

What's New at Murray Library?

April 2025

Mon.-Thurs., 8AM-11PM - Sat., 10AM-6PM

Fri., 8AM-5PM - Sun., 2PM-11PM



Research Grant ... Apply Today!

The 2025 Library Student Research Grant application deadline is Friday, April 4th.

This competitive grant provides funds for Messiah students who will be seniors in the 2025-2026 academic year to work on their senior honors projects or senior capstone projects.

Resources

This is a great opportunity to experience a taste of graduate school or professional-level research using both Murray Library's print & digital collections as well as other relevant research materials for your chosen topic located at other institutions or organizations.

Funds

The grantee will be awarded \$1,000 in the spring for the 2025-2026 academic year. Proposals are selected for funding by an interdisciplinary panel of judges chaired by Chad Frey, Chair of Friends of Murray Library.

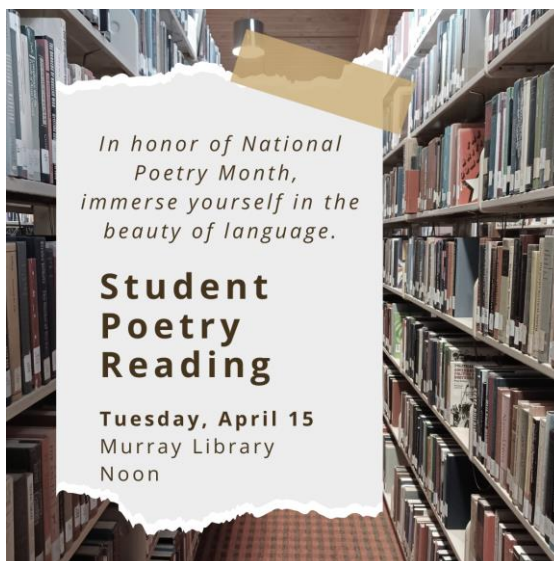
Presentation

Grant recipient will present an overview of the project and research process at the Friends Annual Dinner in the fall of 2025 or alternative venue as appropriate. Award recipient will be announced Tuesday, April 22nd.

****Many thanks to Friends of Murray Library for sponsoring the grant!**



Can't find the book or article you need? Try Interlibrary Loan! Go to the library website, click on "[Interlibrary Loan](#)" to create an account and fill out the form. Receive books within days to 2 weeks & articles within hours to a week.



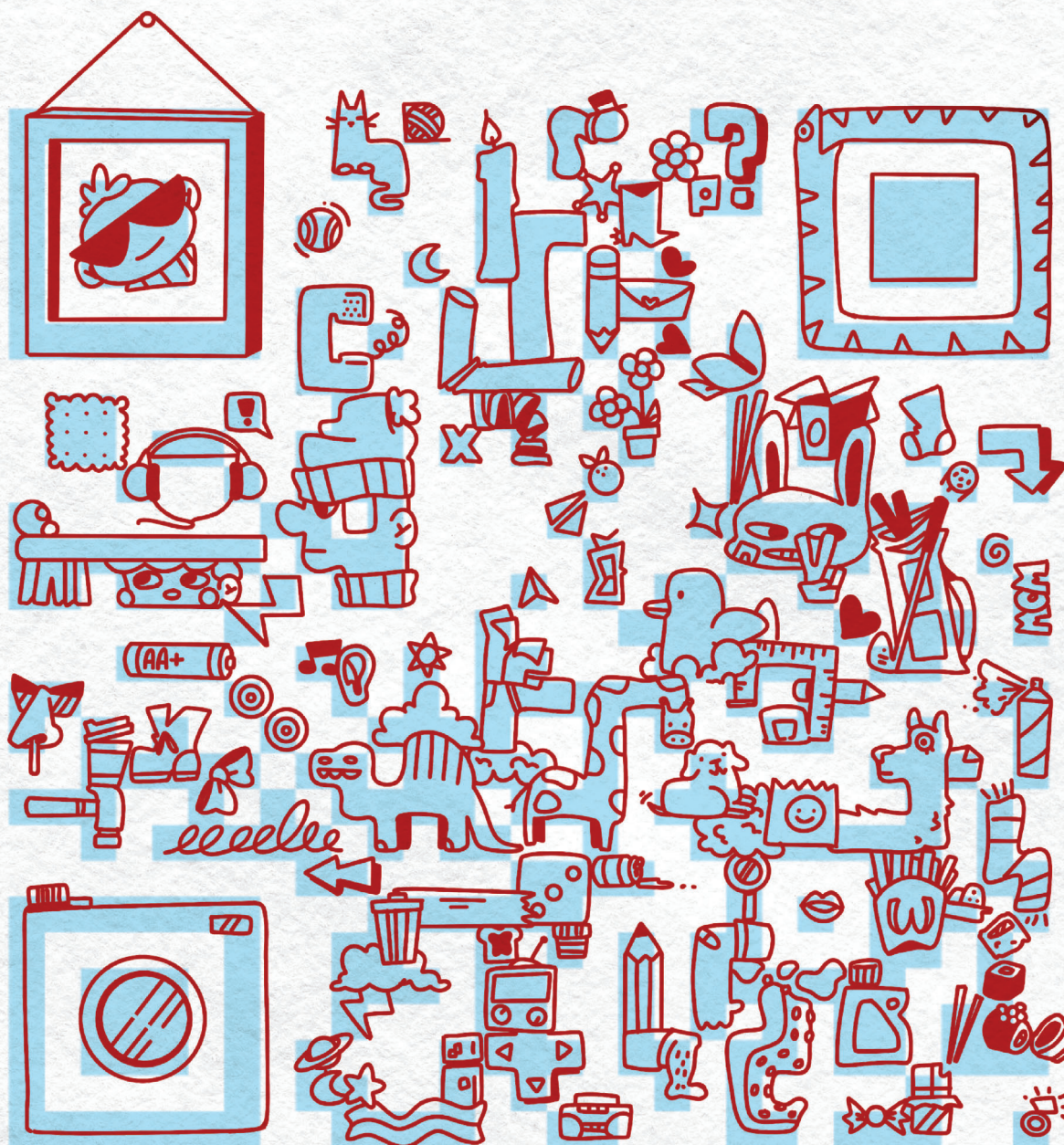
Student Poetry Reading

Tuesday, April 15 | Noon – 12:45 PM

Take a break and join Murray Library for a lunchtime poetry reading in honor of National Poetry Month! Students from Dr. Matt Roth's Formal Poetry Workshop (ENGL 312) will share their original poems at Café Diem. Bring your love for poetry for this opportunity to enjoy the creativity of our student poets and immersing yourself in the beauty of language.

Complimentary snacks and beverages will be provided by Murray Library and the President's Office.

As a special treat, all attendees are invited to take home poetry books, generously provided by a donor.



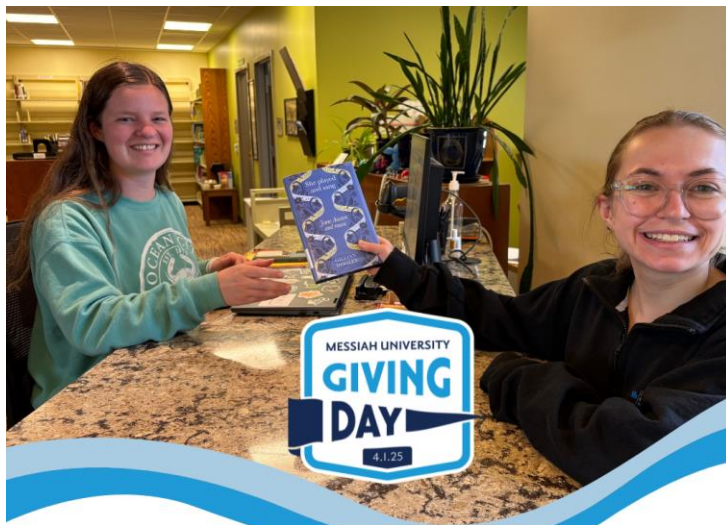
ARTIST'S BOOK AUGMENTED REALITY EXHIBITION

*Evan Hopkins, Arianna Keith, Dain Kobzowicz,
Sierra Reinford, Nate Sherrod, and Daniel Smith*

Interactive exhibition opening on
Friday, April 4, 4:30-6 pm with
an informal reception at the
Athenaeum in Murry Library

Exhibition exploring themes of mindfulness in augmented reality and design will be displayed in the glass case by the front desk in Murray Library after April 7, 2025.





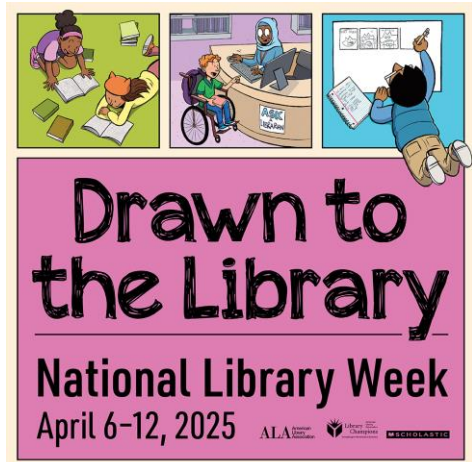
THANK YOU!

We appreciate your support for our first Giving Day. Follow us on social media (@MUMurrayLibrary) for a complete recap!

Happy National Library Week

Did you know April 6th-12th is National Library Week? This year's theme is "Drawn to the Library." We would love to hear about what draws you to the library or library resources. Stop by the table near the main staircase all week to fill out a card saying what you love about the library or librarians and be entered to win a gift card to Café Diem! Library staff will be present on **Monday 4/7/25** from 9:45-11am and 1:45-3pm with some extra prizes!

We hope to see you there!



Librarians are available in person
Monday through Friday.

Visit the Circulation Desk and ask for a librarian or [contact a librarian](#) to set up an appointment.

Sharing their Musical Gifts

We're excited to highlight two of our student circulation workers, senior Emmy Varner (Public History) and junior Esther Hess (Environmental Science), who are members of the Messiah University Handbell Choir! Alongside longtime ringer Librarian Liz Kielley, they've been preparing for an upcoming concert that promises to be a enjoyable event. Esther has been playing handbells for four years and said, "My favorite thing about playing handbells is the teamwork that is necessary to produce music. Each person only plays a few notes so alone there is no music, but when everyone plays together it sounds beautiful."

The Messiah University Handbell Choir will perform on **Saturday, April 26th, 1:30 PM** at the High Center, High Foundation Recital Hall. The group especially looks forward to performing an arrangement of "For Good" from *Wicked*. The concert is free and open to the public. Join them for this fantastic performance and support Emmy, Esther, and Librarian Liz as they showcase their musical talents.



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Pages in Peace

A Read-What-You-Want Book Club

- Bring your own book or choose from our suggestions
- Grab a snack
- Read for about 45 minutes
- Share what you're reading with fellow book lovers

4/25 from 3:30-4:30pm
Library Athenaeum



Living Library

many stories, one community



The Living Library: Many Stories, One Community is where Messiah students, faculty and staff become open books, sharing their personal narrative with readers. Come and hear their stories!

Reserve the books of your choice online at: <https://libguides.messiah.edu/livinglibrary/>

Each book will be on loan for 30 minutes.



Building a positive framework for conversations that can challenge stereotypes and prejudices through dialogue.

Featured Books:



Kim Phipps
President of Messiah University
Speaking at 2:15 pm
"Not What I Was Planning"



Scott Frey
Poet and Educator
Speaking at 12:15 pm and 12:55 pm
"Heavy Metal Nursing"
<https://www.scottfrey.org/>

Wednesday

April 9, 2025

12 pm – 4 pm

Murray Library



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Friend Spotlight

Occasionally, we will highlight Friends of Murray Library members to learn more about them and why they are Friends. This month's Friend is Abigail Andrews '08, a Friend since October 2022, and her favorite book is *From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg. Following her internship at Murray Library in her senior year, Abigail became a Children's Library Associate at the Washington County Free Library in Maryland.

When asked why she supports Friends of Murray Library, Abigail said, "Murray Library was such an important part of my time at Messiah. I spent countless hours doing research, studying, and accessing materials within its walls. **I support Friends so that that current and future Messiah students will benefit from everything Murray Library has to offer.**"

Abigail also gives to the [Ruth E. Engle Memorial Collection of Children's Book Illustration](#). "My Children's Literature class used the Engle Collection as part of our classwork. **Seeing artwork like that up close and without having to visit a museum was an incredible opportunity,**" Abigail said.



Like many alumni, Murray Library played a role in Abigail's decision to attend Messiah: "The actual moment that I knew I wanted to attend Messiah happened when the tour guide brought us into Murray Library, over to the glass wall, and had us look down on the stacks. That was it! Whenever I did campus tours, I always made sure to visit that same spot with prospective families."

We are grateful for the support of donors like Abigail. If you would like to ensure that Messiah students continue to have the best possible library experience, join Friends of Murray Library today by visiting [Messiah.edu/friendsofmurraylibrary](https://messiah.edu/friendsofmurraylibrary).

**We invite you to learn more about Murray Library's [special collections](#) .
Come visit and experience these collections for yourself.**

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

Thomas Locker, *Cloud Dance* (2000)

Circulating Copy Call Number: Fiction L815 Cl 2000 in the Juvenile Fiction section



Accompanying text:
*Clouds of many shapes and sizes drift and
dance across the sky.*

Thomas Locker acknowledged two great passions—painting and nature. Born in New York, Locker began his career as a landscape painter. His paintings have been featured in more than fifty exhibitions in major galleries throughout the United States and abroad. Locker began illustrating books for children when he discovered that few of the books published for young readers were dedicated to teaching them an appreciation for the type of landscape paintings one might find in the National Galleries of the world. Today, Locker's paintings and illustrations grace the pages of thirty books, several of which he also wrote. These unique books, expressing Locker's profound love of and respect for the natural world, have honored with numerous awards, including the Christopher Award, the John Burroughs Award, and a *New York Times* Award for best illustration.

The strength of *Cloud Dance*, as with many of Locker's works, "is the way Locker lets his paintings do most of the talking," writes *Booklist* reviewer Tim Arnold. "Austere lines of text are complemented by art that goes beyond the call of illustrative duty to reveal the wonder and beauty of the sky in different seasons...."

A Tee-rific Time at Murray Library!



On Friday, March 28, Murray Library transformed into a mini golf course for a fun and unique event. Over 94 attendees gathered to play a round of golf through 18 creatively designed holes, each brought to life by different campus clubs, offices, and groups. Players navigated the quirky courses, offering a memorable night of friendly competition and community spirit.

The event featured holes from a variety of campus organizations, including the Graduate School Programs, Oakes Museum, Writing Center, Office of Academic Accessibility, BRPS Department, MU Athletics, Social Work Club, and many others. Each hole provided its own challenge and creative twist to their messaging. The hole from the Office of Academic Accessibility was voted as the crowd's favorite.

In addition to the fun of the game, attendees enjoyed snacks and refreshing Arnold Palmer drinks, making the evening even more enjoyable. With plenty of laughs, friendly rivalries, and a few bogies, it was a fantastic night.



Thanks to the hard work of Rachael Jasitt, Sarah Myers, Janet Vogel, and Jenny Lawyer who coordinated the planning and ensured everything ran smoothly. Special thanks to all the organizations that participated and contributed to making the night a great success. Liberty Forge Golf Course graciously provided their mini golf putters for the night. This was the 9th time hosting the mini golf event. The Library Team enjoys the opportunity to connect with the campus community in unique and meaningful ways.

Sow and Grow



On Thursday, March 20th, Murray Library held its Sow and Grow event from 2:30PM to 3:30PM to celebrate the first day of Spring. More than twenty-five visitors to the library were able to plant their own marigold flowers, including the varieties of Crackerjack Mixed, French Double Dwarf, Sparky, and an unknown mystery variety. The Office of Sustainability partnered with the library on this event, supplying soil from the Grantham garden and sustainable toilet paper roll pots for easy, biodegradable transplanting. This event also raised awareness for the Seed Library, and visitors were encouraged to pick up a marigold care paper with a QR code taking them to the [Seed Library LibGuide](#) on the Murray Library website. In addition, Seed Library stickers and informational brochures were also provided.



Lunch & Learn

Murray Library held its annual Lunch and Learn event on Wednesday, March 26th from noon to 1PM. About seventeen attendees enjoyed hearing from Wesley Paris in the Office of Sustainability about the history, science, and processes involved with tapping maple trees for syrup. Wesley also shared the experience of working on his own project of maple tapping on campus with examples of equipment used and provided time for any questions from his audience. Attendees were then treated to vanilla ice cream with maple syrup toppings at the end of the presentation.