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Most people now realize that every Twitter message they send or Facebook message they post leaves a trail that can be retraced. The premise that the stuff we create can paint a picture of our lives is at play in exhibits such as the one found in the Victor H. and Margaret G. Schiro Reading Room in Special Collections at Tulane.



Victor "Vic" Schiro and his wife Margaret are the focus of a new exhibit in Tulane Special Collections.

"As we all live, we naturally leave behind a trail," says Lee Miller, head of Howard-Tilton Memorial Library's Louisiana Research Collection. "Our letters, emails, bills and financial records can tell a lot about the lives we lived."

The [Schiro Reading Room](#), located in Jones Hall, room 202, is named for former New Orleans mayor Victor Schiro who served two terms between 1962 and 1970. The room houses many of his papers collected during his political career in New Orleans.

A recently installed permanent exhibit contains photos as well as campaign buttons and fliers from Schiro's stints as commissioner of public buildings and parks,

councilman-at-large and mayor. An [online exhibit](#) gallery also unveils more of his personal life, including photos of his wife, Margaret, and other family members.

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