Murray Library December 2019 Newsletter

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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.
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?

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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!

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:**
- *Dog Named Christmas* / directed by Peter Werner. PN1995.9.C5113 D64 2009
- *Christmas Story* ; directed by Bob Clark. PN1995.9.C5113 C4755 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
- *Miracle on 34th Street* ; directed by George Seaton. PN1995.9.C5113 M57 1999

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

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!