

Winter
2015
Semester



Madonna University Library advances the University mission by supporting the research needs and enhancing the information literacy skills of students, faculty, and staff. The library provides quality resources, research assistance and instruction in an atmosphere that reflects Christian service and values.

MU Library Says Good-Bye to Two Long-Time Employees

2015 is going to start out as a strange year for those working in the MU Library and perhaps even for frequent patrons. Two of the **Library's long-time** employees, Andrea Hall and Helene Quattro, are retiring and will not be returning after the holiday break.

Andrea Hall has been a Library Assistant for just shy of 28 years at Madonna University. For most of those years, Andrea was in charge of serials (magazines & journals). During that time, serials were not located on our databases and the Library received them all in print. In order to keep track of all those ti-

ties, Andrea had to be dedicated, organized, and knowledgeable—traits she still maintains today.

Andrea has proven to be an asset in the Library and is always available to assist students, instructors, librarians, and other library staff. It will truly be impossible to replace her.

Helene Quattro has been working at the MU Library for over 20 years. She is a recognizable face in the Library as she has spent those 20 years working the circulation desk. During those years, Helene has had countless opportunities to help and interact with students at the circulation desk and also as the supervisor to our student

aides. Her friendliness, humor, and hilarious stories are going to be missed by many in the Library and around the university.

To help fill these positions, the Library will have some new faces starting in January. Cheryl Pullen, our part-time circulation assistant, will be filling **Helene's role in a full-time** capacity. The part-time circulation assistant and full-time Interlibrary Loan assistant positions have also been filled.

Please make sure to stop by and welcome our new library assistants, Casandra Spivey and Valerie Sawyers, during the Winter semester.

"Meet the Author" Events Offer Something for Everyone

Here's a riddle for you: Where can you find an engineer, nutritionist, a pro-life advocate, ghost hunters, and a jazz band? The answer is easy—the Madonna University Library.

The MU Library offers a series of **events every semester called "Meet the Author,"** which has a variety of speakers presenting on unique topics. During the Fall semester, the MU Library was honored to start the school year off with the RJ Spangler Trio featuring Larry Smith. The event was held in Kresge Hall and the audience

was treated to jazz music and a little **bit of information regarding Detroit's** musical history.

Another unique event occurred on **the night before All Hallows' Eve.** The Ghost Hunters of Southern Michigan (GHOSM) made their second appearance in the Library— attracting just as large as a crowd as they did during their first visit in 2013. The members of GHOSM shared stories of their ghost hunting experiences, as well as audio recordings and photographs of the unexplained phe-

nomenon they have come across.

Right before finals, Dr. Barbara Oakley also attracted a big turnout with her **timely presentation on "Learning How to Learn."** Dr. Oakley's presentation featured strategies to efficiently absorb and apply new information and the detrimental habits that contribute to poor learning abilities.

During the Winter semester, the **MU Library will resume the "Meet the Author" events with two inspirational**

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Winter 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!**

"Words have no power to impress the mind without the exquisite horror of their reality."

- Edgar Allan Poe



<u>January</u>					
1/12	Monday	3:00 - 3:45 pm	2/12	Thursday	1:00 - 1:45 pm
1/14	Wednesday	7:00 - 7:45 pm	2/16	Monday	12 - 12:45 pm
1/15	Thursday	12 - 12:45 pm	2/17	Tuesday	3:00 - 3:45 pm
1/19	Monday	1:00 - 1:45 pm	2/19	Thursday	3:00 - 3:45 pm
1/22	Thursday	7:00 - 7:45 pm	2/25	Wednesday	3:00 - 3:45 pm
1/26	Monday	7:00 - 7:45 pm	2/26	Thursday	12 - 12:45 pm
1/27	Tuesday	12 - 12:45 pm			
1/28	Wednesday	1:00 - 1:45 pm			
<u>February</u>					
2/3	Tuesday	1:00 - 1:45 pm	3/9	Monday	1:00 - 1:45 pm
2/4	Wednesday	3:00 - 3:45 pm	3/10	Tuesday	7:00 - 7:45 pm
2/10	Tuesday	7:00 - 7:45 pm	3/12	Thursday	7:00 - 7:45 pm
2/11	Wednesday	12 - 12:45 pm	3/16	Monday	3:00 - 3:45 pm
			3/17	Tuesday	1:00 - 1:45 pm
			3/18	Wednesday	12 - 12:45 pm
<u>March</u>					

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.

National Library Week: What's Your Story?

The theme for this year's National Library Week, which is observed April 12-18, 2015, is **"Unlimited possibilities @ your library."** The American Library Association (ALA) encourages this week to be **"a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation's libraries and librarians and to promote library use and support"** (n.d).

MU Librarian, Glenn Fischer, stresses how important libraries continue to be. Glenn explains, **"Physical libraries provide that essential 'third place'** where you can go to do work, enjoy some free time, explore ideas, or just relax and unwind without the

pressure of buying a product or having to endure sales speeches. Libraries are places where you can safely and freely explore your personal intellectual interests in a relatively private space."

At the MU Library, many of the librarians and staff also reflect on the profession and the experience working within an academic library.

For me, libraries have always been a part of my life. I visited the local public libraries on a regular basis and it was always an enjoyable experience. In high school, I was assigned a research paper and a librar-

ian at the William P. Faust Public Library of Westland taught me how to utilize the databases. This made such an impact on my life as it helped me become a better student and really understand why librarians are needed. Now as I **near graduation with my Master's** of Library and Information Science, I hope to also make a lasting impact on the patrons I encounter.

MU Librarian, Emma DeCenso, also had a lasting impression of libraries in high school when she was required to spend two weeks in the

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speakers starting on Tuesday, January 27th @ 1pm with Holocaust survivor, Martin Lowenberg. Please join us in the Library as Mr. Lowenberg speaks about his experiences growing up in Germany and the horrors he faced in six different concentration camps.

If you cannot make Mr. Lowenberg’s presentation, but would like to learn more, please visit: <http://www.holocaustcenter.org>.

On Tuesday, February 10th @ 1pm author and Madonna University’s new Dean of

the School of Business, Dr. Cleamon Moorer, will be visiting us in the Library. Dr. Moorer has recently been recognized by Crain’s Detroit Business “top 40 under 40” Business Leader (Dr. C Moorer & Associates, Inc., 2014b).

Dr. Moorer is the author of *From Failure to Promise*, a memoir about his journey from being a college flunk-out to becoming an engineer and university professor.

To learn more about Dr. Moorer, please see the “References” section on page 4.

“I made use of the college library by borrowing books other than scientific books, such as all of the plays by George Bernard Shaw, the writing of Edgar Allan Poe. The college library helped me to develop a broader aspect on life.”

-Linus Pauling

“Bibliophiles Exposed” Book Club Resumes in January

Never fear book lovers, the MU book club, “Bibliophiles Exposed,” will be returning in 2015 for another year of good reads, interesting discussions, and new friends.

The first book club meeting will be held on January 20th at its usual time and place—the Library’s College Room from 2:30 until 3:30pm. As always, light refreshments will be provided.

The book chosen for the January meeting is *Life Is So Good* by George

Dawson and Richard Glaubman—a memoir about Dawson who learned to read at age 98.

During the Fall semester, the book club members enjoyed several books, such as *the Language of Flowers*, *In the Lake of the Woods*, and *the End of Your Life Book Club*.

If you cannot make the first meeting of the year, there will be several others throughout the Winter semester.

We hope to see you during one or all

of the following meetings:

- Tuesday, February 17th
- Tuesday, March 17th
- Tuesday, April 21st

This club is open to anyone—students, staff, faculty, and community members. So bring a couple of your friends and join “Bibliophiles Exposed” as it is a great way to meet new people who share a common interest in books and reading.

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library and national archive. This experience inspired her to become a librarian and when she moved to Michigan she was fortunate enough to live near a Library and Information Science program at Wayne State. Today, Emma most enjoys helping patrons with unique reference questions that requires more investigating to find the answer.

A common thread among librarians, is the desire to help people. This is no exception for one of our other librarians, Margaret Danowski. However, as a librarian at MU, helping patrons can really make a difference in that person’s day. Margaret notes that it is very common for the MU Librarians to receive sincere thanks from patrons. It is satisfying to work in an atmosphere where people appreci-

ate what you do and express gratitude.

Michael Cummings, MU Librarian, also enjoys the challenge of helping people, but points out the team effort that can go into answering a reference question. Michael explains, “Librarianship is unique in the sense that while your colleagues are all well-educated, their areas of expertise and interests are quite diversified.” This enables the librarians to consult one another on more complex reference questions, but it also enables the librarians to learn from each other, too.

Libraries are not just a place for “unlimited possibilities” for patrons, but also for librarians, too!

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MU Library Welcomes Three New Faces



Check us out on the Internet!
<http://library.madonna.edu/>

Library Hours for Winter 2015 Semester

Sunday:
1pm - 5pm

Monday - Thursday:
8am - 10pm

Friday:
8am - 7:00pm

Saturday:
9am - 5:30pm

"There are many ways to enlarge your child's world. Love of books is the best of all."

-Jacqueline Kennedy

Perhaps there is no better way to start out the new year than to meet someone new. In the MU Library, **there won't be just one new person to meet, but three!**

Casandra Spivey is the new Interlibrary Loan Technician for the MU Library, but you will also see her working at the circulation desk from time to time. Casandra has plenty of office experience working at the American Red Cross for 14 years.

Casandra has an eye for fashion, but she is considering expanding her interests and taking some classes in criminal justice or forensic science.

Valerie Sawyers may be a new Library Assistant, but she is not new to Madonna. Valerie is a graduate student and has worked as a student aide in Campus Ministry and SWEEP. In the Library, Valerie will be assisting patrons at the circulation desk.

Valerie shares a passion for shoes and purses with Casandra. Valerie also entertains her officemates with pictures of her cat, Faygo.

Adrienne Schinkai is one semester away from earning **her Master's in Library and Information Science** at Wayne State University. She is spending her final semester interning at the MU Li-

brary. Adrienne will be observing the librarians at the reference desk and teaching classes and will also be working on special projects for the Library.

Adrienne is an animal lover who is especially fond of cats. However, she has less time nowadays to cuddle with her cats as she is also working part-time at the Wayne Public Library. More importantly, Adrienne and her husband are currently in the process of adopting a daughter!

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