnegie's principles to help students communicate better.

Our generous patrons helped support the work of the library with \$2,650 in donations. This money was used for library programming and events, to purchase new technology, and to enhance programs for student success. From the bottom of my heart, I thank each and every one of you great donors. We also had an amazing collection of memorabilia on the founding of the Astronauts Memorial Foundation placed on long-term loan by Florida Tech alum Leland McKee '83, '86 MBA. And a special thank you to the Parent Leadership Council for helping support the library.

—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 25/26 IN REVIEW



\$2,650
DONATIONS

299,160
LIBRARY VISITORS

8,512
VISITORS PER WEEK



108.5 HOURS OPEN
PER WEEK & 24/7
DURING FINALS

10 SECTIONS OF
COM 2012 } **276**
STUDENTS TAUGHT

116
CLASS SECTIONS

116
INSTRUCTION SESSIONS
2,218
STUDENTS TAUGHT



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1,277
STUDENTS TAUGHT
ASYNCHRONOUSLY



520,406
337 NEW WORKS ADDED

DOWNLOADS
FROM 215
COUNTRIES

Gifts

THIS PAST YEAR
THE EVANS LIBRARY RECEIVED

\$2,650

IN DONATIONS FROM
GENEROUS DONORS.

These funds were spent in support of our many programs for Florida Tech and the surrounding communities, to purchase new technology for student use, and support our many student success services and programs.



Other Accomplishments

FLORIDA HUMANITIES COUNCIL GRANT

Evans Library, Florida Tech faculty, and Brevard County Public Libraries worked together on a successfully funded grant *No Stone Unturned: Preserving History for Our Future*, which will document the oral history of the opening of Stone School in Brevard County.

LEADING THE WAY ON AI

This past year Evans Library led the way on AI at Florida Tech. In addition to adding numerous AI features to our electronic databases and resources, faculty librarian Wanda Perez developed an “Ethical Use of AI” Canvas module, which will be ready for class use in Fall 2026. The library worked on a library-wide Post-AI Library project culminating in a day-long retreat to discuss findings and ideas and chart the way forward. The library will begin implementing these important projects over the next few years. The driving principle for Evans Library is the use of AI will make us more human by creating more time for meaningful student and faculty interaction.

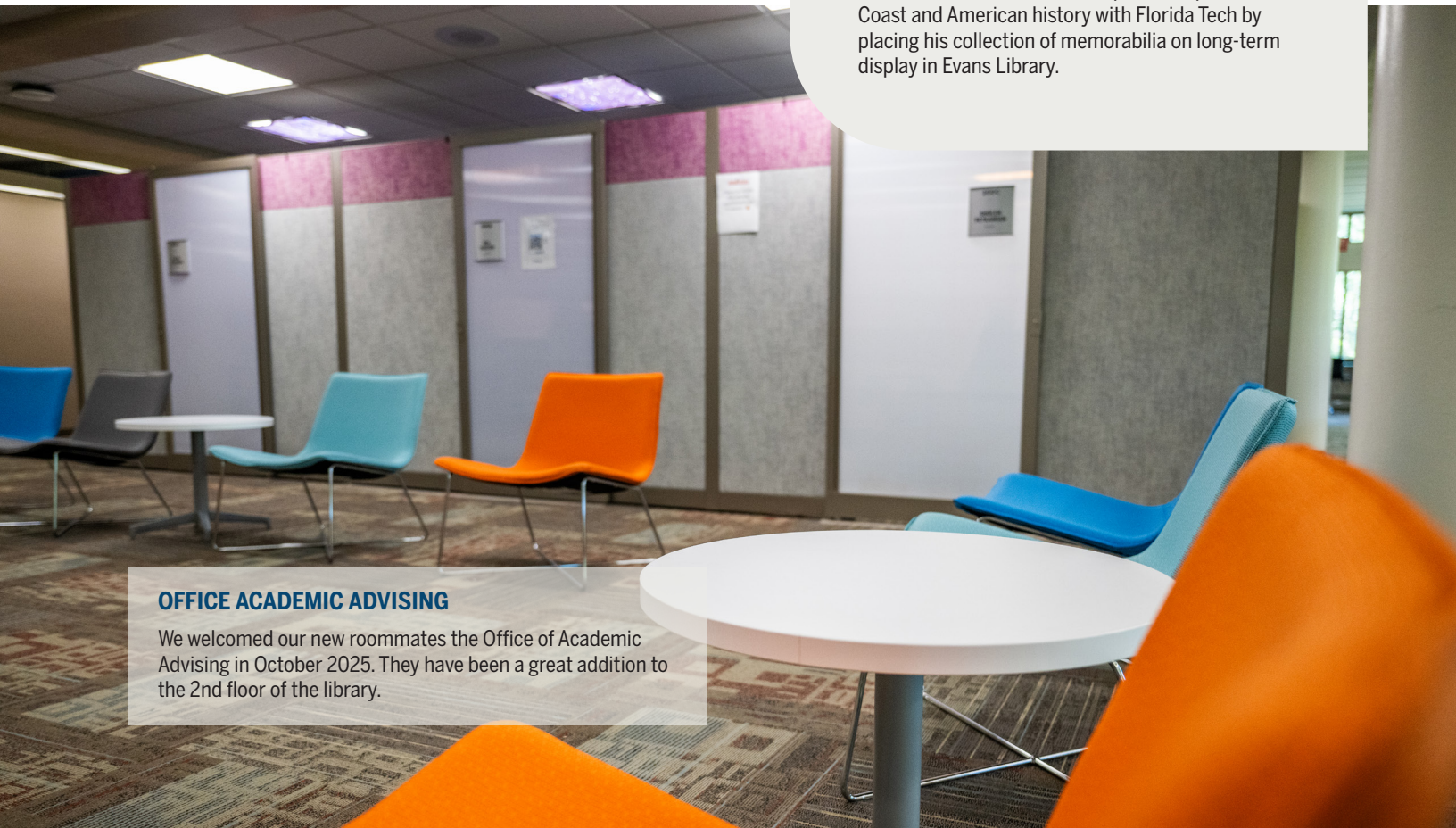
COOL CABANAS

Evans Library partnered with Burrell College of Health Sciences and Impact Melanoma on the donation of Cool Cabanas. These UV protecting tents are available for checkout at the library to augment other wellness items the library lends, such as camp chairs and hammocks.



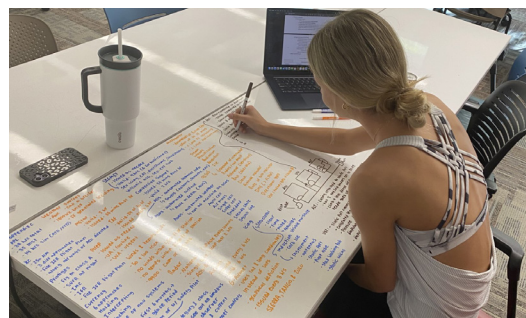
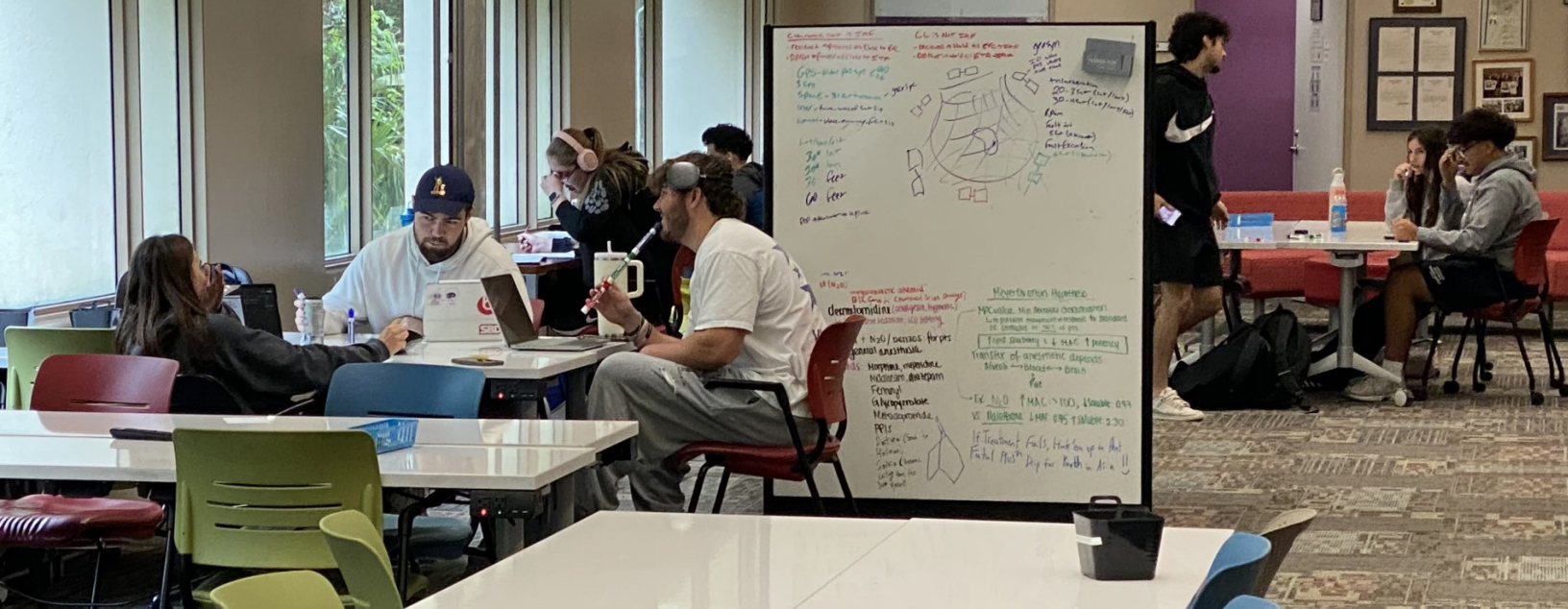
ASTRONAUTS MEMORIAL FOUNDATION

Florida Tech alumnus Leland McKee '83, '86 MBA, was instrumental in founding the Astronauts Memorial Foundation after the Space Shuttle *Challenger* tragedy in January 1986. He generously decided to share this valuable piece of Space Coast and American history with Florida Tech by placing his collection of memorabilia on long-term display in Evans Library.



OFFICE ACADEMIC ADVISING

We welcomed our new roommates the Office of Academic Advising in October 2025. They have been a great addition to the 2nd floor of the library.



Library Achievements

WITH AN ON-CAMPUS
ENROLLMENT OF 4,996 STUDENTS,

170%

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



The Evans Library completed the first-year of its new strategic plan—Evans 2030—based on the four pillars of the university's plan.

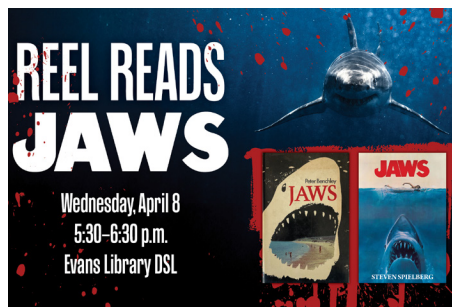
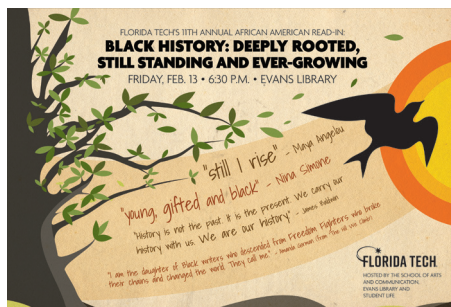


BELOW ARE SOME HIGHLIGHTS OF WHAT WE ACCOMPLISHED.

- » Investment in Library Faculty and Staff Development
- » Greater Outreach to the Campus, Alumni, Donors, and Community
- » Rebranded the university repository to LAIR – Library Archives and Institutional Repository
- » Initiated BiblioTech, a monthly library newsletter
- » Created a dynamic library blog for updates on events, programming and initiatives
- » Developed a holistic Library Assessment Program
- » Started and led a campus read
- » Started a book club in the library
- » Created a Graduate Student Bootcamp for Fall 2026 Orientation
- » Developed a partnership with Brevard County Public Libraries

THIS YEAR MARKED A BUSY YEAR FOR PROGRAMMING IN EVANS LIBRARY. OUR PROGRAMS INCLUDED:

- » Algorithms and Us
- » Two-Sentence Horror Story Contest
- » Florida Humanities talk: Tracing Florida Journeys in partnership with the Community Foundation for Brevard
- » Reel Reads: *Frankenstein*
- » The 11th Annual African American Read-In
- » Carnegie Conversations: *Communicating to Win*
- » Reel Reads: *Little Women*
- » Carnegie Conversations: *Civil Discourse*
- » Author Talk: *Playing God with New Technology*– Moti Mizrahi
- » Reel Reads: *Jaws*
- » Library Association of Brevard and Museums of Brevard Joint Program





Individual Achievements

BILL BOWMAN

- » Bowman, W. et al. *Cooking the (text) books: An engineering textbook finder case study. The Open Pedagogy Cookbook.*



MARTIN GALLAGHER

- » Won the Hank Hughes Spirit of Florida Tech Award



NANCY GARMER

- » Garmer, N and Miller, H. (2025). Using cross-functional teams to break down silos in an academic library. Co-author with Holly Miller, MLIS, Ph.D. *Library Leadership & Management*. Accepted for publication.
- » Garmer, N. and Martin, J. 40 for 40: Celebrating 40 years of Evans Library. *Journal of Advancement, Communication and Development in Academic Libraries*. Vol.2. No. 1(2026).
- » Chapter proposal accepted for *Academic Libraries Advocating for Student Success*.
- » Garmer, N. et al. Access Services and Student Success: A Special Topic Panel Discussion (Closing Keynote). Access Services Conference.
- » Garmer, N. Cultivating Calm: Library-Led Wellness Initiatives at a STEM University, Tampa Bay Library Consortium (TBLC) VIP Conference.
- » Completed 3-year term on NEFLIN Board having served as President and Secretary and served on the Strategic Planning Committee.
- » Appointed to South/Central Brevard County Public Library Advisory Board.
- » Appointed as a SACSCOC peer evaluator and included in the SACSCOC Evaluator Registry.



JASON MARTIN

- » Martin, J. (Ed). (2026). *Creating healthy library workplaces: Five factors that improve employee engagement and satisfaction.*
- » Garmer, N. and Martin, J. 40 for 40: Celebrating 40 years of Evans Library. *Journal of Advancement, Communication and Development in Academic Libraries*. Vol.2. No. 1(2026).
- » Served as Vice-President/President Elect of Phi Kappa Phi
- » Served as Co-Advisor for Tri-Alpha
- » Served as Chair of the ICUF Libraries Steering Committee
- » Served on Dissertation Committee at University of North Georgia
- » Attended year-long Leadership Brevard, Class of 2026



Promotions

Five faculty librarians were successfully promoted in rank this past academic year.

PROMOTED TO LIBRARIAN

- » **Nancy Garmer**, Associate Dean
- » **Suzanne Kozaitis**, Collection Development & Analysis Librarian

PROMOTED TO ASSOCIATE LIBRARIAN

- » **Bill Bowman**, Engineering & Science Librarian
- » **Chelsea Carroll**, Head of Instruction
- » **Kristin Heifner**, User Experience Librarian



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