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## Murray Library October 2020 Newsletter

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October 2020

**Regular Hours:**  
Mon.-Thurs., 8:30am-11:00pm  
Fri., 8:30am-5:00pm  
Sat., 11:00am-6:00pm  
Sun., 3:00pm-11:00pm



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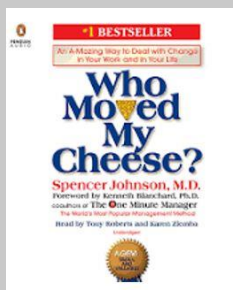
**What's New at the Library?**

# Murray Library



## Director's Corner

This summer I participated in a CCCU Library Directors Virtual Conference. One of the presentations was a discussion of one of the classic books on handling change entitled "Who Moved My Cheese?" by Spencer Johnson. It is a parable of two mice named Sniff and Scurry and two "little people" named Hem and Haw. The parable shows how these four characters represent simple and complex parts of each of us as we handle unexpected change in our lives. We may "sniff" out change early or enjoy "scurrying into action". We may also deny or resist change because we fear it may lead to something worse, or we find ways to adapt to change and see that changing can even lead to something better. I decided to ask my staff to join me in reading this short parable (it can be read in less than an hour). And I am including a brief time in our weekly staff meetings for discussion questions on the book. I highly recommend this book, (<https://www.numeris-media.com/single-post/2018/02/24/Who-Moved-My-Cheese-Download-the-free-eBook>) and trust that you find it an encouragement to you in this time of transition and adaptation we all find ourselves in. Let's see change as "Forward to Better, not Back to Normal".  
- Linda



Chat with a librarian 

### Chat with a librarian!

Murray Library offers an instant message, chat tool located on our [library webpages](#) to help you get the answers you're seeking. Click the green button in the bottom, right corner to get started. Receive friendly and helpful librarian assistance in about a minute. There are no silly questions, so ask away!

### Live chat hours during Fall 2020:

Sunday: 7-9 PM

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 AM-5 PM & 7-9 PM

## Covid Chronicles @ MESSIAH

Murray Library invites all students, faculty, and staff to create and submit a short video (5 minutes or less) to be included in [Covid Chronicles @Messiah](#), in Mosaic (our institutional repository). Please create a video response to the question **"What would you like people in the future to know about what life is like during this pandemic?"**

All entries will be included in a drawing for a \$25 Amazon gift card. Please enter your submission using this form: <https://forms.gle/fPkrzc3LmnxXe8sB7> by October 11.

To see submissions already included, click here: <https://mosaic.messiah.edu/covid/>

## Staff Spotlight

### Meet Linda Poston, Director of Murray Library

#### **Describe your role. What are your main responsibilities?**

“Highlights from my job description include providing strategic vision and leadership for the library, giving general oversight to all aspects of planning, budget, community and public relations, personnel selection, facilities management, assessment of library resources and services, and serving as an advocate for the library with faculty, staff, students and external partnerships.”

**How long have you worked at Murray Library?** “I began in July of 2018, after completing 25 years at a Christian liberal arts college in the New York City region.”

**Do you participate on any campus committees?** “Yes, I’m on Academic Council, Graduate Council, the Provost Leadership Team, the Friends of Murray Library Board, and chair the Library Committee with representatives from various schools and student representation. I am also beginning a term as an elected representative on the COE Senate.”

#### **What resources do you enjoy using at Murray Library?**

“Where do I begin? Coffee and pastries at Café Diem! The wonderful stellar print collection, hand-picked by faculty and librarians, including classic, educational, and popular DVD’s. The wealth of online e-books, full-text journals, and streaming videos, which is the starting point of any research question I have or am asked. The streaming videos came in handy when the pandemic hit and public libraries were closed. I was able to watch streaming documentaries from our online collections when I needed a break. And last but not least, I enjoy the “human” resources at Murray Library – a team of 12 individuals, competent in their respective areas, with tons of creative ideas for effectively serving the students, faculty and staff. Without them, there would not be a Murray Library!”

**Share a fun fact about yourself?** “I lived in Sweden 4 ½ years with my husband when he had a teaching job there. I can still understand and speak basic Swedish. Helena, our daughter was born in Karlstad, Sweden, and I have so many memories of our time there. The beautiful landscape, ease of getting around without a car, and “fika”, the morning and afternoon coffee breaks with delicious pastries. My love of baking started in Sweden!”



*Recent additions to our collection:*

**Science and Religion: Are they Compatible?** Edited by Paul Kurtz; with the assistance of Barry Karr and Ranjit Sandhu

--This book is part of a recently donated collection to Murray Library, the Kenig Collection. The collection, donated by the estate of Howard P. Kenig, cover a range of topics related to religion and philosophy. More books in the Kenig Collection can be located by searching “Kenig Collection” in the library catalog.

**A Christian and a Democrat: a Religious Biography of Franklin D. Roosevelt** by John F. Woolverton, with James D. Bratt

--A closer examination of how FDR’s religious beliefs influenced his political philosophy.

**The Refuge** by Sandra Le Guen; illustrated by Stephane Nicolet; translated by Daniel Hahn

--A story about finding refuge in a new friendship and a new home. This book is located in Juvenile Fiction (Curriculum Area).



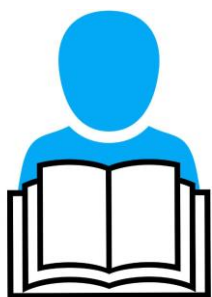
#### **Visit Murray’s social media sites:**

Facebook: Messiah University  
Murray Library page

Instagram & Snapchat: mumurraylibrary

## Ruth E. Engle Memorial Collection of Children's Book Illustration

Dedicated in April 2004, this collection of original picture-book art by award-winning illustrators was established with gifts given to *Friends of Murray Library* in memory of Ruth Engle, a charter member who also served on its board. Currently, more than two dozen artworks are on display, reflecting a variety of media, styles and subjects and including works by illustrators from Australia, China, England, Korea, Mali and Russia, as well as the USA. View the online [portfolio](#) featuring 15 of the more than 40 works currently in the collection. For a complete list of other illustrators represented in the collection, please click [here](#). Better still, come visit the collection in Murray Library!



### Research Tip...

In EBSCO databases, if you enter hyphenated words in a search, you will retrieve entries with and without the hyphen. Example: left-handed will also retrieve left handed

## Follow our Social Media for a Weekly Trivia Question!

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One weekly winner will win a free Café Diem drink!



### Student Snapshot: Annika Stockbauer

- ❖ What year do you graduate? “2024”
- ❖ What is your major? “Dance”
- ❖ What is your library job title? “Interlibrary Loan Assistant”
- ❖ How long have you been a work-study in the library? “Just started September 1<sup>st</sup>”
- ❖ What are the duties you perform while working in the library? “Packaging shipping items, pulling books to send to other libraries, and assisting with displays”
- ❖ What is your favorite part of the job? “The snack drawer in Kimberly’s (supervisor) office”
- ❖ What is the last book you read or favorite book? “*No Compromise: The life story of Keith Green*”

REFERENCE LIBRARIANS CAN BE REACHED BY CHAT, PHONE, AND EMAIL. VISIT OUR [ASK A LIBRARIAN](#) PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION.



## Event

**CrafTea to Go** was an event that we held on September 25<sup>th</sup>. We put together book craft kits that students could complete on their own time and included everything they needed to make the craft, as well as a tea bag and treat. Our next one will be in October. Watch for details!

## October Exhibits

### ***Trophy Case:***

“Remember When... Messiah Then and Now” is a display celebrating the history of Messiah as we transition to a university. Lots of great memorabilia throughout the years.

### ***Document Cases:***

The document cases will be highlighting the story of the Sakimura family, who were a Japanese family that was a part of the Messiah Community during WWII. They have quite a story, and it is one that we can learn from today.

### ***Great Reads:***

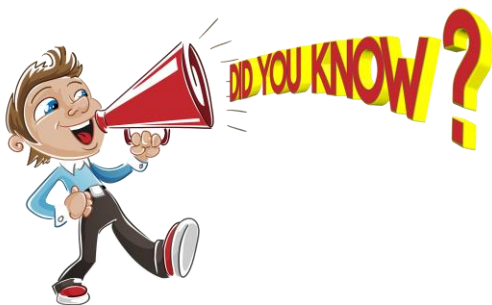
In the Great Reads display for October and November, we will be highlighting books from our E-book collection about WWII to go along with the Poster collection being shown in the Learning Commons area of the library. You can “check out” these books by using a QR code located on each book description.

### ***Foyer:***

In the foyer, we are highlighting Voting in 2020 with books that focus on the importance of voting and voting history in the US.

### ***Vitrines:***

Artists’ Books highlighting WWII are showcased in the vitrines. One featured book, *Kaddish* by Jenni Lukac, shares family photographs and memories of six Holocaust survivors. Stop by and view the display!



**Murray Library is named after the architectural firm that designed the 1977 addition.**