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## Murray Library April 2024 Newsletter

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## What's New at Murray Library? April 2024

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

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### *Meet Murray's New Director, Janet Vogel*

On June 1, 2024, Murray Library will welcome its new director: Messiah University alum Janet Vogel. Janet comes to Messiah with extensive library leadership experience: as the Youth Services Manager at Frederick County (MD) Public Libraries from 2014-2020, and more recently as director of the Hiram College Library in Hiram, Ohio. But Janet's interest in libraries and librarianship goes further back than that, in fact, all the way back to her days as a Messiah College undergraduate in the early 2000s.

In fall 1999, Janet arrived from Springfield, Vermont, as a first-year student, deeply interested in history and in learning more generally (she graduated from Messiah with a B.A. in history, and with minors in both German and Computer Science). Janet's First Year Seminar instructor that fall was Jonathan Lauer, the director of Murray Library at the time and a superb classroom teacher. Not only did Janet learn from Jonathan about the writer Wallace Stegner, but she also learned that being a library director was an extraordinarily interesting job.

Jonathan encouraged Janet to work in Murray Library as a student, and to consider librarianship as a career—and she did. As a Messiah student, Janet worked at the Murray Library circulation desk. Later, while finishing up her Master's in Library Science from the University of Illinois, Janet served as Murray Library's Evening Circulation Supervisor.

Janet left that role in Murray Library in 2008, when she began working in the Frederick County Public Libraries system. Even then, however, she stayed connected to Messiah College, serving as an adjunct instructor in the History Department from 2011-2015 (John Fea says that she was “outstanding” in that role). Janet would be quick to tell you that Messiah has played an outsized role in helping her develop as a scholar, as a Christian, and as a servant to others—a mission she hopes to contribute to in the years ahead.

Please join the Murray Library staff in welcoming Janet (back) to Messiah University when she arrives on campus in June.

David Weaver-Zercher, Assistant Provost

### *Final call! >>> Research Grant*

**Final call** for applications for the 2023-2024 Library Student Research Grant Award sponsored by the Friends of Murray Library. Seniors graduating in 2025 are eligible. The grant provides an opportunity to experience a taste of graduate school or profession-level research using both Murray Library's print and digital collections as well as relevant research materials located at other institutions or organizations.

Additional details can be found on the [Friends website](#). The deadline for applications is April 5<sup>th</sup>.



Please contact [Tracy Sheaffer](#) with any questions you may have.

## The Living Library: Signups are live



Please join the Office of Diversity Affairs and the Murray Library as they co-host the “Living Library: Many Stories, One Community” on Wednesday, April 10 between noon-4pm.

This event is held in the library and you, as the “reader” have the opportunity to hear stories from colleagues and students as they are the “books.” Each book is on loan for 30 minutes.

Come hear these personal narratives and reserve the “books” of your choice [online](#).

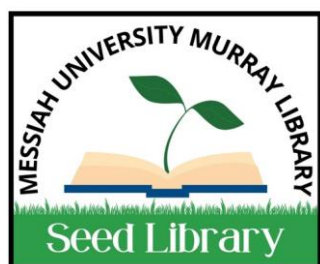
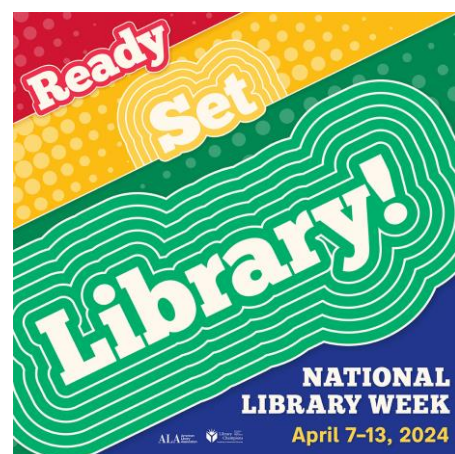
If you are new to the concept of the Living Library, and have questions, please contact Liz Kielley, discovery and metadata librarian, at [ekielley@messiah.edu](mailto:ekielley@messiah.edu)

## National Library Week is nearly here!

The theme for National Library Week 2024, “Ready, Set, Library,” celebrates the gift of libraries everywhere and the adventures and opportunities they unlock for us. Libraries also offer the ability to connect in many ways, including multimedia, programing, new ideas, librarians, and with each other—in addition to books.

Connect with Murray Library! From April 8-12, the Murray Library team has some fun events and challenges for the Messiah community. Join us for any or all of these events.

- Look for our haiku challenge on the library's whiteboards.
- Stop at our free bookmark coloring station.
- From noon to 1 PM on Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, the library staff will have a table in the Murray Library foyer, with opportunities to share what you like and/or value about Murray Library and give away free snacks.



## Seed Library

*Here's the Dirt...*

Check out our most recent version of Murray's [Seed Library Newsletter!](#)

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Murray Library page](#)



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## Have a Question?

Librarians can be reached by chat, phone, and email. Visit our [Ask a Librarian](#) webpage for more information.

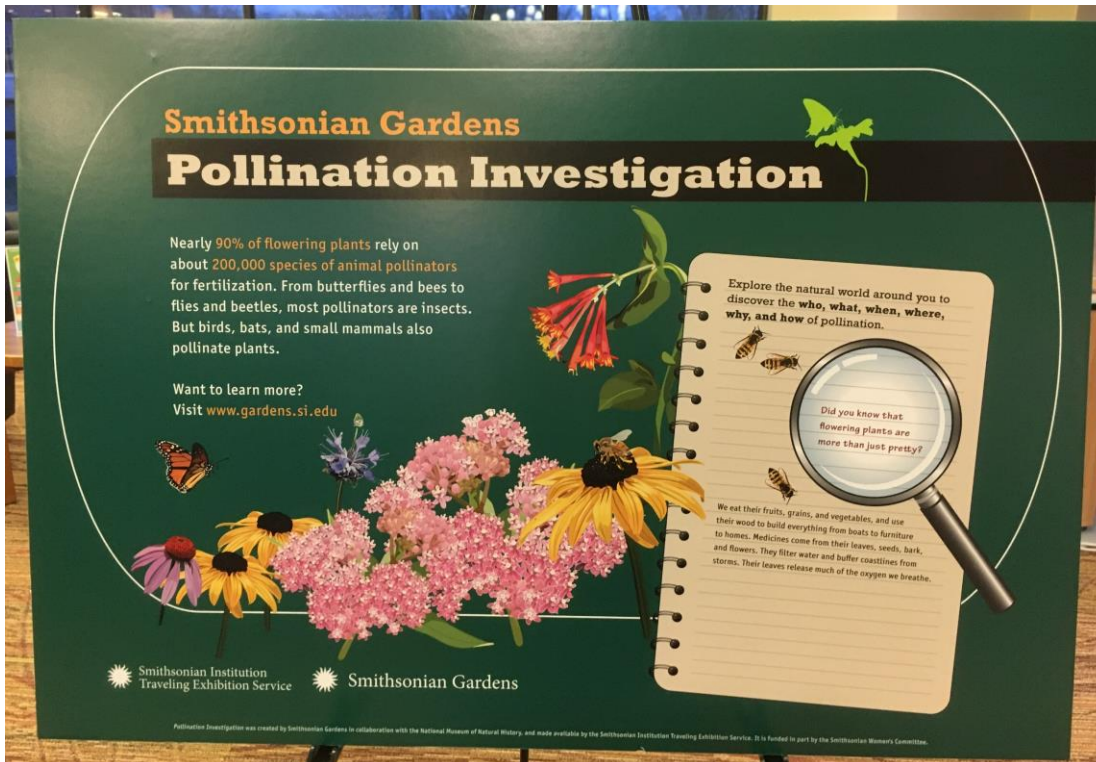


# HERE'S THE DIRT



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New Books in our Collection:



Encyclopedia of plants & flowers

Call number:  
SB403.2 .A438 2019

Garden revolution:  
how our landscapes  
can be a source of  
environmental  
change

Call number:  
QH541.15 .L35 W43 2016

## THE BUZZ ABOUT POLLINATORS

Stop by Murray Library to see our new display on pollinators courtesy of the Smithsonian Institute Traveling Exhibition Service and thanks to Messiah Press.

There are various panels located around the Café Diem and Circulation areas of the library for you to read and explore.

Learn more about the who, what, where, when, why, and how of pollination...there may be more to it than you think!

After you view the display, stop by the circulation desk to check out some seeds and support pollinators in your own backyard!

A cultural history of  
plants : in antiquity

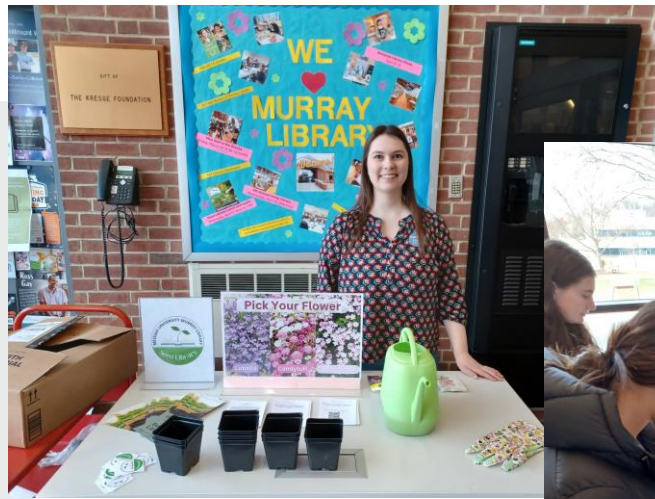
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SB107 .C85 2022 vol. 1

All are available at  
Murray Library!

## Sow and Grow Recap

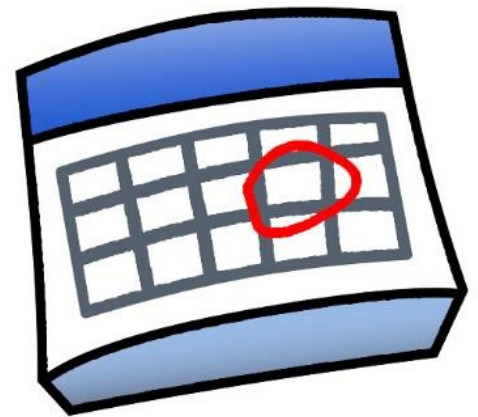
Although the weather was chilly outside, we had fun ringing in the first day of spring by planting seeds! About 25 people joined us to plant either Lobelia, Forget-Me-Not, or Candytuft seeds to spruce up their dorms, apartments, or homes.

Thank you to all who participated!



## News and Events

-Join us on Wednesday **April 17<sup>th</sup> from 12-1pm** for a "lunch and learn" with Gary Reneker who will discuss how plants were used in colonial times to brew up some delicious drinks. Please bring your own lunch and register at the following link:  
<https://forms.gle/ChGmNct8iaYPtB7P9>



## SUPPORT POLLINATORS IN YOUR GARDEN WITH THESE RESOURCES:

01

The Old Farmer's Almanac has been around since 1792 with information on gardening, cooking, and the weather. See what they have to say about pollinator friendly plants and how to build and pollination garden at the link below:

<https://www.almanac.com/building-pollinator-garden>

02

Want to attract pollinators but you're not sure what plants are native to this area? Check out the following list which includes the scientific and common names, bloom times, and planting information:

[https://xerces.org/sites/default/files/publications/22-024\\_01\\_NPPBI%E2%80%94Atlantic\\_web.pdf](https://xerces.org/sites/default/files/publications/22-024_01_NPPBI%E2%80%94Atlantic_web.pdf)

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