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December 2019

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

Come see
Christmas
in Murray!



What's New at the Library?

Murray Library



Director's Corner

Thank you to everyone who took a few minutes to complete the first annual library satisfaction survey! We found that 87% of students and 89% of faculty describe the influence of the library's contribution to student academic success as "significant" or "essential".

Faculty quotes:

"Having the library liaisons assigned to each of the graduate programs has made a HUGE difference..."

"The library provides key resources for student research"

Student quotes:

"Offers a quiet, relaxed, good place to study effectively"

"It's the best place to write papers! I can concentrate in a cubicle and then get my work checked at the academic center."

Stay tuned for more ways the library will be responding to survey responses and satisfaction levels!



CLUE



It was Miss Scarlett in the Engle Collection room with the lead pipe! What a fun night in Murray Library as 79 students worked in teams to solve the mystery of who killed Candace Keller (AKA Ashley Sider – thanks Ashley). They poured through evidence and followed clues, all while learning about the library along the way. This is one of our most popular events and we couldn't do it without our theatrical library staff (as well as a couple of staff spouses ☺). Thanks to all who helped make this event a success!



**Winning Team –
Friends Fatales**

Murray Library's Christmas Resources

Movies:

Home Alone / directed by Chris Columbus.
PN1995.9.C55 H64 2015

Mrs. Miracle / directed by Michael M. Scott.
PN1995.9.C5113 M77 2010

Christmas Tale = Un Conte de Noël /
PN1995.9.F35 C475 2009

Dog Named Christmas / directed by Peter
Werner.
PN1995.9.C5113 D64 2009

All Mine to Give ; directed by Allen Reisner.
PN1995.9.C5113 A45 2008

Midnight Clear ; directed by Dallas Jenkins.
PN1995.9.C5113 M536 2007

Christmas Story ; directed by Bob Clark.
PN1995.9.C5113 C4755 2006

Joyeux Noël = Merry Christmas
PN1995.9.F67 J69 2006

Elf ; directed by Jon Favreau.
PN1995.9.C5113 E54 2004

It's a Wonderful Life ; produced and directed
by Frank Capra.
PN1997.C376 I87 2001

White Christmas ; directed by Michael
Curtiz.
PN1995.9.M86 W458 2000

Miracle on 34th Street ; directed by George
Seaton.
PN1995.9.C5113 M57 1999

George Balanchine's The Nutcracker
M1520.T34 N882 1997

Books

Christian Holy Days! : the Biblical Account of
Christmas, Passion Week, Easter, Ascension, and
Pentecost / Larry D. Edwards.
BV43 .E39 2010x

Kosher Christmas : : 'Tis the Season to be Jewish /
Joshua Eli Plaut ; foreword by Jonathan D. Sarna.
GT4986.A1 P53 2012

13th Gift : A True Story of a Christmas Miracle / by
Joanne Huist Smith.
BV45 .S484 2014

Christmas in the Crosshairs : Two Thousand Years of
Denouncing and Defending the World's Most
Celebrated Holiday / Gerry Bowler.
BV45 .B684 2017

Christmas as Religion : Rethinking Santa, the Secular
and the Sacred / Christopher Deacy.
BV45 .D42 2016x



It's the most musical time of the year! And the library has lots of Christmas for you to enjoy! We have nearly 100 Christmas CDs ranging from the song stylings of Michael Buble and Manhattan Transfer to carols arranged for brass band or flute orchestra. And to stream music at your desk, check out our database *Naxos*, which has Christmas [playlist](#) as well as thousands of other Christmas tracks! Want to perform music yourself? We have sheet music for singers, guitarists, organists, and more... Check out the Great Reads shelves inside the front door!

Student Snapshot



Meet Miriam Dixon
Work-Study Assistant to the Public Services
Coordinator

What year do you graduate? “2020 (It’s so soon!)”

What is your major? “Mechanical Engineering, with a minor in Chinese.”

What is your library job title? “Work-Study Assistant to the Public Services Coordinator” or “Appreciated Second Brain.”

How long have you been a work study in the library? “I have been working at the library since fall of my freshman year.”

What are the duties you perform while working in the library? “I do all sorts of random things. I help with events, do inventory, shelf read the music section, assist with photographing artist books, setting up exhibits, and whatever else the Public Services Coordinator asks me to do. I also create the READ posters for graduating seniors and retiring faculty.”

What is your favorite part of the job? “My favorite part of the job is the awesome people I get to work with and the wide variety of materials and information that I get to interact with.”

What is the last book you read or favorite book? “The last book I read was *Brief Answers to the Big Questions* by Stephen Hawking, but my favorite book is probably *Les Miserables* by Victor Hugo.”

December Class of 2019 - Leave a legacy when you graduate!

Murray Library wants to honor you with a free bookplate in one of our books! Select a book that has to do with your major... or that expresses an area of your interest... or one that you think others will enjoy. Fill out the form online at www.Messiah.edu/Seniorbook or pick up one at the Circulation Desk. Turn it in at the library before December 19th.

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



December Events



Get into the Christmas spirit as classes wind down! The Library will again be hosting live Christmas music. Back by popular demand, the Messiah College Guitar Ensemble directed by Prof. Randy Zwally will play on Thursday, December 12th, at 4:30pm (for a recording to whet your appetite, click [here](#)). And new this year, we will also enjoy Christmas music by the Messiah Flute Ensemble on December 13th, at 11:30am.

Amid the hectic pace of Christmastime, allow yourself just these lovely half hours of beautiful music (and some Christmas cookies!).

December Exhibits

Trophy Case Display: Murray Library is once again displaying Nativities from around the world between now and the end of the semester. Come visit the hallway display past the circulation desk to see beautiful works of art.

Vitrines: Beautiful pop-up Christmas books by Robert Sabuda are on display in the vitrines. Come enjoy the festive beauty of his art and creativity.

Foyer Display: 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 display in the foyer of Murray Library! In this exhibit, we trace the history of the events leading to ratification and some of the impact up until the present. Exercise your right to come and learn more!

Friends of Murray Library Student Chapter

Join us as we promote an interest in the library and learning at Messiah College! If you're a student interested in the library, then you should join FoML students! You can participate in events, exhibits, and volunteer opportunities, all in the name of learning!

Cost to join: \$5

For more information, email Erin MacKenzie at em1391@messiah.edu



Murray Library wishes you a very Merry Christmas & Happy New Year!