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Murray Library October 2023 Newsletter

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What's New at Murray Library?

October 2023



Regular Hours:

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

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Starting this October, the Murray Librarians are launching a brand-new initiative called "Food for Thought," and it's all about casually connecting with educators in their liaison areas.

What is Food for Thought?

"Food for Thought" is an exciting new event where Murray's dedicated librarians will be coming to an academic building the first Monday of every month for an opportunity to connect with educators. Librarians want to hear your thoughts, answer your questions, and provide you with the latest library updates. Take a few minutes to have an open exchange with our knowledgeable librarians.

Why "Food for Thought"?

Our library is more than a collection of books; Murray is a center of knowledge and hub for engagement. Librarians want to connect with our liaison-area educators and we understand that meaningful discussions can work up an appetite. That's why we've decided to sweeten the deal. In exchange for your valuable time, we'll be offering delicious beverages and snacks for you to enjoy.

Where will you find your librarian?

Each "Food for Thought" session will be hosted at a different location with a goal to continue throughout the spring semester. This fall, librarians will be visiting Boyer Hall, Frey Hall, and Winding Hill. The librarians look forward to engaging in rich conversations while savoring some delicious treats together. Educators in these buildings should stay tuned for more details as we get closer to the event dates.

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.

Charter Bus Trip!

Join Friends of Murray Library on a charter bus day trip to the National Museum of African American History and Culture in Washington DC on Saturday November 4th. Morning departure time from Messiah University is at 7am, with anticipated evening arrival time back to campus at 9:30pm. Registration includes transportation and museum tickets but does not include meals. To sign up by October 16th, visit the [Friends webpage](#).

Any questions, contact Tracy Sheaffer at tsheaffer@messiah.edu.

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Facebook: MU Murray Library page

Instagram / Snapchat: @mumurraylibrary



Friends of Murray Library Annual Dinner/Lecture



It's been 30 years since Friends of Murray Library was established at Messiah! Join us Friday October 27th at 6pm for our **30th Anniversary** annual dinner and public lecture. Dinner will be held in Hostetter Chapel from 6PM-7:30PM, with a meal catered by Messiah's Two Bridges Catering. Following dinner, we will hold a public lecture at the Calvin and Janet High Center for Worship and Performing Arts from 8PM-9PM. You won't want to miss our special guests & the opportunities to reflect on the past 3 decades of Friends! Additionally, we will be joined by nationally recognized special guest and keynote speaker Chad Dion Lassiter. Lassiter is an expert in the field of American Race Relations. He also has international experience working on race, peace, and poverty-related issues in Africa, Canada, Haiti, Israel, and Norway, and is called upon frequently by media outlets to provide commentary on race relations and potential solutions. Lassiter is a member of the US Presidential Advisory Commission on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity for Black Americans and currently serves as the Executive Director of the Pennsylvania Human Relations Commission.

To register, please visit the Friends of Murray Library [webpage](#). Reservation deadline is October 6, 2023.

Trivia Night Recap

The Murray Library recently hosted a wildly successful Trivia Night on Friday, September 22. It was an evening filled with intellectual camaraderie, fierce competition, and, of course, a whole lot of fun! The event was a hit, thanks to the exceptional efforts of library colleagues who worked diligently to make it all happen. Librarian Liz Kielley, our trivia host, kept the energy high throughout the night. Librarian Sarah Myers served as the behind the scenes question coordinator, and a special nod to Kimberly Steiner for keeping everyone fueled with snacks. Rachael Jasitt helped develop the quiz questions along with Liz, Sarah, and Kimberly. Librarian Beth Transue and several student helpers served as scorekeepers.

The highlight of the evening was the overwhelming enthusiasm from our students and a few staff, too. We were thrilled to see 19 teams of 2-6 players each, which brought our total to an astounding 96 attendees! This level of engagement underscores the spirit that our students bring to every campus event.

The trivia questions were a diverse range of topics that challenged participants to summon their knowledge from all corners of academia and life. But it wasn't just about facts and figures; the puzzle round, featured rebus word puzzles that tested the lateral thinking abilities of our teams. The night was enhanced by special bonus questions provided in advance by the Biology Club, Asian Student Association, and the MU Writing Center.

We are pleased to announce the top three teams that emerged victorious:

1. **First Place: Jeopardy Rejects:** Sarah Lee Meeks, Ethan Jo, William Reed, Abi Entwistle, Emily Bell
2. **Second Place : Bisbee Biddies:** Maggie Shive, Karin Bisbee, Emily Bingham, Tovah Wilson, Jocelyn Clippinger, Sarah Bisbee
3. **Third Place: Team Google:** Lesley Zanay, Maribella Sanchez, Julia Potter, June Miller, Abigail Smucker, Eleanore Beachy

Congratulations to our winners, and a round of applause for all the teams who participated with gusto and sportsmanship. The library plans many enriching and educational activities for students and the Messiah community. Please check out our upcoming events:

<https://libguides.messiah.edu/events/upcoming>

