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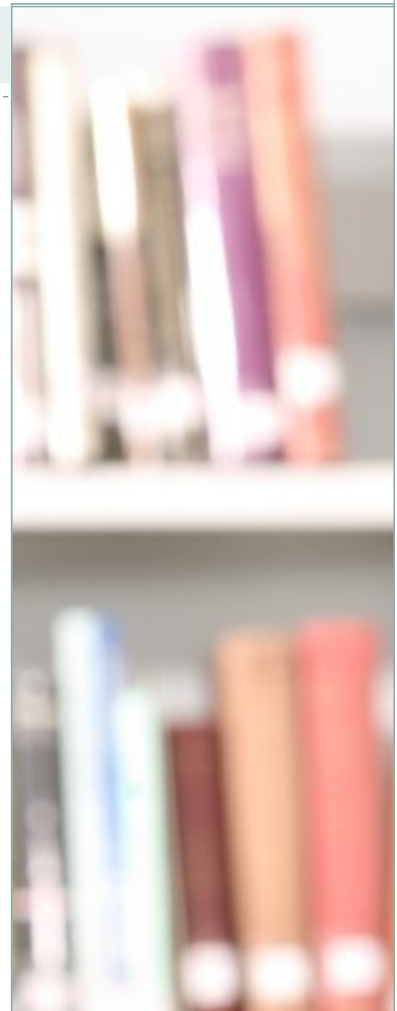
Textbooks Reserves Collection

Dacus Library's textbooks reserves program, which began in 2011, provides students with an affordable alternative to purchasing expensive textbooks, ensuring that students can enroll or remain enrolled in courses where the cost of a textbook may be outside of their budget. The library purchases textbooks for courses that have a total enrollment of 50 or more students across all sections. They are available for in-library use with a three-hour circulation period to encourage quick turnaround. The goal is to help a maximum number of students while using a limited amount of library funding, and it has been meeting that goal. In 2017-18, the textbooks reserves collection, which makes up just under .01% of the library's holdings, accounted for 27% of the circulated titles. This heavy usage includes the regular visits of students who return throughout the semester to use the textbooks for their coursework.

Students who use the textbook program love it. In 2018, we did a brief survey with open-ended questions to allow respondents the opportunity to tell us why they use the service. Out of 41 survey responses, 88% said they used the textbooks reserves and provided more than one reason for using the collection, including: saving money (76%); convenience (34%); and motivation/better grades (27%). According to one of the students surveyed, "The textbook reserve has really helped me save money and encouraged me to come to the library to do work."

With these numbers supporting evidence of high demand of the textbook collection and enthusiasm from students, we were surprised to learn recently that some faculty members were not aware of the library's textbooks reserves program. If a course doesn't qualify for automatic inclusion in the textbooks reserves program, we encourage faculty members to donate copies of the textbooks used in the course, when possible, to the library for the benefit of all students in that course.

The library website provides information about which textbooks are currently on reserve. Simply visit the [Course Reserves](#) page and search by the course name or instructor.



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“Foodways and Soul Food” Display Celebrates Black History Month

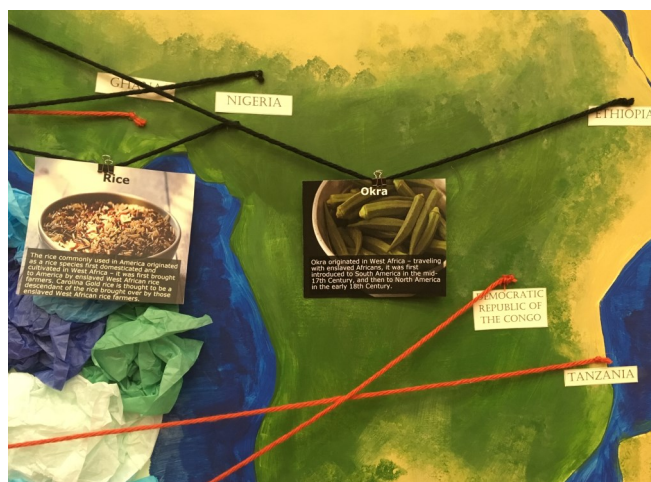
By: Emily Deinert, A/V Archivist, Reference Librarian and Assistant Professor

Winthrop boasts a minority population of 38%, Black History Month displays have been an integral part of Dacus Library’s display schedule for many years. The library’s displays also regularly incorporate events from around campus to help promote them and develop library relationships across campus. For example, faculty from Dacus Library worked with “The World of Food: Interdisciplinary Perspectives on What We Eat and Grow” conference organizers and wanted to create a display to promote the conference while still highlighting Black History Month throughout the month of February. The solution was to make a display focused on the history of soul food and black chefs.

Our display, “Foodways and Soul Food,” spanned the first floor of the library. The centerpiece was a map the display committee created to show how many “Southern Foods” literally traveled from Africa to the American South through the slave trade, as well as how some recipes we think of as stereotypically American actually derive from African dishes. For instance, the Creole dish gumbo got its name and ingredients from West Africa -- “gumbo” is the Bantu word for okra, which was first grown in West Africa.

In addition to our map, we had several books on display, such as Michael Twitty’s *The Cooking Gene*; we had displays about modern black chefs in America such as South Carolina’s own Rodney Scott; we provided recipe cards for popular soul food dishes; and we had an interactive white board that invited students to share their experiences with soul food.

In the end, our collaborative work with conference organizers made us explore new avenues of discovery for our annual Black History Month display, enriching all our lives.



Women's History Month Display Marks 19th Amendment Centennial

By: Emily Deinert, A/V Archivist, Reference Librarian and Assistant Professor

This year is the 100th anniversary of the congressional passage of the 19th Amendment that gave women the right to vote. Yet this did not mark the end of the fight for women's rights in the United States. This Women's History Month is an opportune time to examine feminist movements in the United States and learn how the movement has progressed to become more inclusive over the last 100 years.

Our Women's History Month display provides a timeline of events and landmark policies to show that women in America have been fighting for their rights since 1776, when Abigail Adams famously wrote to her husband to "remember the ladies... If particular care and attention is not paid to the ladies, we are determined to form a rebellion, and will not hold ourselves bound by any laws in which we have no voice, or representation," to today, when a record number of women now serve in the United States Congress. We have also included short biographies of influential, albeit sometimes controversial, women, such as Alice Paul (famous for her militant protest tactics), Carol Hanisch (famous for the 'Bra Burning' Miss America protest), and Patricia Robinson (famous for her

essay "Poor Black Women" that called out the feminist movement's oppression of black women) in order to highlight the different ways women have stood up for their rights.

With the centennial of the ratification of the 19th Amendment on the horizon, we hope our display inspires students to learn more about the feminist movement in the United States and the fight for women's rights around the world; more importantly, we hope it starts a conversation about the ways in which we can progress to true equality for all.



EGG-stravaganza Egg Hunt in the Library on April 18

Dacus Library's EGG-stravaganza egg hunt will take place in the library on Thursday, April 18. The egg hunt is open to everyone at Winthrop and will begin at 9 a.m. It will cover all three floors of the library. There will be more than 1,000 hidden eggs containing either candy or a prize ticket.

Prize tickets can be redeemed at the Information Commons desk near the library entrance. Prizes will include gift cards to local businesses, such as Starbucks and Earth Fare, as well as goody bags containing a flash-drive, earbuds and more!

Throughout the day we'll post hints about the locations of prize eggs on [Twitter](#) and [Instagram](#), so make sure you are following us.



Exam Week Events at Dacus

Dacus Library has a long-standing tradition of providing free refreshments and fun activities to power Winthrop students through final exam week at the end of both spring and fall semesters.

Beginning on Study Day, April 23, the library will provide coffee, hot tea, hot chocolate, and snacks throughout exam week, starting at 4 p.m. each afternoon. Additionally, for some stress-relieving fun, there will be jigsaw puzzles to put together, Legos to create with, coloring pages to color, and games to play.



Online Guide to New Library Resources

Would you like to know about all the newest resources being added to Dacus Library's collections? Well, you're in luck. We have an [Online Guide](#), updated monthly, that lists our new titles (with links to the items in our catalog) now available at the library – including the Music Library and Pettus Archives:

The guide is divided into the following sections:

- Electronic: eBooks, eJournals, and Databases
- A through Z call number sections (general collection)
- Government Documents: South Carolina and Federal
- Textbooks
- Juvenile: Children's books and Young Adult fiction
- Music Library
- Pettus Archives

New Databases in Our Collection

[Ulrichs Web](#)

Use Ulrichs to find detailed information on more than 300,000 periodicals (also called serials) of all types: academic and scholarly journals, e-journals, peer-reviewed titles, popular magazines, newspapers, newsletters, and more.

[Career Transitions](#)

From career interest assessment to guided creation of resumes and cover letters to interview simulation, this resource provides robust support for career exploration and the job-seeker. Additional features include career overview videos, a job match experience tool, career path browse, and listings for jobs, programs, and internships.

[Pronunciator](#)

Pronunciator is a fun way to learn any of 98 languages with self-directed lessons, live teachers, movies, music, and more. Learn online, either on your desktop computer or mobile device.

Pronunciator has replaced Mango Languages.

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Following are examples of currently available full text content (titles are hyperlinked):

["Cotton in the Coast and Upland Fields of South Carolina"](#)

Accession 1301- M645 (699) - The full text article is from Frank Leslie's Magazine and was written by Jennie Haskell Rose (1856-1935) in 1880. It contains a detailed account of the growing and processing of cotton in South Carolina. It is a straightforward account of the different types of cotton and the methods used to turn it into wearable fabric. What is most striking about the article is its portrayal of African-Americans and its pro-slavery bias. It depicts a South still struggling to find itself after the Civil War and the failure of Reconstruction. The article is illustrated with a number of drawings of African-American workers participating in many aspects of growing cotton.

[Proceedings of the Centennial Celebration of the First Meeting of the General Assembly of the State of South Carolina Convened in the Town of Columbia in the Year 1791, Celebrated in the City of Columbia, South Carolina, May 13th, 14th, 15th 1891](#)

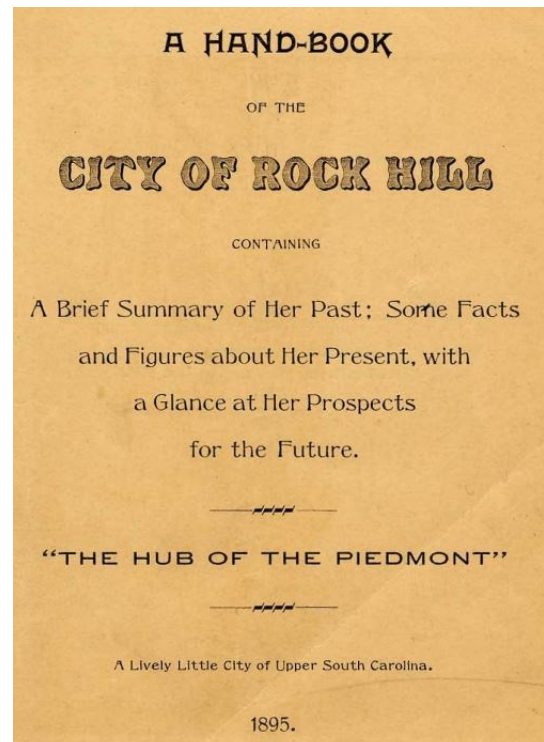
Accession 1314 - M651 (705) - This booklet, published by the Centennial Committee in Columbia, South Carolina, in 1893 includes detailed accounts of the Centennial Celebration that took place in the City of Columbia, South Carolina on May 13, 14, and 15, 1891. It also contains the order of the parade and, of particular interest, a map of the city of Columbia in 1791 and 1891.

[Rock Hill City Handbook](#)

Accession 635 - M274 (324) - The handbook, printed by the city of Rock Hill, South Carolina, in 1895 as an advertisement to families and businesses to entice them to move there, offers a glimpse of life in Rock Hill, South Carolina, in the late 19th century and focuses on business, religious, and financial life. A business directory of Rock Hill and photographs of various homes, churches, schools and businesses are also included.



Railroad Avenue, looking east.
Excerpts from the Rock Hill City Handbook, 1895.



Some of the Pettus Archives' collections contain digital content about a collection that is not necessarily material from the collection:

[Dorothy Gardner Jones Papers](#)

Accession 192 - Dr. Dorothy Gardner Jones (1912-2006) was a member of the Winthrop Department of Sociology from 1943 to 1978. The Dorothy Gardner Jones Papers not only include the finding aid to the collection but also a biographical sketch of Dr. Jones by Louise Pettus.

There is content concerning the history of the university as well:

[The New South Magazine](#)

Accession 1249 - M601 (654) - The February 1899 issue of New South Magazine is digitized and available in its entirety. Within the magazine is an article describing life in Rock Hill in the late 19th century including information about Winthrop.

[The Johnsonian](#)

W425.1-10 - Issues of the student newspaper *The Johnsonian* from the 1920s to the 1980s are also available for the researcher.

[Chester County Newspapers](#)

Chester County newspapers from the 19th and early 20th century are available to researchers through Digital Commons. The Pettus Archives partnered with the Chester County Library to scan their microfilm of the newspapers to make them more readily available.

Pettus Archives Digital Commons site contains information on several Archives research projects that bring together digital content relating to a number of topics including:

[All-American Girls Professional Baseball League](#)

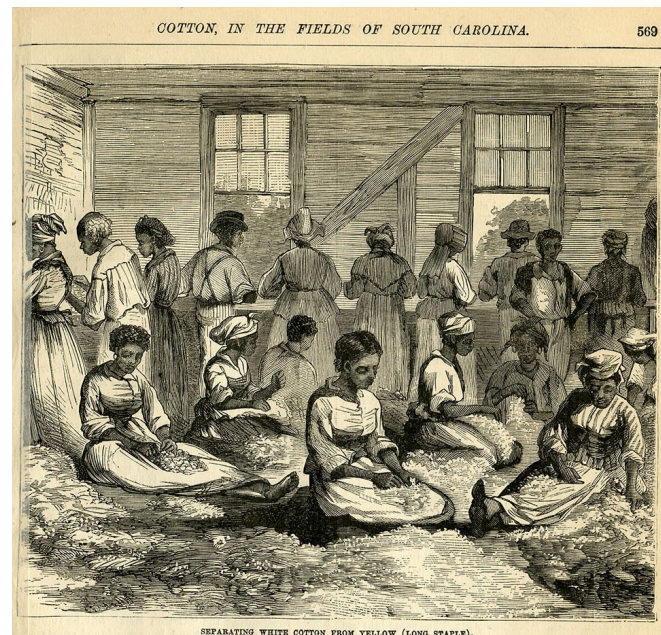
[Winthrop College's Cryptology Program](#)

[Medieval Manuscript Collection](#)

Everyone is welcome to visit the Pettus Archives to use the more than six million piece primary sources collection.

Hours are 8:30 to 5 Monday through Friday. However, you may also visit online to see some of the rich research resources available just minutes away.

For more information about the Pettus Archives Collections and digital content, please contact Gina Price White, Director of Archives at 803/323-2334 or whitegp@winthrop.edu



Excerpt from "Cotton in the Coast and Upland Fields of South Carolina," 1880.