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## Murray Library May 2019 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.

*May 2019*

**Regular Hours:**

**Mon.-Thurs., 7:30am-Midnight**

**Fri., 7:30am-6:00pm**

**Sat., 10:00am-8:00pm**

**Sun., 2:00pm-Midnight**



**What's New at the Library?**

# Murray Library



## Director's Corner

### Highlights of 2018-2019

**Welcoming Events** (some with record attendance!): Many events were held at Murray Library this academic year including Live Clue, Mini Golf, Christmas Craft Night, Book Folding Art Demo, Trivia Night, and The Human Library, as well as a variety of museum-quality displays available throughout the year.

**Strategic Planning:** The library staff conducted a SWOT and together developed a foundational goals, objectives, outcomes and assessment document and a 2019-2023 Strategic Plan for Murray Library. The plan includes five themes: Institutional Effectiveness, Educational Role, Discovery, Space and Personnel. Each theme had sub-goals and success statements. We are looking forward to how we will contribute to student success and retention through our resources, services and programs.

**Institutional Repository:** The library has been involved in the design, marketing, and ongoing implementation of the institutional repository, MOSAIC (**M**essiah's **O**pen **S**cholarship **A**nd **I**ntellectual **C**reativity) which will showcase and make accessible the best scholarly and creative works from educators and students. The public launch date of MOSAIC is tentatively set for Sept. 17, 2019.

## Exam Cram!

**Murray Library wants to help students survive Finals Week with EXAM CRAM! We will be open until 2am on several nights and will have some fun stress relief activities, such as:**



- **Photo Booth**
- **Bubble Wrap Station**
- **Lego Building**
- **Origami**
- **Sensory Board**
- **Snack Cart**
- **Hula Hoops**
- **Puzzles**
- **Coloring Stations**
- **Thank-you note area**

***Congratulations to Sarah K. Myers, librarian, who has been accepted as a Sawyer Fellow for the 2019-2020 academic year!***

# Professional News

This past fall (October 2018), Beth Transue, librarian, presented this poster at PA Library Association.

Poster: Above and Beyond: Partnering to Co-Lead and Support Cross Cultural Short Term Study Abroad Courses

## Above and Beyond

Partnering to Co-Lead and Support Cross Cultural Short-Term Study Abroad Courses  
Beth M. Transue, Messiah College [btransue@messiah.edu](mailto:btransue@messiah.edu)

Librarian co-leading a cross-cultural course: Manage logistics. Teach orientation. Incorporate Library Resources. And TRAVEL!



### Where Have you Been? What Do You Know?

- Prior Travel Experiences
- Study or Living Abroad Experiences
- International Conferences
- Personal Interests
- Language Skills
- Knowledge or Appreciation of Other Cultures

### Why Do This?

- Deeper Connection with Faculty
- Deeper Connection with Students
- Expand Your Professional Duties and Reputation
- See the World!



### How Can You Contribute?

- Organizational Skills!!!
- Lead Orientation Sessions
- Travel Logistics
- Student Contact/Recruitment
- Assistance (second eyes and ears on trip)
- Budgeting
- Library Resources – even if not co-leading



## Upcoming Exhibits

Come browse the **Great Reads display** this summer before your beach trip, to pick up recommendations from our Library staff. All items are available for check-out.



Lights...Camera...READ! Coming soon to a Murray Library near you, check out the **foyer display** collection titles that have recently, or will soon, hit the big screen as movies, miniseries, or television shows. Grab some popcorn and “read it before you see it!”

Check out all the resources the library has to offer. Visit our website at [www.messiah.edu/murraylibrary](http://www.messiah.edu/murraylibrary)



Have a question? Contact a librarian by phone, email, text, chat, or in person. We are happy to help!



## ***Meet Liz Kielley, Librarian and Technical Services Coordinator***

**How long have you worked as a librarian at Murray Library?** “I’ve been at Messiah since July 1999 – will be celebrating my 20<sup>th</sup> year.”

**What inspired you to become a librarian?** “I originally wanted to be a genetic counselor so I went to Gettysburg College as a double bio/chem major. Ended up with a degree in Psychology. During my time at Gettysburg, I worked in the library as a work study in the Technical Services department. When I graduated, I worked for a year in cataloging until I decided to make it official and go for my Masters in Library Science after much encouragement from my supervisor.”

**Describe your role and main responsibilities.** “I supervise the Technical Services area – Cataloging and Processing – those important functions in the library nobody sees unless there is a mistake in the library catalog or an item needed right away. I am responsible for the library system, Voyager, and I catalog electronic resources and DVDs. The jargon I speak in my job is closer to IT.”

**What kind of interaction do you have with faculty and students?** “I am the liaison to Communication, Psychology, Sociology, Social Work and the Graduate Program in Counseling. Often I go into classes in those areas and teach research skills and introduce the students to specific library resources. Of course we all take turns covering the reference desk and live chat.”

**What is your favorite book and/or author?** “I don’t have a favorite book or author. My tastes are eclectic. My current read is *The Vain Conversation* due to the author, Anthony Grooms, participation in the Human Library event.”

**Share a fun fact about yourself.** “I rescue basset hounds – you should see my office – full of basset stuff. I also love geocaching and going for motorcycle rides.”

### ***Friends of Murray Library***

From its beginning in 1993, *Friends* has promoted the mission of Murray Library with a variety of purchases, projects and programs. In addition to providing resources and services that extend beyond the library’s operational budget, *Friends* helps form a link between the campus and the community of learners.

We invite you to join us in our efforts to enrich the resources of Murray Library, a central component in the education of Messiah students. To become a member, visit this link, [https://www.messiah.edu/info/21168/about\\_the\\_library/1854/friends\\_of\\_murray\\_library](https://www.messiah.edu/info/21168/about_the_library/1854/friends_of_murray_library) or contact Tracy Sheaffer, Murray Library Administrative Assistant, at [tsheaffer@messiah.edu](mailto:tsheaffer@messiah.edu)

Benefits of Annual Membership include (covers immediate family members):

- Library borrowing privileges
- 12 interlibrary loan requests/year
- Invitation to *Friends* events (annual dinner and general meeting, lectures, exhibits, cultural or social events)
- Receipt of *Friends* mailings highlighting the group’s activities, as well as library activities and plans
- Eligibility to serve on Friends board

***Friends of Murray  
Library Annual Dinner  
Friday October 25<sup>th</sup>  
at 6pm***

