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## Message from the Dean



Dear Friends,

This issue of *Keywords* highlights some new ventures for the University Libraries, which were made possible by the generosity of library donors. **The new Ainsworth Room**, which is an extension of our existing Information Commons, offers more study spaces and technology in different configurations for our users. We are thrilled to have this beautiful new space, which honors Oscar Richard and Edith Wetzel Ainsworth, who left a generous estate gift for the libraries.

We are also thrilled with the **Ole Miss yearbook digitization project**, which was made possible by the Gerald Walton Endowment. Walton, provost emeritus, has been a longtime supporter of the libraries and served in leadership positions for the Friends of the Library for a number of years. Dr. Walton, who has written extensively about the university, saw the need and enormous potential for generations of Ole Miss Rebels to have online access to the yearbooks.

These two projects also benefited greatly from the library staff who worked hard to make these projects possible. We have terrific staff members in the library, and I am quite honored to serve as their dean.

Sincerely,

Julia Rhoads

Dean of University Libraries

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