Welcome to the MU Library - An Asset for Student Success and Learning

Whether you are starting college for the first time, transferring from a different school, beginning a new career path, or just returning for the new semester - the beginning of the school year is intimidating. However, Madonna University offers numerous resources, such as the MU Library, for students to feel more confident about their academic careers. This semester, the Library will be hosting workshops and orientations to build awareness on the Library’s resources and the importance of information literacy skills.

The Library retains approximately 195,000 print and electronic books, 130 databases, and eight librarians who are ready to help students utilize these resources. This semester, the librarians are further assisting students by offering workshops to specific student groups to best meet their research needs.

For graduate students, the following research workshops will be held during September and October.

- **Researching Literature in Your Discipline**: 9/15 from 12-1pm or 9/17 from 4-5pm
- **Utilizing Advanced Database Search Techniques**: 9/22 from 12-1pm or 9/24 from 4-5pm
- **Writing a Literature Review**: 9/29 from 12-1pm or 10/1 from 4-5pm
- **Organizing and Managing Your Research**: 10/6 from 12-1pm or 10/8 from 4-5pm
- **Research Boot Camp** (covering all the topics listed above): 10/23 from 4-6:30pm

International students are also encouraged to attend the following library workshops tailored to their research needs:

- **Wednesday, October 7th from 11am - 12pm**
- **Tuesday, October 13th from 1-2pm**

The MU Library isn’t only here for students stressing out about assignments, it is also a haven on campus; a quiet and inviting space to study and relax. With plentiful tables and seating, computers, and study rooms—it is a place you can count on to help focus and learn. The Library will be hosting an orientation for transfer students to not only become familiar with the Library’s resources, but its amenities, as well. The MU Library orientations will be held on:

- **Tuesday, September 29th from 7-8pm**
- **Tuesday, October 6th from 7-8pm**

Remember, if you cannot attend any of these workshops or orientations, a librarian is always available in the Library to help. There are also other methods to utilize their assistance, such as our Ask-a-Librarian form on the Library’s homepage for quick questions or, for more in depth questions, one-on-one appointments or walk-in research clinics are also available.

Aside from offering study space and valuable resources, the Library is also a place that embraces interactive learning. Every semester the Library hosts several “Meet the Author” events and book club meetings to tap into interests and promote peer discussions. Whatever your scholarly or social needs may be—the MU Library can help.
Fall Term 2015 Walk-In Research Clinics

Need help with your current research project? Or assistance locating the appropriate resources for an assignment? Need to improve your research skills or learn about the Library’s resources? Drop into one of the Library’s Walk-in Research Clinics and get the help you need!

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The library welcomes all members of the Madonna Community, faculty, staff, and students to the research clinics. No reservations are necessary. Join us in room 2301. Please call the reference desk at (734) 432-5767 for further inquiries.

"Bibliophiles Exposed” Book Club Welcomes New Members for School Year

Interested in reading or just meeting new people? The Madonna University book club, “Bibliophiles Exposed,” may be just the group for you!

“Bibliophiles Exposed” meets in the Library’s College Room on the fourth Tuesday of every month from 2:30—3:30pm. Everyone is invited to join; students, staff, faculty, and even community members are welcome to share their love of books and add to the dynamic discussions.

The book club reads titles of many different genres and interests. Past book club choices have included Wild by Cheryl Strayed, The Space Between Us by Thrity Umrigar, Hidden Order by Brad Thor, The Orphan Train by Christina Baker Kline, The Lost City of Z by David Grann, and many more.

The first “Bibliophiles Exposed” meeting for the 2015-2016 school year will be held a week early on Tuesday, September 22nd. This meeting’s discussion will focus on books members read during the summer or any other book members would like to share. This is a chance for newcomers to meet other book club members and feel more comfortable during the discussions.

If you cannot make the September 22nd meeting, you are still encouraged to join the next meeting which will be held on October 27th. The book to be discussed is Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese. If you need a copy of the book, please contact MU Librarian Emma DeCenso at 734-432-5679.

Remember, you are not obligated to attend every book club meeting or even finish the entire book. Read what you can and join us for an enjoyable discussion!

“Without libraries what have we? We have no past and no future.”

- Ray Bradbury
Banned Books Week: September 27th - October 3rd

Imagine living in a society where you were restricted from reading certain books—even if you were an adult or your parents gave their consent. Titles such as *Harry Potter*, *The Kite Runner*, *The Perks of Being a Wallflower*, *The Hunger Games*, and many more—may not be available for people to read. Banned Books Week is a week to recognize the importance of having the freedom to read.

The American Library Association explains, “Banned Books Week brings together the entire book community—librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers of all types—in shared support of the freedom to seek and to express ideas, even those some consider unorthodox or unpopular” (2012).

This year, Banned Books Week will focus on books for young adults. Not surprisingly, young adult books are the most challenged titles—due to adults attempting to protect younger readers (ALA OIF, 2015).

If you would like more titles that have been frequently challenged, please visit http://www.ala.org/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks.

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“Meet the Author” Series Kicks Off September 28th

The MU Library’s popular series, “Meet the Author” will be returning for the 2015-2016 school year on Monday, September 28th at 6pm. The Library will be hosting author, Donna Searight Simons, for a presentation on her book *Copper Empire*. Simons’ book is a fictional novel set in 1913 during the copper miner’s strike in the Upper Peninsula; however, it took Simons more than 20 years of research and writing to finish the novel (Winters, n.d).

Many Michiganders can relate to Simons’ love of the Upper Peninsula. Simons’ appreciation for the U.P. stemmed from her family’s connection to Houghton, MI and her vacations up north (Winters, n.d).

The MU Library will be also be hosting author, John Wukovits, for a special event on Tuesday, November 10th at 1pm in honor of Veteran’s Day. Wukovits’ presentation, titled “Nobody Gives a Damn: World War II Veterans, Their War Stories, and Eighth Grade Students,” showcases work from eighth grade students to argue that people do care about veterans’ war experiences.

Wukovits has researched WWII history for over 20 years (Wukovits, n.d). His vast knowledge has enabled him to write nine books, numerous articles, biographical essays, and two chapters for a WWII book for the Library of Congress (Wukovits, n.d).

Wukovits will be selling two of his books, *For Crew and Country*, which is related to his presentation, and *One Square Mile of Hell: The Battle of Tarawa*. Hardbound copies are $25 and paperbacks are $15.

Please keep checking for event updates on our website or by calling 734-432-5679 as there are more events for the fall semester being planned.

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MU Librarian Profile: Meet Lijun Xue

If you tend to visit the MU Library before 9 a.m. classes start, you may have received assistance from one of our outgoing reference librarians, Lijun Xue.

Xue has been working at the MU Library for over 15 years; the first five years as a library assistant and 10 years as a Catalog and Reference Librarian. Xue is also the Liaison to the International Student Office, a responsibility well suited for her. Xue was born in China and moved to the U.S. in 1998. English is her third language, behind Chinese and Russian, which was a requirement during middle school and high school in China. Her own experiences in a new country enable her to effectively connect with international students.

“Being an international student myself, it helps me understand their needs better and the students are comfortable speaking with me,” points out Xue.

Xue strives to meet the information and research needs of the international students by hosting library orientations, workshops, and being available for one-on-one consultations.
MU Librarian Profile: Lijun Xue cont.

However, Xue is available to assist any of our students, faculty, and staff. In fact, one of Xue’s most gratifying aspects of her job is when a patron specifically requests for her help. That summarizes Xue’s reason to become a librarian—to help people.

Xue was a librarian in China for 10 years and it only made sense for her to continue her career in the U.S. Her desire to help students explains why she has stayed at Madonna for so long.

“At Madonna, we give students personal attention and care about their success. As a librarian, we support students’ learning and get to know them during their time here,” explains Xue.

Outside the Library, Xue is involved in many different committees and volunteer programs. She is on the Retention Committee and Bookstore Advisory Committee for MU. She is a life member of the Chinese American Librarians Association. Xue has also been volunteering with the Red Wagon Program, which donates books and other essentials to low income neighborhoods, along with fellow MU Librarian, Michael Cummings, for eight years.

Stop into the MU Library to visit Xue; she would be happy to assist you!

References:


Don’t Be Scared!

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