



## Two New Librarians at Thomas Jefferson Library

TJ Library is excited to announce the hiring of two new librarians.

**Michelle Zigler** started on August 2, 2021, and will be the subject specialist for the College of Education. She obtained her MLIS from the University of Missouri in May 2019. Before joining the team at UMSL, she worked as a Reference and Instruction Librarian at Maryville University. Michelle is looking forward to getting to know the education students and forming relationships with faculty in the College of Education. In her free time, she enjoys photography, playing with her dog Marvin, and relaxing with her husband over a couple of beers.



**Libby Wheeles** joined us on September 1, 2021, as the Arts and Humanities librarian. This is her first professional library job after obtaining her Master's degree from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in May 2021. A former Peace Corps volunteer, Libby relishes the opportunity to work with UMSL's diverse student population and build collaborative relationships with faculty and library colleagues. When she's not working, she loves social dancing (such as ballroom and salsa) and playing board games with friends.



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## **UMSL Librarian to Retire in October**

Chris Niemeyer, UMSL's long-time Reference Librarian and Library Instruction Coordinator, will retire in mid-October. Chris plans to use most of his extra free time writing fiction and non-fiction, but he also hopes to learn heart-healthy cooking, lift weights and jog, take a foreign language class or two, learn to play an instrument (piano and maybe guitar), and do a bit of traveling. He will be

relocating to the Austin, Texas, area. The staff at TJ Library will miss Chris's infectious enthusiasm, and we wish him luck in his new adventure!

If you would like to schedule an instruction session for your class, please contact Lindsay Schmitz, Head of Public Services, at [schmitzl@umsl.edu](mailto:schmitzl@umsl.edu) or complete the online request [form](#).

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## Meet your Personal Librarians!

Research shows that interacting with librarians and library services contributes to student success. The Personal Librarian Program pairs students with a subject librarian who will help with developing research skills including:

- Finding articles, books, and other information sources
- Navigating the Libraries' databases
- Developing research topics
- Citing sources
- Connect them to library specialists in any subject areas

Visit the Personal Librarian Program [webpage](#) for more information and to schedule an appointment.

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## Personal Librarian

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Schedule a meeting to get library help!



Helena Marvin

Honor's College,  
Undecided Major,  
Philosophy,  
Gender Studies



Libby Wheelles

Art,  
Music, English,  
Language & Cultural  
Studies



Raleigh Muns

Business,  
Sciences,  
Math,  
Psychology



Jaleh Fazelian

Political Science,  
Public Policy,  
World History



Michelle Zigler

Education,  
Counseling



Judy Schmitt

Nursing,  
Optometry



Lindsay Schmitz

American History,  
Criminology,  
Social Work,  
Government Information

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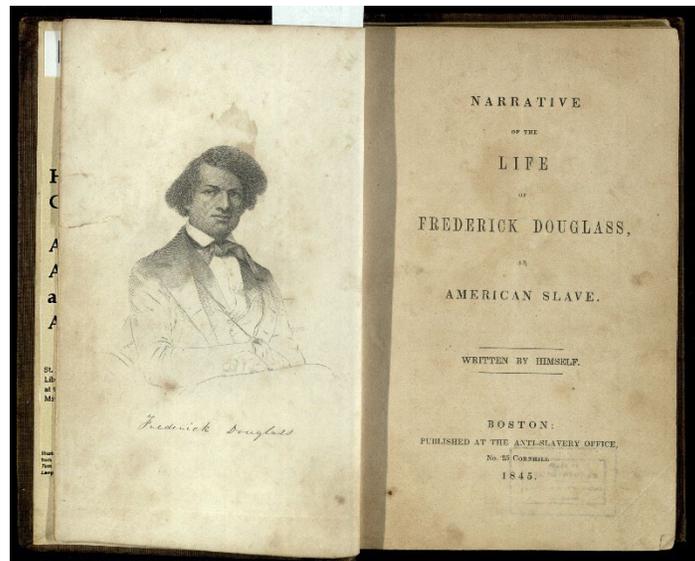
**News from the Mercantile Library: Civil Rights History on Exhibit, and Preserving the Archives of Our North County Neighbors**

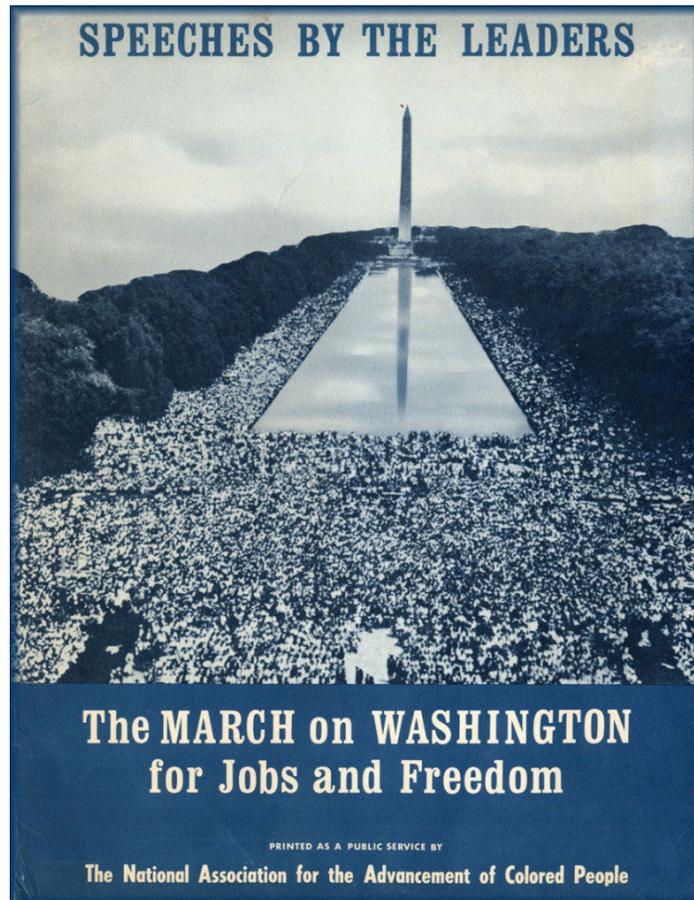


The University Libraries always have a lot to offer faculty, students, and visitors when it comes to resources for exploring the complex history of civil rights in America. Currently, there are two special opportunities to learn about this important subject. In the Info Commons on Level 3 the libraries have partnered with other campus departments and area institutions to present an exhibition on the history of civil rights in St. Louis. The installation was inspired by the loan of a panel exhibition from the Missouri History Museum based on its 2017-2018 exhibition *#1 in Civil Rights: The African American Freedom Struggle in St. Louis*. The Mercantile Library had provided numerous images for this exhibition, and has enhanced the panel exhibit with original photographs from its *Globe-Democrat* newspaper archives, plus original prints and historic documents.

The theme of the African-American experience leading up to the Civil Rights movement is presented as the centerpiece of the Mercantile Library's anniversary exhibition *A Nation, A City and Its First Library: Americana as a Way of Life at the St. Louis Mercantile Library for 175 Years*. The exhibition encompasses several galleries on Levels 1 and 2. Four exhibit cases in the Pratt Gallery on Level 1 introduce milestones in African American history with a variety of rare books and archival materials including first-hand slave narratives, the writings of Frederick Douglass, and documents related to Nat Turner, Elijah Lovejoy, and John Berry Meachum. A silver medallion from

Abraham Lincoln's hearse and the original printing of speeches from the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom, including Rev. Martin Luther King's "I Have a Dream" speech, continue the story, while the fourth case highlights the cultural contributions of African-American artists, authors, and musicians including Langston Hughes, Zora Neale Hurston, Chuck Berry, and Josephine Baker. These four cases are complemented by historic and modern sculptures that depict aspects of these themes, notably *The Fugitive's Story* by John Rogers (1869) that shows a formerly enslaved woman holding a young child while telling the story of her escape to three leaders in the abolition movement; Henry Ward Beecher, John Greenleaf Whittier, and William Lloyd Garrison. Rogers' support of abolition is emphasized by the composition that makes the unidentified young woman both the source of the work's title and the center of attention for three well-known and influential men who are silenced in her presence.





Collecting and preserving the diverse history of our city and nation for research and study is the core of the Mercantile Library's mission, and we are excited to be partnering with the City of Bel-Nor, located across from the UMSL North Campus, in preserving their city archives. These records include documents from the 1920s leading up to the city's founding in 1937, through city records of the 1990s. Of particular note are materials from the 1980s addressing issues of school desegregation and white flight that significantly impacted the region. These records will be put to use by Dr. Robert Wilson's Honor's College students who will work with the cities of Bel-Nor and Wellston while researching their history in 1980s. Faculty are encouraged to contact the Mercantile Library to discuss possible subjects for student coursework projects or their own research at 314-516-7247. To arrange a tour or research orientation session for your class, email [MercantileLibrary@umsl.edu](mailto:MercantileLibrary@umsl.edu).

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# Open Educational Resources, with Help from UMSL Libraries

Course materials include textbooks, multimedia, journal articles, and websites. The library provides access to many licensed online resources including research databases, e-books, films and images. We can also help you find Open Educational Resources to use in your class.

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[Pressbooks](#) is a professional self-publishing platform for creating open textbooks. It is available to University of Missouri System instructors for creating open online resources quickly and easily.

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