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Messiah College is a Christian college 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.
NEW LIBRARY RESOURCES

Check out the following new resources at Murray Library:

Silence: a social history of one of the least understood elements of our lives / Jane Brox
BJ1499.S5 B76 2019

Myth of equality: uncovering the roots of injustice and privilege / Ken Wytsma
BR115.J8 W975 2017

Permanent Record / Edward Snowden
JF1525 .W45 S655 2019x

How to read the Constitution and why / Kim Wehle
KF4541.W44 2019

Home education / Charlotte M. Mason
LC37 .M27 2017

So you want to sing music by women: a guide for performers / Matthew Hoch, Linda Lister
MT820.H696 2019

Philosophy of population health science: a philosophy for a new public health era / Sean A. Valles
RA418.V357 2018

Library Director’s Corner...

As we reflect during this season of the year, I am grateful for:

* Competent, creative and caring staff I am privileged to work with (see FY19 Highlights)
* A reminder of how music soothes the soul with an “Evening with Chris Thile”
* Beautiful fall trees just outside my office window
* Engaging colleagues that have welcomed me my first year at Messiah
* Future opportunities to grow, learn and experience @ Messiah

Murray Library’s Core Values

Welcoming Environment
Collaborative Engagement
Responsive Service
Transformative Learning
Credible Resources

“The only thing that you absolutely have to know, is the location of the library.”
- Albert Einstein
Meet Sarah Myers, Librarian and Collection Development Coordinator

How long have you worked at Murray Library? “I have worked at the library for three years, but this is the fourth academic year that I’ve been part of. I started mid-semester in November 2016.”

Describe your role. What are your main responsibilities? “Like all the librarians, I take part in instruction, reference, and developing our resources. I am the liaison to the English, Engineering, History, Education, Graduate Education, Graduate Higher Education, and CoCurricular programs. As Collection Development Coordinator, I assist with acquiring new items for our collection, ensuring that there is space on the shelves for new additions, and coordinating the removal of outdated or damaged items. I spend much of my time keeping track of statistics and funds, managing the data, and ensuring that it makes sense to others who view it. My newest role is managing Messiah’s Institutional Repository called MOSAIC. It’s been satisfying to take educator and student scholarship, and make much of it accessible online, for free to any internet user. I’ve been learning a lot about copyright, Creative Commons licenses, open access, and open educational resources to ensure that our repository is ethically and responsibly sharing information.”

Do you participate on any campus committees? “Within the library, I participate on the Library Committee and serve on the Engle Collection Acquisitions Committee for Friends of Murray Library. For the past year, I have chaired the Institutional Repository Task Force and we’ve been making great strides at sharing Messiah’s intellectual and creative output to wider public audiences. I also participate on the CoCurricular Council, the Digital Humanities Steering Group, and the Undergraduate Research Committee. I’m also part of the Sawyer Digital Fellows, where I’ve learned and now am using a bunch of new technology tools.”

What do you love most about being a librarian? “I love teaching, statistics, and people. I get to be both outgoing and quiet in my job. I enjoy my role in front of students when I get invited to speak in classes and then I also enjoy analyzing all statistics for the library and managing the library’s budget. I also get to be the creative writer and designer of “Murray in a Hurry,” the library’s bi-weekly bathroom newsletter. I’ve been able to add new and interesting responsibilities to my plate to match my interests. It makes my job rewarding and fulfilling.”

What else would you like others to know about your position? “Librarianship is a service position. I find it rewarding to know my gifts can help others who have different gifts. I cannot solve engineering problems or offer medical care to others, but I can help those individuals find the right resources so they can make a greater impact on the world. Their impact and their sharing of God’s love is exponential as it radiates out into the world. I care for all my patrons and try to share that love with all those who I interact with.”

What is the last book you read? “I’m usually half-reading a few books at a time, though it usually takes me a while to finish any of them to completion. The last book I read was Founders as Fathers: The Private Lives and Politics of the American Revolutionaries by Lorri Glover. It explores the ways that the Founders’ private and family lives impacted the founding of America, and likewise, how America impacted their families, at the time and for generations to come. I’m also trying to read all the award-winning Caldecott and Newberry winners in juvenile literature, though I have a lot more to read!”
Friends of Murray Library Annual Dinner

The Friends of Murray Library had their Annual Dinner & Business Meeting on October 25th. Members & guests enjoyed a delicious meal served by Two Bridges Catering. Kathy T. Hettinga, former Messiah Art Professor, was the guest speaker. She shared about Artists’ Books and displayed many of her works, along with those of her students. What a wonderful evening!

Become a Friends Member today!

From its formal 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
October Open Access events

On October 23 & 24 Murray Library hosted two Open Access events. We had a panel involving faculty who have adopted either open access textbooks or e-books available from the library. Attendees enjoyed good discussion and learned worthwhile information. The film “Paywall: The Business of Scholarship, was shown and focused on the need for open access to scholarship and exposed the $25.2 billion that flows into for-profit academic publishers.

November Exhibits

Foyer & Great Reads:
Celebrating 100 Years of Women’s Right to Vote
* This year marks the centennial of the ratification of the 19th amendment, which stated “The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex.” To commemorate this momentous event, check out the displays in Murray Library! In the library foyer exhibit, we trace the history of the events leading to ratification and some of the impact up until the present. Just inside the doors, there is a “pop-up exhibit” from the National Archives entitled Rightfully Hers. And on the “Great Reads” shelves, we suggest some interesting books on some of the key figures and events in that path to voting rights. Exercise your right to come and learn more!

Vitrines:
* In honor of Women’s suffrage, Artists’ Books celebrating women will be on display.

Trophy Case:
* 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 trophy case on the main level of the library.

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