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WHAT'S NEW AT MURRAY LIBRARY?

March 2020



Director's Corner...

Messiah Students!

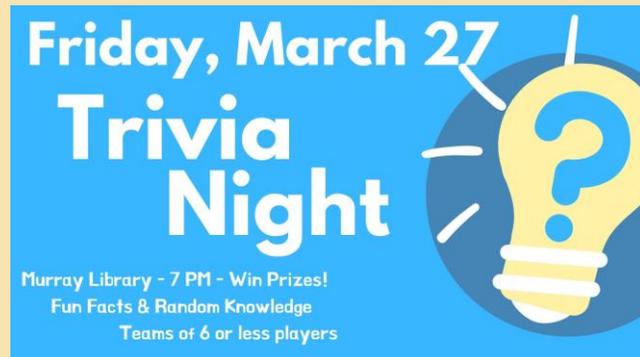
If you enjoy books and want to promote a love of learning and help support Murray Library, consider skipping that special cup of coffee and treat this week and pay your annual membership fee of \$5 to join *Friends of Murray Library Student Chapter*. You will have opportunities to plan library-related student events and participate in fund-raising opportunities to benefit student-related library projects of your choice. (Contact tsheaffer@messiah.edu if you are interested in joining).



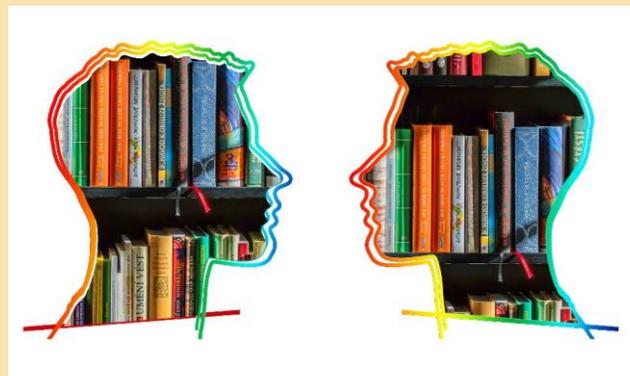
Messiah Community!

Friends of Murray Library Student Chapter is sponsoring a bake sale on March 11th from 11am-2pm. Stop by Murray Library for a home-made delicious treat to go with your cup of coffee or tea, and support special student-related library projects.

Save the Date: April 20, 2020 is our first annual Edible Book Festival at Murray Library. We are looking for volunteers who enjoying creating something related to a book which is also edible. There will be 3 categories with special "Wooden Spoon" awards to the People Choice of each category. More details to come! (Click [here](#) to see samples of Edible Book ideas)



You are invited to form teams with educators or students to put your knowledge to the test on **Friday March 27th** at Trivia Night starting at 7pm at Murray Library! We'll have 4 rounds of trivia to test your knowledge in a variety of categories. Teams can include up to 6 players. Awesome prizes await the top 3 teams!



On Wednesday, April 8th, Murray Library and the Office of Diversity Affairs will be hosting the **Human Library**. The Human Library is designed to build a positive framework for conversations that can challenge stereotypes and prejudices through dialogue. Our Human Library is in need of readers, so save the date to come read our living stories. An online sign-up form will be available in March but walk-ins are welcomed the day of the event.

For more information contact Liz Kielley at ekielley@messiah.edu

To learn more about the Human Library organization, visit this website: <http://humanlibrary.org/>

Friends of Murray Library

Meet Harriet Bicksler, Chair

Share a little bit about yourself. “I graduated from Messiah College in 1968 with a degree in English, and then received a M.A. in English from the University of Idaho in 1970. I taught high school English for three years, but then I switched professional gears and raised two children. I ended up as an editor and writer, doing a lot of freelance and mostly volunteer editorial work. I have edited *Shalom!*, a quarterly Brethren in Christ publication on peace and justice issues since 1981, and since 2012 I have been the editor for the Brethren in Christ Historical Society. From 1992-2015, I worked for the PA Department of Public Welfare (which became the Department of Human Services) and a state-funded training institute as an editor and writer in children’s mental health issues. I was born in Zimbabwe, the child of missionary parents. My husband Dale and I have been married for 48 years, have two children, and six grandchildren.”



How did you become involved with *Friends of Murray Library*? “Dale and I have been members of *Friends* since its beginning.”

How long have you been a board member? “About five years.”

What resources do you enjoy using at Murray Library? “My most frequent destination at the library is the Archives, mostly because of my work with the Brethren in Christ Historical Society. I also enjoy the various displays, the new books shelf, and Fiddlehead Forest children’s reading room.”

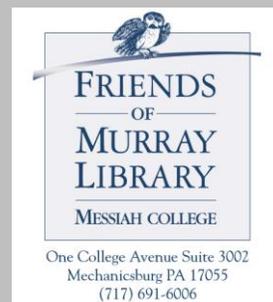
What is the last book you’ve read or favorite one? “I am a member of two book clubs—one for more than 35 years, and the other for probably 15-20 years. The last book I read for one of them was *Educated*, by Tara Westover, and for the other I’m currently reading *What Are You Looking At? The Surprising, Shocking, and Sometimes Strange Story of 150 Years of Modern Art*, by Will Gompertz. This latter book is not one I would have picked up on my own, which is the beauty of book clubs! Hard to pick favorite books—there are so many!”

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.

Benefits enjoyed by *Friends*:

- Murray Library borrowing privileges
- 12 interlibrary loan requests/year
- Invitation to *Friends* events
- Receipt of *Friends* mailings
- Eligibility to serve on the *Friends* board

*These benefits cover immediate family members.

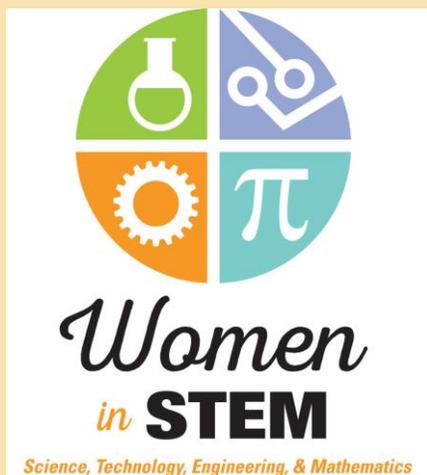


Become a Friend today:

Anyone can join the *Friends of Murray Library*. To become a member or renew your membership, register and pay online at

https://www.messiah.edu/info/21168/about_the_library/1854/friends_of_murray_library
or stop by the circulation desk at Murray Library for an application.

March Exhibits



Great Reads/Foyer:

March is Women's History Month! Join us in celebrating pioneering women in STEM – science, technology, engineering, and mathematics – past and present. This month check out a book at the Great Reads shelf, and be sure to visit our foyer display spotlighting books about women heroes who have changed the course of the sciences forever.

Vitrines:

In the Artists' Book display, we are featuring Macey Ley's *Does It Matter, Atom Smasher?* This artist asks "How do we explain what we cannot see? Is the lack of or presence of evidence grounds for truth? And how does that translate to our non-material world? Scientists at CERN use the Large Hadron Collider to understand matter and anti-matter - a dark invisibility, the existence of which is still up for debate." This book, shaped like the Hadron collider, is created of clear acrylic panels that form a cone and are threaded with linen and polyester threads that glow in the dark.

Trophy Case/Document Cases:

We are pleased to feature an exhibit of traditional and contemporary money from the collection of adjunct professor of economics Emil Berendt. This exhibit not only shows different common currency in West Africa, Asia, and America, but also features some interesting thematic displays, including "consumable currency," money and politics, and money during war. Included are such unique pieces as the banknotes printed during the period when China was occupied by Japan – into these notes, Chinese engravers put not-so-subtle messages about what they thought of the Japanese invaders, a subversive activity that cost some engravers their lives. Come view this interesting and diverse exhibit.

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Library's Regular Hours:

Mon-Thurs., 7:30AM-Midnight

Fri., 7:30AM-6:00PM

Sat., 10:00AM-8:00PM

Sun., 2:00PM-Midnight