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Library Director's Corner

Celebrate with us as the content of Mosaic (**M**essiah's **O**pen **S**cholarship **A**nd **I**ntellectual **C**reativity) continues to grow! As of 2/6/2020, it includes 1,669 works by educators and students which have been downloaded a total of 7,872 times. Some of the recent downloads include journal articles by educators, student honors theses and a 1902 issue of *Evangelical Visitor*. Our recent readers are from China, South Africa, Thailand, India, Kenya, Singapore, Indonesia, Netherlands, Hungary and Nigeria as well as many locations across the U.S. Please consider contributing to this collection that is facilitating scholarly communication around the globe (<https://mosaic.messiah.edu>).

We are also delighted to share some of the comments from our first annual student and faculty library satisfaction survey taken in the fall of 2019.

Comments from students:

- "The library helps me go deeper in topics I'm studying"
- "I can get journal articles for free"
- "The computers and printers, the books, the coffee – everything essential for my success is there"
- "I like the chat with a librarian feature, super helpful if I can't come in personally"

Comments from faculty:

- "Having the library liaisons assigned to each of the graduate programs has made a HUGE difference. Our liaison has come to talk with students at our intensives and has connected with the online and on campus students throughout the semester. I am very grateful for this structure."
- "Assisting CCC with a website and tools particular to that course"
- "Providing a central location for academic support services such as ODS, Writing Center, etc."
- "Access to open access textbooks"
- "Providing a space for collaboration, research"

We will be doing further analysis of the survey results and will be following up with a student focus group in the Spring to gain additional feedback to guide our planning and decision-making.



All the best! – Linda Poston, Director of Murray Library



What's New at the Library?

Coming
Soon...



We do more than check out books... New study space coming in upstairs Periodicals area!!



Student Snapshot

Meet Erin Mackenzie, CIRC work-study

What year do you graduate? “May 2020”

What is your major? “English with a Writing Concentration”

What is your library job title? “Circulation Desk Worker”

How long have you been a work study in the library? “Since Spring 2018, my sophomore year.”

What are the duties you perform while working in the library?
“Besides checking books in and out to patrons, we also answer questions, shelf read, and make and shelve carts back into the main stacks. We also answer phones, connect students with Research Librarians, and run around on whatever odd job needs to get done.”

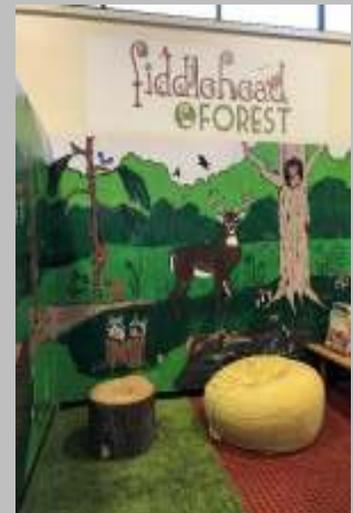
What is your favorite part of the job? “I actually worked at the library last summer, and it was an amazing experience which allowed me to get really close with some of the other library faculty. It was really nice to get to know people that I work with all the time. Also, Linda, the library Director, will bake us sweets sometimes, so that’s a perk.”

What is the last book you read or favorite book? “Trying to pick a favorite book is too hard, but the book I am currently reading is a mystery novel called *Fallen Mountains* by Kimi Cunningham Grant, who is actually a Messiah Alum.”



Fiddlehead Forest

Inspired by the fiddlehead sculpture in the shade garden behind the library, this glass enclosed theme room on the lower level showcases our juvenile books collection, houses our large-format children’s books, and provides an area for elementary education majors to practice reading books to children. This space has a beautiful mural with woodland creatures native to Central PA.



Check out our



page here!

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

REFERENCE LIBRARIANS CAN BE REACHED BY CHAT, PHONE, AND EMAIL AS WELL AS IN PERSON. VISIT OUR ASK A LIBRARIAN PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

CrafTea

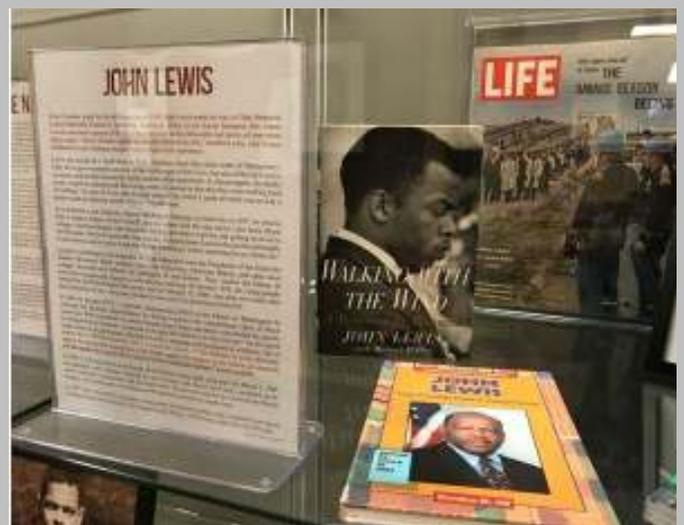
On December 7th, 45 students came to the library's CrafTea event. They made Christmas wreaths from book pages and enjoyed scones and tea!



January Civil Rights Display

John Lewis. Diane Nash. James Meredith. These college students and many more were instrumental in propelling the Civil Rights movement forward, however, most of us don't know their names, let alone their powerful stories.

Murray Library celebrated these history makers in a library display that highlighted their groundbreaking achievements.



**“A library is not a luxury but one of the necessities of life”
-Henry Ward Beecher**

February Events & Exhibits

“Love Your Neighbors: Immigrant Stories”

February 18th, 7:15-8:30pm on the Library’s main level

Immigration is an important and sensitive topic in our country’s current narrative and too often there is an incorrect perception that most immigrants are here illegally. To counter this, the Library, in partnership with the Peace and Conflict Studies program, is planning a program featuring and honoring immigrants’ stories as part of the Humanities Symposium on vulnerability and security. In an effort to demystify who immigrants and neighbors are, and to add depth and story to some of the immigrants in our own community, we have invited 4 individuals from our Messiah community to tell their stories. From different regions of the world, of different ages and backgrounds, the diversity of our speakers’ experiences represent just how different the paths of those who come to the United States are. ***We encourage you to attend this important event!***

Exhibits:

Trophy Case:

Make sure to visit our display Love Thy Neighbor: Immigrant Stories, in the hallway case. This display includes stories from the Messiah community that shares experiences in coming to the United States, as well as photos and keepsakes from around the world. Also, check out the books in the Great Reads section that tell more immigrant stories.

Vitrines: Tona Wilson, *Stories Behind Bars*

The Friends of Murray Library have greatly enhanced the Library’s collections over the years, particularly in the purchase of artists’ books, and the Library is pleased to feature this, the latest gift from Friends. Tona Wilson’s *Stories Behind Bars* was inspired by the artist’s own work as a Spanish translator in the U.S. court system. It tells stories of immigrants in the U.S. prisons and jails that give the reader an insight into the complex issues surrounding the immigration debate. Four booklets tell four different stories: “In jail tonight”, “Being removed”, “Clippings for Amalia”, and “Acronyms and sketches”. These stories include a brief history of immigration detention, a young man being deported using video teleconferencing, and life stories based on the meaning of acronyms.

Document Cases: Philip Zimmerman, *Sanctus Sonorensis* and Tatana Kellner, *Iron*



Mini Golf

Murray Library proudly presents...our 4th annual Mini Golf in the Stacks! Join us on February 28th for FREE mini golf throughout the library, with holes hosted by departments across campus. Enjoy playing and then vote for your favorite! Contact Kimberly Steiner at ksteiner@messiah.edu for more information.

CHECK OUT ALL THE RESOURCES THE LIBRARY HAS TO OFFER. VISIT OUR WEBSITE AT
WWW.MESSIAH.EDU/MURRAYLIBRARY.

Regular Hours:

Mon. – Thurs., 7:30AM – Midnight
Fri., 7:30AM – 6:00PM

Sat., 10:00AM – 8:00PM
Sun., 2:00PM - Midnight