



Partnerships and collaborations

Friends has sponsored University and community-wide events, such as the Holocaust Film Series and the Remnant Trust Rare Books Exhibit.

Friends also has partnered with the Schools of the Humanities, Arts and Education, The Boyer Center, and other regional and state organizations to bring an array of luminaries to campus: Terry Gross host of NPR's "Fresh Air"; Newbery Medalist Katherine Paterson; Poets Laureate Robert Pinsky and Donald Hall; and journalist and author Anne Applebaum, to name a few.

Acquisitions

Friends likewise has funded a variety of enhancements to Murray Library such as: archival storage and display cases; Pullman steel benches for the terrace at the front entrance; the construction of glass-front study rooms on the lower level.

The bronze "Fiddlehead" sculpture in the beautifully landscaped contemplative garden behind Murray Library is the product of a collaborative effort by *Friends*, Murray Library, Messiah's Grounds and Visual Arts departments and students of Art 262, a sculpture course.



Library student research grant

Since 2003, *Friends* has awarded more than \$19,000 to fund selected proposals by Messiah students for research projects. Their research uses both Murray Library resources and additional resources at other institutions and organizations.



Grant recipient Anya Benninger conducted research titled: "Social Stories: Bookmaking in the Life of an Autistic Artist."

Annual *Friends* dinner

Friends hosts an annual dinner each fall, celebrating membership and recognizing contributions to Murray Library. The event takes place on campus, with attendees enjoying a catered meal and presentations by the student research grant awardee and keynote speaker, whose topic embraces the *Friends* yearly theme.



Annual *Friends* Dinner.

Directions to Murray Library

The address for Messiah University is:
One University Avenue
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

Parking is located in the visitor lot and handicapped parking is available beside the library.

Library hours

Monday to Thursday: 8 a.m. to 11 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Sunday: 2 p.m. to 11 p.m.

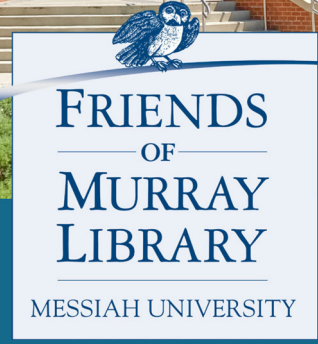
Summer hours

Monday to Friday: 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

main entrance to Messiah University



visitor lot Murray Library handicap parking



Friends makes a difference.

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From its beginning in 1993, *Friends* has promoted the mission of Murray Library with a variety of purchases, projects and programs that extend beyond the library's operational budget.

We invite you to join us as a member to continue to make a difference in the education of Messiah students and the greater Messiah community through:

- Library student research grants
- Special collections
- Murray Library acquisitions
- Annual dinner and special events
- Partnerships and collaborations

Special collections

Each of Murray Library's four special collections traces its beginning to *Friends* and can be viewed on Murray Library's website.

Artists' Books

Visually exciting and intellectually provocative, artists' books push to the outermost limits of our assumed definition of what a book is and turn the practice of reading into a novel experience. Simply defined, artists' books are a hybrid art form in which books and art intersect. Many of the 300+ artists' books in Murray Library's collection are the work of well-known book artists, including works by Messiah University art faculty. *Friends* continues to fund new acquisitions to the collection, enhancing its use as an interdisciplinary teaching resource.



Cover of 'What's Happening with Momma?'

Murray Library's collections

Today the Murray Library holds more than 250,000 items, including books, periodicals and audio/visual media, as well as online databases and journals. Subject specialities include religion, music and nursing. Among the library's most notable holdings are the archives of Messiah University, the Brethren in Christ Church and The Boyer Center, as well as the four special collections, presented herein.

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

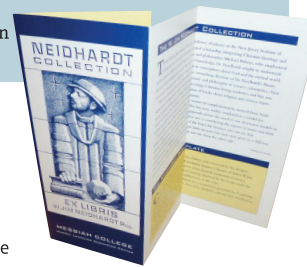
Dedicated in April 2004, this collection of original picture-book art by award-winning illustrators began with gifts given to *Friends of Murray Library* in memory of Ruth Engle, a charter member who also served on its board. New artworks are added to the collection, funded by *Friends* and gifts from donors. Currently, more than two dozen artworks are on display, reflecting a variety of media, styles and subjects and including works by illustrators from Australia, China, Korea, Mali and Russia, as well as the United States.



Benefits of membership

Annual *Friends* memberships include:

- Library borrowing privileges
- 12 interlibrary loan requests per year
- Invitation to *Friends* events (annual dinner, general meeting and occasional excursions to places of literary or historic interest, lectures, exhibits and other cultural or social events)
- Receipt of *Friends* mailings highlighting the group's activities, as well as library activities and plans
- Eligibility to serve on *Friends* board

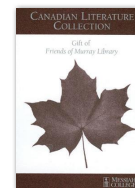


W. Jim Neidhardt Collection on Religion and Science

W. Jim Neidhardt's keen interest in the relationship between modern science and the Christian faith, as well as the presence of several longtime friends at Messiah University, led him to give his extensive personal library to Murray Library. Subject areas in the collection are astonishingly diverse, ranging from physics, engineering and theology to cybernetics, chaos theory and aesthetics. A *Friends*-commissioned bookplate bearing Neidhardt's likeness portrays aspects of his lifework and identifies volumes in the collection.

Canadian Literature

Friends committed more than \$10,000 to establish this special collection, currently consisting of more than 900 titles by such influential Canadian authors as Margaret Atwood, Rudy Wiebe, Robertson Davies, Leonard Cohen and Alice Munro, each identified by a *Friends*-commissioned bookplate. The collection is being expanded to include poetry, plays, critical and other nonfiction works.



Friends of Murray Library Membership/Renewal Application



NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/STATE/ZIP _____

HOME OR CELL PHONE _____

E-MAIL ADDRESS _____

GIFTED MEMBERSHIP BY _____

Membership Levels

- Gift a membership (select level and enter details for individual(s) receiving gift at top of form)
- Student Contributor (\$5 annual)
- Single Contributor (\$35 annual)
- Family Contributor (\$50 annual)
- Sponsor (\$100 annual)
- Lifetime Contributor (\$500 one-time)

I/we'd like to make a special gift to:

- Friends of Murray Library Endowment
- Artists' Books Collection
- Canadian Literature Collection
- Ruth E. Engle Memorial Collection of Children's Book Illustration
- W. Jim Neidhardt Endowment

Payment

Checks should be made payable to *Friends of Murray Library* and mailed to:
Murray Library, Messiah University
One University Avenue
Mechanicsburg, PA 17055

Be a Friend: Volunteer!

I/we'd like to help with the following:
 special collections planning trips
 board of directors annual dinner
 special events

Thank you!

Thank you for being a *Friend* and contributing to the growth and enhancement of Murray Library!