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Murray Library April 2021 Newsletter

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April 2021

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

Thank You for Your Feedback!

The library staff have reviewed the results of the 2020-2021 Annual Library Satisfaction Survey. We appreciate students and faculty taking time out of their busy schedules to provide this helpful data, including individual comments. We are pleased to report that the adjustment of our services to comply with covid guidelines has not had a negative impact on the ability to meet the needs of students and faculty. In fact some areas have increased in rates of satisfaction this year! Rather than focusing on numerical data, I would like to share some specific anonymous comments by students and faculty:

Undergraduate students:

"When I was remote it was so nice to have so many Ebook sources."

"Availability to me through internet access is key to my success."

"The library has provided a space for me to focus more on schoolwork and get work done without being distracted."

"Caffeine to keep me awake, a change of scenery that helps me study, a large database that helps me find resources for any assignments that need it, and a printer that works when the main one I use breaks down."

Graduate students:

"Rapid replies to my inquiries, even after hours and on the weekends! You guys are awesome!"

"Evidenced based articles and journals to help with my research".

"I am a new student and without the chat feature on the library website, I wouldn't have been able to figure out how to find what I need."

"I use the library for every class."

Faculty:

"The library sessions for FYS are invaluable!"

"My liaison librarian provides feedback to me, helping me improve how I design assessments that might use the library for success or even how I write the directions."

"Making external resources available as well as open source textbooks."

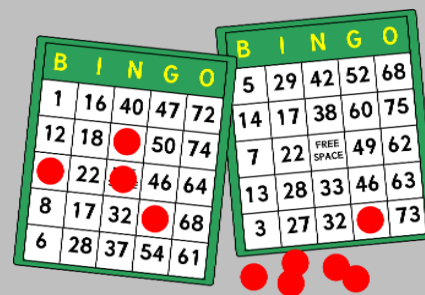
The annual survey is an important assessment tool the library uses to evaluate our effectiveness and give direction for ongoing strategic planning.

Thank you for your part in this process! - Linda



Join Murray Library for our Bingo event on **Friday, April 16th**! There will be two rounds: 7-8pm and 8:30-9:30pm. Spaces are limited & doors will close when we reach capacity. Snack bags will be provided and there will be great prizes for the winner of each round!

This event is FREE!



The theme for **National Library Week** (April 4-10, 2021), “Welcome to Your Library,” promotes the idea that libraries extend far beyond the four walls of a building. Every member of the Messiah community is welcome to use the library’s collections, services, and spaces. Whether you visit in person or use the library’s online resources, Murray Library offers opportunities for everyone to explore new worlds and become their best selves through access to a range of physical and e-materials.



Join us in celebrating:

- 1) Visit the library! We’re open 81.5 hours each week. Find a cozy spot to read or research.
- 2) Discover online collections of academic journals, streaming films, and ebooks. Take a look at Films on Demand, AncestryLibrary, or any of the 600,000 ebooks.
- 3) Ask a question and “Chat with a Librarian” on the library’s homepage.
- 4) Follow us on social media @MUMurrayLibrary on Instagram and Facebook. Use hashtag #MyLibraryIs and tag us!



Let’s get CrafTea!
 Up-cycle a used library book with book folding! Make a beautiful design with simple folds. You can transform a book into a 3-D piece of art. All kits come with supplies, a cookie, and tea. Free, while supplies last. **Stop by the Circulation Desk on Friday, April 9.**

Murray Library is pleased to host the Oakes Museum, Sustainability office and Earthkeepers Photography Contest winners in the library through the month of April. Stop by to see the display!



Movie Lovers...
 Murray has many DVDs for your enjoyment! Visit our library catalog or stop by Murray and browse the collection located on the main floor across from the Learning & Writing Centers.
 Here are some staff favorites:

Back to the Future: the complete trilogy
 PN1995.9.S26 B33 2002


Pride and Prejudice
 PN1997 .A97 P75 2006

Lincoln
 PN1995.9.P678 L553 2013

Unplanned
 PN1995.9.B55 U57 2019

Sense and Sensibility
 PN1997.A97 S46 1999

Downton Abbey, the movie
 PN1992.77 .D69 2019



April Exhibits

Foyer / Great Reads:

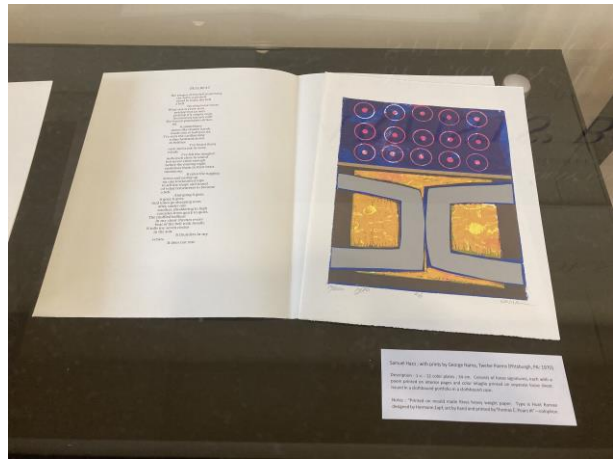
Join the library and the office of Academic Accessibility as we celebrate Autism Acceptance month with writings and poems from some of our students as well as resources to help us celebrate and understand Autism in a new way.

Trophy Case:

Stop by the library and see artist books created by some of Messiah's art students.

Vitrines:

Come view Artists' Books highlighting poetry. Pieces include *Poppyrose*, *Twelve Poems*, *Bent like the River*, and *This Quiet Now ; The Poetry Book*.



Photos: Vitrines

Student Snapshot: Audrey Bassett

What year do you graduate? “May 2022”

What is your major? “Nursing”

What is your library job title? “Student Circulation Assistant”

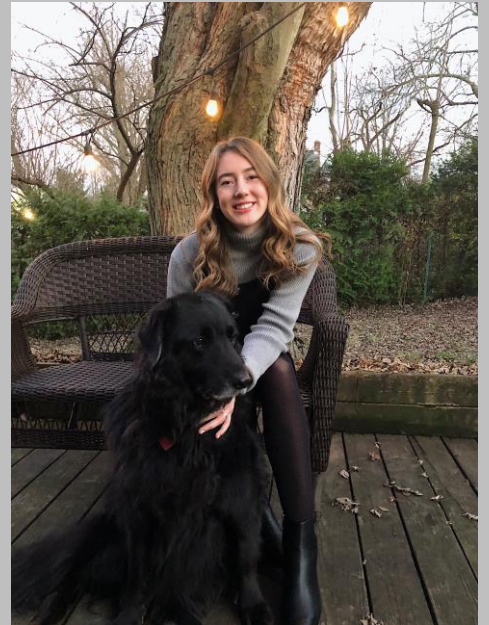
How long have you been a work study in the library?

“I started as a freshman in the fall of 2018.”

What are the duties you perform while working in the library? “I help people with self-checkout, printer issues, and finding books. I also check books in and shelve them in the Main Stacks as well as shelf read, which is making sure the items are in order.”

What is your favorite part of the job? “I have amazing coworkers. The librarians, supervisors, and students make the job so much fun. But I also have a love of reading, and one of my favorite places to be is wandering around the Main Stacks looking for books.”

What is the last book you read or favorite book? “I just finished *Tower of Dawn* by Sarah J. Maas and I've almost finished the series!”



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