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Murray Library February 2023 Newsletter

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What's New at the Library?

February 2023

Regular Hours:
 Mon.-Thurs.,
 8AM-11PM
 Fri., 8AM-5PM
 Sat., 10AM-6PM
 Sun., 2PM-11PM

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Upcoming Bingo Night

A Bingo Night for students will be held on **Friday, February 3**. This is the library's second time co-hosting bingo with the Office of Sustainability. Doors open at 6:45 and bingo starts at 7 PM. All bingo supplies will be edible or biodegradable for a sustainable good time. This event is being held as part of the Campus Race to Zero Waste. There will be 10 Rounds of Bingo with prizes for each round. Low waste snacks will be provided!



Student Snapshot – Meet Paige Horne, one of Murray's student workers



What year do you graduate? "I graduate May 2023"

What is your major? "My major is PreK-4 Education and I have a minor in Music"

What is your library job title? "I am a Circulation Assistant at the library"

How long have you been a work-study in the library? "I have worked at the library for 3 years"

What are the duties you perform while working in the library? "When I work, I get to shelve, inventory and check out books to students, professors, and other library members. I also help out students when they have questions about the library or about printing."

What is your favorite part of the job? "I love helping people so my favorite part of the job is getting to help out students who have questions about the library, especially when my friends come up to the desk with questions!"

What is the last book you read or favorite book? "I am currently reading through the Mysterious Benedict Society series!"

Research Help...

Librarians are available Monday-Friday through the Leave a Librarian a Message widget, one-on-one consultations, phone, and by email. Visit our [Ask a Librarian](#) page for more information.

Tip... If you struggle with thinking of search terms to find resources about a topic, just focus on finding one or two good resources in a database. Then look for subject terms to help you determine the preferred relevant terms to use for your topic in that particular database.



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Congratulations to Michael Rice, Digital Resources Librarian, on his retirement on January 17, 2023, after 31 years of service at Murray Library. A lot has changed in the past 31 years in the library world. We have moved on from SilverPlatter, CD-ROMs, the Card Catalog, and stacks of indexes for reference. But you have left your mark on the library, students, faculty and staff. We will always remember the quiet and reflective, tenor member of the choir, Phillies fan, George Harrison/Beatles loving man, who served others with grace and humility. We wish you all the best as you enter this new season of your life.
-Linda Poston



Murray Library participating in the 2023 Messiah University Humanities Symposium

Librarians Beth Transue and Sarah Myers have a passion for genealogy. In discussing the symposium's upcoming theme of migration, they considered the ways that migration becomes part of our family's history. The public and campus community are invited to attend a panel presentation titled, "Research Journeys: Discovering Family Migration Stories." This event is sponsored by Murray Library and the Messiah University Archives. It will be held in Murray Library on **Wednesday, February 22, 5-6 PM**. Panelists of Messiah educators and students will present global and local family history migration stories. The discussion will highlight successes and challenges from the research journey, including the absence of evidence due to forced migration and colonization stories. The presentation will conclude with tips for how to begin your own research journey using online and print resources available through Murray Library.



Championing Literacy!

On the National MLK Day of Service (January 16, 2023), Friends of Murray Library teamed up with the 14th Annual Central PA MLK Day of Service & Reading Is Fundamental (RIF) as well as with students from Messiah's Multicultural Student Programs, and Agape Center for Local and Global Engagement to champion literacy by stuffing 100 literacy kits for local children. Kits contained engaging activities centered around "My Elephant Sized Dream", a book about Dr. King's dream for a beloved community. Volunteers also helped students make 29 no sew blankets to be donated to Bethesda Mission.



An advertisement for streaming videos. It features a large film reel on the left. The text says: "Stream, Watch, Learn, & Enjoy" in large white letters, followed by "Messiah.edu/Library" and "Streaming Videos" in smaller text. Below that, it says "FILMS ON DEMAND" in a red and white banner.



Are you in need of a study space for a small group?

Murray is taking reservations for our two group study rooms, 118 and 119. You can make a reservation ahead of time by contacting the circulation desk in-person or by phone (717.691.6006) *or* in-person the day of by using the sign-up sheets located at the rooms.



JOY Center, a local early childhood center, participated in a MLK Children's Reading Event on January 19 in Murray Library. We welcomed 40+ kids, staff and parents. Children visited the Bridge to Freedom Children's Collection Room, listening to stories and engaging in activities related to the themes of kindness and friendship. Sarah Fischer and Melinda Burchard, Education faculty, along with Education students, shared their creativity and led the various stations, offering an enriching experience for all.



February Display

The library's main display case features books from our "Bridge to Freedom" collection. The collection provides educational resources for children centered on the Civil Rights Movement and other historical experiences with themes of equality, freedom, justice, and reconciliation. We are also highlighting the gifted authors who share this important work.

