

George A. Smathers Libraries Exhibits World War I Sheet Music Collection

GAINESVILLE, Fla. – The George A. Smathers Libraries will present *When Uncle Sammy Leads the Band*, an exhibition of items from the Bernard S. Parker World War I Sheet Music Collection. On view from March 16 through May 8, 2015, this exhibition pays tribute to the music industry during World War I.

Representing and promoting both sides of the neutrality issue in the divided nation, titles such as *America First*, *The Neutrality March* and *Don't Take My Darling Boy Away* supported staying out of the war while titles such as *America Awake* and *What Kind of American Are You?* supported a declaration of war.

Bernard S. Parker, noted historian, educator, and author of the two-volume *World War I Sheet Music*, donated his extensive collection of vintage sheet music to the Popular Culture Collections at the University of Florida in 2011. *When Uncle Sammy Leads the Band* marks the dedication of these materials as a valuable resource for students and researchers.

When Uncle Sammy Leads the Band is curated by Jim Liversidge, Curator of the Popular Culture Collections.

The Smathers Library Gallery is located on the second floor of the Smathers Library on the University of Florida campus. Hours are Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m., unless otherwise specified and with occasional exceptions for maintenance. All exhibitions are open to the public and free of charge.

For more information about the collection: <http://www.library.ufl.edu/spec/belknap/ww1.htm>
Exhibition available online at: <http://exhibits.uflib.ufl.edu/bparkermusic>

Program

Exhibition Opening Reception
Monday March 23, 2015, 2:00pm-3:00pm
Smathers Library, Room 100

All events are free and open to the public