Murray Library Fall 2018 Newsletter

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Messiah University is a Christian university of the liberal and applied arts and sciences. Our mission is to educate men and women toward maturity of intellect, character and Christian faith in preparation for lives of service, leadership and reconciliation in church and society.
What's New at the Library?

Find Your Space in the Library
On The Main Level

On the main level of Murray Library you will find the Café Diem, the Research Help Desk, public computers, a photocopier, group study rooms, the Athenaeum (conference room), and the Office of Disabilities Services, Writing Center and Learning Center.

The Café Diem is located right inside the front entrance of Murray Library. Grab a good book and enjoy a cup of coffee, specialty drink, or a pastry.

There are two group study rooms on the main level. Each room provides a large-screen wall monitor and a table equipped with 4 power jacks and 4 data jacks (to plug PC laptops into the monitor). The minimum group is two with a seating capacity of five.

TO RESERVE: Each study room can be reserved by visiting the library’s homepage, www.messiah.edu/murraylibrary.

The Athenaeum is outfitted with two large flat-screen TVs, a ceiling mounted projector, a pull down screen and Blu-ray player, and video conferencing technology.

TO RESERVE: The Athenaeum can be reserved by contacting Randy Heintzelman of Conference Services at ext. 7227 or rheintze@messiah.edu.

“The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.”
- Albert Einstein
On The Lower Level

On the lower level of Murray Library you will find five creative rooms.

Murray Theater
Lights…camera…action! This space gives the opportunity to view films from our film collection of more than 14,000 titles. Murray Theater is VHS, DVD, Blu-ray, and streaming video capable, and wireless headphones allow up to eight students to view films. To reserve the space, please visit the library’s homepage, www.messiah.edu/murraylibrary.

Relaxation Room
Need a break? Choose a puzzle, relax in a bean bag chair, and enjoy the library’s shade garden view from this calming space.

Fiddlehead Forest
Inspired by the fiddlehead sculpture in the shade garden behind the library, this room showcases our juvenile books collection, houses our large-format children’s books, and provides an area for elementary education majors to practice reading books to children. This space has a beautiful mural with woodland creatures native to Central PA.

Graphic Novels and Zines
Zing! Bam! Pop! Browse our collection of graphic novels and zines. Get comfortable in our lounge furniture and lose yourself in our superhero skyline.

Artists’ Books Collection
Murray Library has a special collection of more than 100 artists’ books, which are created as works of art. This space is equipped with a large table surface for display, research, and teaching and can be reserved for groups (classes) or individuals. To use the space, please ask at the Circulation Desk.

REFERENCE LIBRARIANS CAN BE REACHED BY PHONE, EMAIL, TEXT, AND CHAT AS WELL AS IN PERSON. VISIT OUR WEBSITE (WWW.MESSIAH.EDU/MURRAYLIBRARY) OR CONTACT US FOR MORE INFORMATION.
Geek the Library

Our Geek the Library event held on Sept. 3rd was a huge success! Library staff shared lots of photos, objects and memorabilia related to what they “geek out” about: China, cosplay, baking, Gettysburg, Disney, and George Washington.

Staff Spotlight

Linda Poston is our new Library Director as of July 2nd. She previously worked in the libraries at Nyack College in New York for 25 years, most recently as Dean of Library Services. She earned her Masters of Library Science at Long Island University and was involved on the boards of the Association of Christian Librarians and WALDO (Westchester Academic Library Directors Organization). When she isn’t working in the library, Linda can be found tending to her flower beds, relaxing on her back porch, enjoying hummingbirds and nature, or baking something to share with others. She is married to Larry Poston, an adjunct professor of comparative religions teaching currently at three different institutions. Larry and Linda have one daughter, Helena, who is married and lives in the Baltimore area with her husband Mat and their three young boys, Caleb, Jacob and Henry.

Loni Allen is our new Cataloging Technician, inputing data about books and other materials into a database to ensure users can locate them for use. Loni is from Beaver Falls, PA, which is about 40 miles north of Pittsburgh. She moved to Central PA in the summer 2017 with her husband, Todd and son, Bryce who is currently in his second year at Akron University. Before relocating, Loni worked as a medical technologist performing blood tests in Hematology and Microbiology at Quest Diagnostics in Pittsburgh for twenty six years. When not working, Loni enjoys cooking, baking (mostly cookies), practicing photography, gardening and reading.

Tracy Sheaffer is our new Administrative Assistant. She earned her Bachelor’s degree in Elementary Education and previously worked in the early childhood profession for almost twenty years. Outside of work, Tracy enjoys the performing arts, Christian concerts, going to bible studies, reading and spending time with family and friends.
Upcoming Events

Game Night – Sept. 8th from 7-10PM.
Our theme this year is the “80’s”. First year students, come and enjoy games from the 80’s, best 80’s tunes, and our famous chocolate fountain!

“ ‘What Have You to Say?’: The Activism of Rachel Helen Flowers”, will be on display in Murray Library, mounted by Messiah alumsna Christina Thomas (’14). As part of the College’s celebration of the 100th anniversary of the graduation of Rachel Flowers, the first person of color to graduate from Messiah, the exhibit will include artifacts from her years at Messiah and her later activism in Philadelphia. (There will also be a performance of the Rachel Flowers Suite, commissioned by Messiah College Department of Music and Murray Library, on Sept. 15th, from 7-8:30PM. Performance will be held at Hostetter Chapel and followed by a dessert reception.)

Friends of Murray Library Annual Dinner – Oct. 4th at 6:00PM.
Guest speaker Dr. Peter Powers, Dean of the School of Humanities at Messiah, will be presenting “What has Grantham to do with Harlem?: Reflecting on Goodbye Christ?”. This will feature his reflections on his recent book and tensions that arose for him as an author and may arise for us as readers. The event will be held in Hollinger Atrium lounge of the Jordan Science Center, with a meal being served by Messiah’s Two Bridges Catering. Reservation deadline is Sept. 20th and the cost is $10.00. If interested, please contact Tracy Sheaffer, Administrative Assistant, at tsheaffer@messiah.edu.

Christmas Craft Night – Enjoy a evening of crafting together!

Library’s Regular Hours:
Mon-Thurs., 7:30AM-Midnight
Fri., 7:30AM-6:00PM
Sat., 10:00AM-8:00PM
Sun., 2:00PM-Midnight

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Most checked out items:

- Book: American nursing: a history by Phillip A. Kalisch, Beatrice J. Kalisch
- DVD: Prisoner. The complete series.

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