

# Denim Day 2017

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This spring, on April 4, 2017, the FAU Libraries partnered with the University's [Victim Services](#) department to host Denim Day. Denim Day, commemorated internationally on April 26, is "[an event in which people are encouraged to wear jeans \(denim\) in order to raise awareness of rape and sexual assault,](#)" according to [Wikipedia](#). The movement stems from an Italian Supreme Court ruling in 1998 overturning a rape conviction because the victim wore very tight jeans and they ruled that the victim had to have assisted in the removal of the jeans and, thus, could not have been raped. Denim Day has grown as an international movement to raise awareness against sexual assault.

At FAU, the Libraries collaborated with Victim Services to host an event in early April (before students got engrossed in end-of-semester papers and finals) in which people were given an opportunity to paint denim jeans with messages of solidarity for victims of sexual assault.



The event was very well attended by people from all backgrounds and ages taking part



in the painting or in discussions or in learning about resources and services provided by FAU.



Following the day of painting, the decorated jeans were hung in the Wimberly Library to



continue to raise awareness about the seriousness of the issue and to demonstrate the Libraries' support in making FAU a safe haven for students and community members from all backgrounds and with all manner of life experiences.



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