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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.
Two New Resources Available to you!

The library staff has developed a guide to showcase recent library events and displays, and to provide guidelines and forms for any department/group interested in hosting an exhibit or event at Murray Library. Please use this link to see photos of previous events and displays, as well as display/event options, guidelines and forms. Looking forward to another year of informative, creative, educational, and fun events experienced at Murray Library! Bookmark this link for future reference: https://libguides.messiah.edu/c.php?g=929702

This fall a new Learning Commons webpage has been developed to provide students with centralized access to academic support, contributing to their success by connecting them to important resources and services. This page is located on the left navigation for all undergraduate Canvas courses and will connect students to Murray Library, Academic Success (including Disability Services, Learning Center, Supplemental Instruction, and Academic Coaching) Writing Center and an FAQ for Student Computer Services and Canvas without leaving Canvas. https://www.messiah.edu/learning commons Thank you to everyone who helped make this happen!

Geek the Library
Our Geek the Library event held on September 2nd was a huge success! Library staff and partners shared lots of photos, objects and memorabilia related to what they “geek out” about such as Legos, photography, gardening, cosplay, hiking & camping, chicken & the egg, El Camino, and Disney.
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
Or contact Tracy Sheaffer, Murray Library Administrative Assistant, at 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 Annual Dinner & Meeting
October 25, 2019 at 6:00PM

Join us Friday October 25th at 6pm in Martin Commons for the Friends of Murray Library Annual Dinner & Meeting. Kathy T. Hettinga will return to Messiah College to share her work and discuss the process of artist’s books. In her presentation, “Creating Artist’s Books from Object to Identity,” Hettinga will discuss the concepts behind her work and the projects she designed for her students. Drawing from her comprehensive background in drawing/illustration, book arts/typography, photography/scanning, collage and printmaking, Professor Hettinga led and pushed students to excellence in art and design, resulting in their work being published over a dozen times in international design journals. The Kathy T. Hettinga Student Artists’ Book Archive at Murray Library was created from the extensive student book art created under her direction. These works reveal the remarkable depths of meaning and beauty created by her students in response to Hettinga’s guidance and direction.

The event will be held in Martin Commons, with a meal served by Messiah’s Two Bridges Catering. Reservation deadline is October 4, 2019. If interested, please contact Tracy Sheaffer, Library Administrative Assistant, at tsheaffer@messiah.edu or ext. 7181.

Reference Librarians can be reached by chat, phone, and email as well as in person. Visit our Ask a Librarian page for more information.
Meet Keith Jones, Weekend & Evening Circulation Supervisor

What are your primary duties as the Circulation Department Supervisor? “My primary duties are as the weekend supervisor of the library’s Circulation Department. This includes following the procedures for opening the library, supervising our Circ work study students, maintaining the weekend work schedules, running reports, and dealing with the library issues of the day, whether it’s troubleshooting technology or building-related matters, answering student and patron questions, etc. Several years ago I redesigned the Circulation training manual for our work study students and developed online training modules and quizzes using Google classroom and Qualtrics. I review and update the manual and quizzes each semester (our students really love the quizzes, I’ve been told 😊). We have three Circ department meetings with our work study students each semester. I create the PowerPoint slides for each meeting. Before the beginning of each semester I setup the online LibCal calendar for the library’s Group Study Rooms and Murray Theater reservations, then maintain it throughout the semester. I also update information on the Circulation website.”

How long have you worked in this role at the library? “I started June 2012 working weekends and a couple of evenings during the week. My schedule expanded to working additional summer hours in June of 2018.”

In what ways does the Circulation Department assist students, employees, and patrons? “It’s all about customer service: checking in and checking out library items, answering patrons’ questions, copier and computer assistance, etc.”

What are some frequently asked questions that the Circulation Desk receives? “We primarily answer location (Where are the...?), missing (I can’t find a...) and troubleshooting (Can you help...) questions. We are not the librarians, so when we receive more specific questions on searching the catalog and databases, or properly using citations, we defer to them. The library has many first-time visitors throughout the year, so their questions vary in nature.”

What else would you like others to know about your position / Circulation Department? “I have been blessed to work with 2 wonderful Circ supervisors (Deb Roof and Joanna Matlak) and numerous Circ work study students over the past 7 years. I am amazed each semester by how quickly our work study students process the large amount of information they receive during their Circulation training. They do such a fantastic job in assisting our patrons.”

Share a fun fact about yourself. “Before I worked for Messiah, I was a graphic artist for over 20 years designing signage, marketing materials, and educational publishing products. I worked for companies such as Harry M. Stevens, Inc., Aramark, Educational Testing Service, and Accenture. Since 2008, I have worked full-time at Northern York County Middle School as an 8th Grade Learning Support Assistant. I began my 11th “tour of duty” at Northern this August. Sometime between working at Messiah and Northern I enjoy vegetable and herb gardening at my home. I have a faithful gardening assistant named Katie, my 12-year-old Shetland Sheepdog, who likes to pick-her-own and taste test some asparagus, snow peas, and green beans throughout the growing season.”
Exhibits

Kathy T. Hettinga

Stop by and view Kathy T. Hettinga’s collection in the vitrines by the entrance of the library. Hettinga is an award-winning artist in design, artist’s book, digital images/prints, and photography. She has been twice awarded the Distinguished Professor of Art in the School of the Arts at Messiah College where she taught for 29 years. Hettinga’s one book on display, 4 3 2 CRY received the College Book Arts Association Award and Best of Show at Sandy Gallery in Portland.

4 3 2 CRY: Fracking in Northern Colorado by Kathy T. Hettinga

Hettinga Student Artists’ Book Archive

Murray Library is pleased to announce the acquisition of the Kathy T. Hettinga Student Artists’ Book Archive, a collection of 135 artists’ books donated by Kathy T. Hettinga, retired Professor of Art and Design. These books represent exemplary pieces of student work from Prof. Hettinga’s three decades of teaching. Artists’ books by definition are books created as works of art and the books in this collection show the creative assignments and various art and design techniques and constructions Prof. Hettinga taught. Some reflect deeply personal exploration of topics such as identity, faith, body image, and the hard sayings of Jesus. Some are alphabet books used as prayers; others express Scripture narratives by using type as image. A selection of these works is currently on display in the document cases on the main level of the library.

The Greatest of These by Abigail Zoebisch

Webster’s Illustrated by Dale Pagenkopf
Meet Our Staff

Come get acquainted with our Murray Library staff in this foyer display!

Banned Books Week
September 22-28

Winnie the Pooh; Little House on the Prairie; The Bible. What do they all have in common???
At one time or another, each one of these books was censored, banned or disputed! Come and see our library displays that recognize Banned Books Weeks from September 22-28, including our Great Reads shelf where you can check out one of these controversial books.

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