Library/ Museum partnerships can allow for truly innovative programs which are affordable, collaborative and have global impacts.

In 2010 The Panama Canal Museum met with UF seeking a permanent home for their extensive and unique collection.

- The mission/scope of the UF Libraries includes Florida, the Caribbean and Latin America
- One of 3 of the most respected LA collections in the U.S.
- UF’s Digital Library of the Caribbean (dLOC) has over 7.6M pages of information online
- The UF Libraries are the ASERL Center of Excellence for Panama Canal Commission Documents
- UF supported a petition to include West Indian workforce documents in the UNESCO Memory of the World Register
- Initiated partnerships include the National Bagger Museum (Netherlands), Museo del Canal Interoceánico de Panamá, and the Museo Afro-Antillano de Panamá

A formal agreement between the Panama Canal Museum and the University of Florida Libraries was signed in 2010 with the goal of sustaining and conserving the museum’s collection of artifacts and research materials.

Efforts to engage the community include creating volunteer opportunities for participation. In creating and hosting a digital collection, subject experts within the museum constituency are utilized. The Latin American Collection Librarian serves as a conduit for research efforts. The Libraries capitalize on these collaborative relationships in order to explore joint ventures.

Through joint fundraising, sponsored events and cross-membership on Boards, UF will engage the current museum constituency who support, inform, and provide vital enhancement for collection.

The 2014-2015 Panama Canal centennial celebration includes:

- IMLS Collaborative Leadership grant proposed
- Symphony of the Americas will perform at the Phillips Center in Gainesville
- Molas: the Art of the Kuna Indian will be exhibited at the Harn Museum of Art with author Edith Crouch
- The Florida Museum of Natural History will feature items from their NSF funded Panama Canal Project
- The UF School of Business will host World Trade in the Canal
- The Health Science Center Library will host Health in Panama
- Smathers Libraries will host exhibits on The Diversity of Life and Work in the Panama Canal
- Marston Science Library will host Construction and Expansion of the Canal
- Seminars, conferences, and presentations devoted to the Panama Canal