

**Florida Memory Project.** Access: <http://oridamemory.com>.

Significant Florida documents and photographs are accessible through the Florida Memory Project. As a result of funding from the Library Services Construction Act, the State Archives of Florida developed this Web site to make its collection available to a wide audience of students, teachers, and researchers.

The site consists of five main sections. Florida Photographic Collection provides more than 100,000 photographs dating from the 1800s to the present. They are featured in 29 collections, which contain prints, photographs, and images of Florida's Seminole Indians, cities, tourist attractions, rivers, flowers, birds, people, and businesses. A search box is provided to assist in searching. A user has the option of searching by keyword, specific fields, collections, or subject headings.

Online Classroom provides primary source documents for teaching and learning about Florida history. For example, resources for participants in the annual Florida History Fair and lesson plans on Florida history for various eras or time periods can be accessed in this section. Through historical and contemporary photographs, users can view the changes in Florida towns, cities, and communities from the perspective of students.

View from the School, a pilot project between the Florida State Archives and a third-grade class, encourages students to



document and interpret historic changes. This section also contains audio recordings of performances by, or interviews with, folk musicians and storytellers. An audio recording performance by Zora Neale Hurston and an interview with Mary B. Billie, a Seminole doll maker, are a sampling of the oral histories that users can access. Twenty-eight film and video clips from the archives are accessible, as well.

Highlights of Florida History provides access to historic documents from every momentous time period. Users will be fascinated to view a digitized 1589 color map of Saint Augustine, which is the oldest item in the archives.

Users can access a wealth of historical and genealogical documents from selected collections in the Florida State Archives in Collections.

Researchers will be able to browse and search such collections as The Florida Folklife Collection, World War I Service Cards, Florida Early Constitutions, and Spanish Land Grants.

Major events in Florida history can be explored in Timeline of Florida History. Selected documents from the Florida Memory Project are linked in the timeline, which gives historical context to the period discussed.

The site is easily navigated with clear links to a site map, contact information, and a question and feedback form. Individuals interested in Florida history will find the Florida Memory Project a rich resource. *Nancy Allen, USF Sarasota-Manatee/New College of Florida, nallen@bansbee.sar.usf.edu*

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**World Policy Institute.** Access: <http://www.worldpolicy.org/>.

The World Policy Institute (WPI), housed at New School University, offers access to

its publications, research projects, and other programs through its Web site. WPI is a research and education policy center that seeks innovative solutions to critical problems facing the United States and the world. Its stated focus is on the preservation of democratic values, the protection of civil rights, the advancement of tolerance, fairness, and the rule of law, and the support of a capitalism tempered by social justice.

As part of its work in policy research and advocacy, the institute publishes the *World Policy Journal*. Subscription information, selected excerpts from the current issue, and a combination of extracts and full-text access to past issues are available through links from the main page.

Other options available include links to information about events sponsored by WPI, including a lecture series and the Economics of Security study group. In the past, lectures have covered such topics as U.S. policy towards Cuba, war crimes in West Africa, and the U.S.-North Korean confrontation over nuclear weapons. Many of these lectures are available via archived Webcasts. The study group has discussed such topics as the 2006 budget, the war on terrorism, and reconstruction in Iraq. While the discussions are not archived, related articles and summaries are often included.

WPI supports a number of research projects, which are staffed by WPI research associates. Information on the projects, research staff, and research outcomes are included.

Links connects the user to publications, research organizations, educational institutes, international sites, grassroots groups, and media sites that offer further information or resources related to policy issues.

Navigation is straightforward, with some duplication between links in the top banner and the text links on the body of the page. The navigation banner is present on most pages. Updating and maintenance are gener-

ally good, although some areas have obviously had more recent updates than others.

Overall, WPI is a useful site that will be of interest to students and researchers interested in current, hot topic domestic and foreign policy issues. *Ford Schmidt, Willamette University, fschmidt@willamette.edu*

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per Library, died January 8 after a long illness. Gilchrist held an MLS from the University of Kentucky and served as a librarian at the University of Kentucky before becoming a reference librarian at the University of South Carolina in 1981.



Alexander MacGregor  
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**Robert W. Severance**, 97, retired director of the Air University Library, has died. He began his library career at North Carolina State University Library; was appointed library director at Stetson University; and, in 1940, became director and dean of libraries at Baylor University. He also worked in the Army Library at the Pentagon and the National Library of Medicine and retired as director of the Air University Library in 1973. Severance was a member of several state and national library associations and served as ACRL President from 1952 to 1953. He founded the Federal Librarians Round Table and was a consultant to several libraries in Europe, Asia, and South America.

**Elton Bryson Stephens**, 93, founder and chairman emeritus of EBSCO Industries, Inc., has died. Stephens' support of Alabama institutions of art and higher education includes

the establishment of the EBSCO Endowed Chair of Library Service at the University of Alabama School of Library and Information Studies, the first endowed library chair in the United States. Stephens gifted his alma mater Birmingham-Southern College with the Elton B. Stephens Science Center, and he and his wife helped establish the Alys Robinson Stephens Performing Arts Center at the University of Alabama-Birmingham, named for her. In 1944, he and his wife formed a partnership to sell spirit de corps and recreational supplies, including magazine subscriptions, to the U.S. Armed Forces. Today, EBSCO is a collection of more than 30 business units with 5,000 employees active internationally in information services, publisher services, real estate development, and manufacturing. ❧

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