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This Week at McQuade (Updates from Lyena, 8/29)

1 message

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Mon, Aug 30, 2021 at 8:00 AM

To: McQuadeStaff <McQuadeStaff@merrimack.edu>, "Bishop, Laura" <bishopla@merrimack.edu>, "Nielsen, Kathryn" <nielsenk@merrimack.edu>, Janet Syed <syedj@merrimack.edu>



McQuade Library

Hello

Happy First Day of Classes!

We all enjoyed meeting so many new MC community members last week. CJ, Gabby, and I led lightning library tours for all our first years. I participated in new faculty orientations - see pic below and slides. We welcomed our graduate students too, including our inaugural cohort of Master's in Social Work students. Library staff participated in move-in days. I am looking forward to another successful semester.



Lyena presenting to a group of faculty

The College sent a message to the community on 8/26 with updated COVID-19 policies. This message included information about weekly surveillance testing, an updated face coverings policy, and other COVID-19 policy information. Please familiarize yourself with this new information. Note that: "Face coverings are not required outdoors, in dining halls, in fitness spaces, in **McQuade Library common spaces**, in the Sakowich Campus Center, residence halls, locker rooms or at outdoor events. Face coverings are strongly encouraged when students, faculty, staff and guests are moving to and from or within these venues at their own discretion."

Please remain home if you have any COVID-19 symptoms. Also, please continue to wipe down any shared computer or work spaces. If you, or a student you are working with, needs a disposable mask, there are boxes of extras at our Library Services desk & in the Research Center.

Shoutouts

Congrats to **CJ** who wrote this fabulous flying squirrel blog post.

Gabby is featured in an episode of Swampscott's *Librarians by the Sea* podcast. Caroline Margolis interviews Gabby about Talia Hibbert's popular Brown Sisters books. It's an engaging, joyful conversation even if you haven't already read the series!

Check out this **libguide** that Lyena & librarian team published to support CETL's successful 8/26 Teaching & Learning Day. This guide has over 150 views so far!

Access Services News

Welcome Back, Library Assistants and returning student workers! We began 24/5 hours on Saturday, 8/29 and all folks start their shifts this week. Chris Condon is out this week, so library assistants should reach out to Lyena with questions. Gabby is contact person for student workers. Chris Morrell continues to process all timesheets.

Library materials no longer need to be quarantined and course reserves have resumed as usual (2 hour checkout, must stay in library). "Library of Things" materials (dry erase markers, ERC kits, etc.) can be circulated. It is important to keep up with shelving- please use "Be Right Back" sign when you are away from desk shelving materials.

Library Instruction Updates

Many professors have reached out to liaison librarians and already we have many workshops (over 30 scheduled to date) on our calendars. See library instruction calendar. We have connected with ENG1050 professors and have started scheduling those foundational library workshops. Frances continues to liaison with BUS1100 team to make sure our instruction aligns with new curriculum and assignments.

Student Worker Update

We currently have multiple library student worker positions posted in Handshake. We are looking for *Access Services Student Workers*, an *Education Resource Center (ERC) Assistant*, a *Technical Services Student Assistant*, and *Research Center Assistants*. We will be interviewing and hiring students soon to fill these important positions.

Welcome, Laura Bishop!

Please join me in welcoming **Laura Bishop** as our Community Engagement fellow this year. Laura is a school librarian who is passionate about community engagement work. During her fellowship she will do a needs assessment/CE campaign for the Educational Resources Collection (ERC), and co-create and implement library programming that serves the dual purposes of aligning with campus-wide initiatives and social justice oriented topics. She will be working 25 hours/week including Mondays, 2pm-10pm, Tuesdays, 1pm-5pm, Wednesdays, 10am-3pm, & Thursdays 10am-6pm.

As always, please reach out to me if you have questions or concerns. Have a super start of the semester!

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Beautiful MC artwork!

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Please see 8/26 COVID-19 Policy Update email regarding COVID testing. Testing will occur in the Rogers Center Lobby, Mondays through Fridays from 10:00 a.m.- 6:00 p.m. Students, faculty and staff should test on the day of the week assigned to the first letter of their last name as outlined below:

Monday - If your last name begins with A-E

Tuesday - If your last name begins with F-J

Wednesday - If your last name begins K-O

Thursday - If your last name begins with P-T

Friday - If your last name begins with U-Z

Students, faculty, and staff who are unable to test on the day of the week outlined above should test on the next day they come to campus. Special trips to campus for testing are **not** necessary.

We continue to onboard student workers to cover open shifts; Library Services Desk student worker schedule is [here](#).

If a librarian is not available and a student needs research assistance, please refer the student to mcquade@merrimack.edu or show them how to book an appointment with a librarian. If it is a basic question (finding a book, directional, etc.), and you are comfortable answering it, do your best to help the student. If the student needs follow-up assistance, get the students' name and send quick note to mcquade box. Librarians monitor that box and will follow-up with student the next day.

Student Concerns

Please review materials [here](#) so that you know what to do if you have any interactions with students that you deem concerning, or if you recognize that a student is in distress in the library. If there is a safety concern, reach out to MCPD. If there is no safety concern, but just a concerning interaction, you should feel comfortable submitting a CARE report. Here is a recording of a CARE training for Graduate Fellows that might be helpful. The password for this training is **Merrimack2020!**

I have requested additional **Red Folders** (with all the info below) for our evening/weekend workers and will distribute folders to them this week. I will also set-up a refresher CARE training for library staff- date tbd.

CARE Team Flyer
Recognizing Signs of a Distressed Student
Counseling Services @ Merrimack
MAVEN Flyer

Also, if you think *any* patron is suspicious or has previously trespassed, please reach out to MCPD. An officer will approach the patron in question to check on status.

Resource Management

Database Updates & Reminders

- **ARTstor images** are now searchable on JSTOR as well as at ARTstor, and many ARTstor functions for saving lists, etc. are available on the JSTOR platform.
 - First Research, D&B Key Business Ratios and Mergent Investor Edge are currently unavailable. We hope to have them available by Thursday for the first MGT1100 class workshop.
 - **Grove Art - Oxford Art Online** - now only 1 user at a time
 - **HeinOnline** trial and new collections - a new collection Immigration Law and Policy in the US is on trial through Sept. 24, 2021. Several free collections have been added recently including the Open Society Justice Initiative on human rights litigation.
 - **Gale Pages** lists all our Gale databases plus other databases available through the Massachusetts Board of Commissioners including **Britannica** collections (we cancelled our academic Britannica)
 - **Gale E-Books** - two subject groupings have been added - **Gender Studies** and **Philosophy & Ethics**. These are not new titles, but titles collected into subjects relevant to our needs. Let Frances know of additional subjects to add or titles to add to these.
 - **Business Insights Global** - Gale should be back up by the end of the week
 - **Boston Business Journal** will soon be switching to registration access where users must register to access, using their Merrimack email address.
 - **Sports Business Research Network / Sports Market Analytics** - has a new interface they call SBRNet 2.0. It includes some new features including SBRnet in the Classroom videos, podcasts and lists of Best sports books.
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Library Instruction Updates

We have **11** library workshops (both undergraduate and graduate ones!) scheduled for this week. See calendar [here](#).

Welcome, McQuade Health Sciences Interns!



Sabrina & Nicole

Please welcome Fall 2021 McQuade Interns Sabrina Giambusso (left) and Nicole Denomme. CJ Wong is serving as their internship supervisor, and their internship hours are Mondays 9am to 2pm and Wednesdays 9 to 12 noon. Please say hello if you see them! They wrote up introductions below:

My name is Sabrina Giambusso. I am from Medford, MA and I am a senior here at Merrimack. My major is Health Science with the hopes of pursuing a nursing career. Post-graduation my plan is to apply to nursing programs in the Boston region. I have been on the Merrimack College Dance Team for four years and was granted the position of Game Day Lead. I am also an FYE mentor.

My name is Nicole Denomme. I am originally from Franklin, Massachusetts but now I am currently living on the Cape. I am a senior but I will be graduating in December. After I graduate I am not quite sure what I would like to do but I am interested in anything.

As always, don't hesitate to reach out if you have questions or concerns. Have a great week!

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It has been terrific to see the campus full of energy-- including McQuade Library! Both new and returning students are studying, dining, and learning (classes are being held in Alden, auditorium, etc), at McQuade. I taught a few evening workshops last week and I saw how active the campus was at night too.

I encourage you all to download the college's new **CORQ app** so that you can follow campus events.

Also, please read the 9/12 email regarding dining and food experience updates. Starting this week, Dunkin Donuts will reopen from 7am-3pm seven days a week. It's exciting to learn we will have more regional food truck partners on campus, too! I have used the slider on this page to figure out what's open when.

We had numerous student worker interviews last week, as we work to hire students to fill our open student worker positions. Library Services Desk student worker schedule is [here](#).

All workorders should be routed to Chris Morrell and she will keep us updated on status. Ask Lyena if you have questions about this.

While Chris Condon is out, please contact Lyena with any questions or concerns.

Shoutouts

CJ and Laura Bishop set-up and staffed a library booth at our campus Wellness Fair on Wednesday, 9/8. Nice job!



CJ & Laura participate in our Wellness Fair

McQuade Library has your wellness resources covered--and not just in books! Stop by the 2nd floor to check out one of our games, puzzles, or kits: meditation, chakra healing, zen, bird watching, gardening and more. And our bibliotherapy guide has tons of helpful resources:
<https://libguides.merrimack.edu/bibliotherapy>

Library Instruction Updates

It is quite a busy week with **18** library workshops lined up across all schools! See library instruction calendar. Lyena is facilitating a SOC3100 workshop and 3 CRIM4000 workshops. CJ is conducting 4 ENG1050 workshops, an EXS2250, HC5360 and a HSC1500 workshop. Frances is leading workshops for 3 MGT1100 sections, 2 MKT2205 sections, MKT3320 and INT1000.

Hope you all have a great second week of classes! Let me know if you have questions or concerns.

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Merrimack is on the move! MC has continued its steady climb in the U.S. News and World Report rankings. Merrimack now ranks #34 among regional colleges and universities (up 11 spots from last year) and is the #3 most innovative college in the Northeast (up 6 spots from last year).



Save the Dates of **10/19 & 10/20** for our **Unity in Diversity** Days. The two day event is virtual, free, and open to the public. Additional information about the speakers along with zoom links will be available soon on MC's DEI webpage.

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UNITY IN DIVERSITY DAYS

OCTOBER 19, 2021	OCTOBER 20, 2021
<p>8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Unity in Diversity Days at Merrimack: Opening Remarks Dr. Simona Sharoni and Nicole Williams, Merrimack College</p>	<p>8:00 - 9:15 a.m. Global Youth Voices on Climate Justice Kaleena Rovey, Climate Cardinals & Mitzi Jonelle Tan, Climate Action Philippines</p>
<p>8:30 - 9:45 a.m. Confronting the Housing Crisis: Community Building Initiatives Michael Hiland, Lynn Shelter Association Dr. Calpurnia Roberts and Tiffany Payne, MSHA Mickey Northcutt, North Shore CDC</p>	<p>9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice: Faith-Based Approaches Dr. Lester Ruiz, Association of Theological Schools</p>
<p>10:00 - 11:15 a.m. Moving Beyond Calling Out: Building a Calling in Culture Dr. Loretta Ross, Smith College</p>	<p>11:00 - 12:15 p.m. Islamophobia and the Politics of Empire: 20 Years after 9/11 Dr. Deepa Kumar, Rutgers University</p>
<p>12:00 - 1:15 p.m. Centering Black Women in History and Popular Culture Dr. Janell Hobson, University at Albany - SUNY</p>	<p>12:30 - 1:45 p.m. Blackqueerness, Religion, and the Politics of Possibility Dr. Ashon Crawly, University of Virginia</p>
<p>2:00 - 3:15 p.m. Unpacking Privilege on a Private College Campus Dr. Adam Howard, Colby College & Pat Stewart, Millbrook School</p>	<p>2:00 - 3:15 p.m. Engaging Diverse Communities Through Education and Advocacy African Community Center of Lowell Katherine Tarpley, Children's Law Center of Mass Kelly Turley, Mass Coalition for Homeless</p>
<p>4:00 - 5:15 p.m. On Poetry, Science & Possibilities: Poet Wrestling with Ghost Realities Rosebud Ben-Oni, Poet/Author</p>	<p>3:30 - 4:45 p.m. What the Eyes Don't See: Confronting an Environmental Disaster Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, Michigan State University</p>
<p>6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Breaking Colonial Imaginations: An Evening of Queer Palestinian Diasporic Poetry George Abraham, Poet/Author</p>	<p>6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Excavating Trans Histories Through Poetry & Performance Chrysanthemum Tran, Poet/Writer</p>



For more information email diversity@merrimack.edu
ALL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN EASTERN STANDARD TIME (EST) & VIRTUALLY

PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

I have enjoyed MACKfit initiatives, a health & wellness initiative for MC employees. In the past there have been some great programs on mindful eating, stress relief, a walking challenge, work-life balance workshops, and more. This year three fellows will be coordinating MACKfit. The 3rd MACKfit Walking Challenge ~ Walktober will be **Oct 4th-31st**! Sign ups start Sept 20th. Maybe we can start a library team? Stay tuned for more details.

Shoutouts

Shoutout to Frances & CJ for teaching **14** workshops last week. Through instruction and hands-on activities in these workshops, students learn how to find and use McQuade's resources and beyond.

Library Instruction Update

This week we have **8** workshops on our calendar.

Frances continues to work with all MGT1100 (former BUS1100) sections and has 5 of those workshops this week. CJ is working with ENG1050 sections. Lyena is working with a graduate EDU5900 evening class.

Course Reserves Updates

Frances recently added these course reserves; please let her know if you have questions:

First Year Writing/ Intro to College Writing (ENG1050- Rocha et al.)
- *They Say, I Say* - latest edition

Kiemele, John RTS1100 Christianity in Context
- *Streams of Living Water*

Mazzola, MaryRose WGS3710 Gender and the Law
- *Sexuality, Gender and the Law*

O'Brien, Lisa EDU 5720 Challenges in Learning Development
- *Development of Language*

Ouedraogo, Ines WGS 3140 Studies in Masculinity
- *Masculinity Studies Reader*

Stefon, Minori EDU2210 Child Growth & Development
- *Childhood Voyages....*

Graduate Student Center

I attend GEM (Graduate Education Meetings) which is a collaborative of all who are in leadership roles related to graduate students/graduate education. During these meetings information is shared and we discuss substantive issues relevant to the graduate student experience at Merrimack. We are thrilled that the 2nd floor of McQuade (former IT space) is now home to a **new Graduate Student Center**. Lindsey Carbone, Catherine Chandler, and one additional staff member will have offices in the Center and provide wrap-around support services to our graduate students across all schools. The Center will be open all hours the Library is open and graduate students will be able to swipe in to gain access when staff members are not there. How terrific that our graduate students will have a place of their own at McQuade to study, relax, connect with their advisors, and socialize!

Hope you all have a great third week of classes. Let me know if you have questions or concerns.

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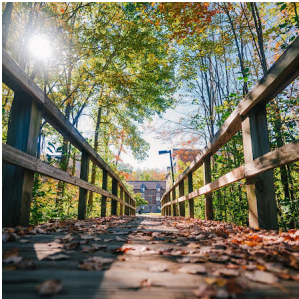
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Happy Fall! We're starting to see some fall colors on campus and Homecoming is almost here!



MC Pumpkin!




Beautiful MC Campus.

Massachusetts Library System (MLS) continues to provide excellent, free fall professional development opportunities for MA librarians. [Register here.](#) See Michelle's "Improve your Virtual M

WMCK, Merrimack College Radio, is live with a full slate of weekday programming for the fall semester. See the schedule below for a look at what (and who) you'll be able to listen to on WM

To listen to WMCK, simply click on the following link or download the TuneIn app to your smartphone or tablet.

[WMCK, Merrimack College Radio on TuneIn](#)

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Fresh Squeezed with Mack Belland 8 - 9 am	Morning News and Music with Dr. Peter Ellard 8 - 9 am	Songs from a Girl Who's Heard it All with Torge Peters 9 - 10 am	Crate Digging with Kevin Sheppard 9 - 11 am	Merrimack Hits! with Michael Daly 9 - 12 pm
Talk to Us with Michael Senoff and Griffin Plaster 10 - 11 am	Track Record with Stephen Jovellas 11 - 12 pm	Drama Mial with Michael Gravano 10 - 11 am	Ladies of L with Chase Varini and Kara Hodge 11 - 12 pm	The Zullo Hour with Christopher Zullo 12 - 1 pm
School of Rock with Riva Coltri 11 - 12 pm	Music You Should Know with Thommie Spouroun 12 - 1 pm	Abbyly Ever After with Abby Jackson 11 - 12 pm	The Gutter with Luis Mattheus 12 - 1 pm	Happy Funny Cool Show with Matthew Gagnon 12 - 2 pm
Tunes from the Mountain with Andrew Thomas 12 - 1 pm	Bops Only with Kayleigh Monlon 1 - 2 pm	Sunny Side Up with Tiffany Bogen-Searns 12 - 1 pm	Study Jams with Lauren with Lauren Barabue 1 - 2 pm	Tooshie Talk with Sadie Tosch 2 - 3 pm
Merrimack Mix with Samantha Scherbak 1 - 2 pm	French Toast Side with Jaina Dalimane 2 - 3 pm	Keepin' It Real with Joe Baller with Joe LeBlanc 3 - 4 pm	My Old School Radio with Graham Walsh 2 - 3 pm	Panda-monium with Panda Borromeo 2 - 3 pm
Luke's Soundrealm with Luke Stella 3 - 5 pm	Say A with Briana Conroy and Abigail Shea 3 - 4 pm	Up The Tans with Jeff Guerra 3 - 4 pm	Pop Chat with Paige and Kelly with Kelly Halloran and Paige Willis 4 - 5 pm	MCCVM with Nathan Kimball 3 - 4 pm
The 413 with Jack Gotta 5 - 7 pm	The 413 with Jack Gotta 4 - 5 pm	Mike on Sports with Michael Gonzalez 3 - 4 pm	Rock 'n' Talk with Robert Fernandes 5 - 6 pm	Keeping up with KOD with Destiny Di Marco, Davila, Sapina Scapacchia, Olivia Polivacco, and Victoria Corsi 3 - 4 pm
Mack to the Future with Jason Reese 7 - 8 pm	The Rotation with Jeremy Kilgus 5 - 6 pm	E-Man's Subterranean Bungalow with Eamon Cuggino-Zensky 7 - 8 pm	The Boston Sports Hour with Andrew Varpatas 6 - 7 pm	The Umbrella with Mike Kelly 6 - 8 pm
What Do You Want to be When You Grow Up? with Pepper Cushman and Riva Sobello 8 - 9 pm	Gabbing with Gabby with Gabby Kneave 6 - 7 pm	Lost and Sound with Elias Luitfield 6 - 9 pm	Buckets and Spanky Show with Tyler Backus and Liam Norton 8 - 9 pm	Return of the Mack with Kevin Beadington and Edward Dease 8 - 9 pm
	End of Day Rewind with Emma Kelly 7 - 8 pm		Media Ethics with Lisa Davis 9 - 10 pm	Beats with Ray with Raymond Lavale 9 - 10 pm
	Inside the Locker Room with Olivia Pizano 8 - 9 pm			
	Up Late with Lil with Lilian Zaganis 9 - 10 pm			



Please read [9/23 COVID-19 Policy Updates](#) email.

Many of you have asked questions about MC's visitor policies. In an effort to keep our campus community safe, all guests entering campus must be vaccinated and have a 2022 Merrimack identification card. Guests must be registered in advance as guests of a student, or by contacting taskforce@merrimack.edu. Merrimack identification card. To receive a card you must bring a photo ID and proof of your COVID-19 vaccination.

All unvaccinated visitors through the Office of Admission must adhere to the CDC and Mass DPH regulations and still wear a face-covering inside and outside while on campus.

Fall 2021 Roster is here - please refer to it to view a master schedule of student worker and library staff members shifts. Please check-in with the students working day shifts.

Shoutouts

Shoutout to Linda Wilkins for stepping up to providing excellent access services training to many of our new student workers!

Library Instruction Update

We have **8** workshops scheduled this week. CJ is working with Benes HSC1500 sections. Lyena is working with Prof. Hartman's ENG1050 sections and Prof. Kurkul's and Prof. Guindon Nasir's students. After this week, we will have collectively conducted **46 workshops** so far this fall.

Our new ERC Assistant, Monica

My name is Monica Van Stry, I am a junior here at Merrimack College and I am majoring in Human Development and Human Services with a minor in Psychology. I just put my creativity to work and it enables me to get more involved on campus and meet new people. I am very excited to be working here this semester and learn new things.



Monica Van Stry, ERC Assistant

Homecoming

Homecoming weekend is 10/1-10/3. Please see [9/23 Homecoming](#) email to learn more. Get your free tickets to football & women's hockey games during that weekend. FYI, on **Saturday, 10/2**, 1st floor of McQuade Library will be used as family space. There will be food and spaces for families to sit and relax. Let me know if you have any questions.

Hope you all have a great week. Let me know if you have questions or concerns.

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Hello

It was a beautiful fall Homecoming weekend! I am finalizing the staffing schedule for upcoming Fall Break (10/11 & 10/12) and will share that with you all this week. Thank you for confirming your shifts.

Read about the newest members of our faculty [here](#). We look forward to working with them and learning about their disciplines and specialties, and how McQuade can support their research and teaching.



Merrimack's new faculty

Save the Dates- lots is happening in October! There are CETL workshops during the next few weeks - register [here](#). On Monday, 10/18 there will be a ceremony for the new Graduate Center in the library at 5pm. Formal invite will be coming soon. **Unity in Diversity** days are on 10/19 and 10/20. Our colleagues in Accessibility Services are sponsoring an amazing Autism Summit this year from 10/26-10/29. Stay tuned for more details on all these events.

Shoutouts

Shoutout to student worker **Matt Sideman** for working a busy Homecoming shift at the Library on Saturday. He assisted many families by answering directional questions.

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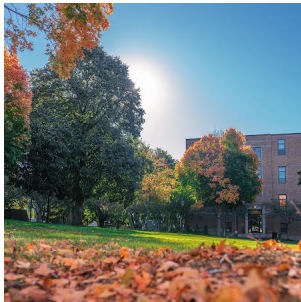
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Fall is here!



On Friday night, I enjoyed watching MC alumnus Michael Lamagna '11 on Shark Tank as he shared the story of his company Long Wharf Supply Co.

I also enjoyed reading this little piece on MC's Community Garden. Also check out how our talented Graphic Design majors created banners for the MC chapel.

We are working with MLS' Bibliotemps to hire two temporary library staff members - one Access Services Assistant and one Reference Librarian. We aim to have these individuals by the start of the semester. Let me know if you have questions.

Unity in Diversity is two days away! Please register for programs (all are via zoom) if you haven't already done so. See details below.

Shoutouts

Shoutout to Linda Wilkins for coordinating our MLS survey this year - please read her 10/16 email with instructions. Thanks, Linda!

Library Instruction Update

This week we have 3 workshops scheduled- CJ is working with two of Prof. Mallen's ENG1050 sections and Frances is conducting a MGT1100 workshop with Prof. Parei. Research appointments are ramping up. Many students are scheduling research advisory consultations with librarians. We are seeing all of Prof. Howland's HDE2230 graduate students working on capstone research.

Unity in Diversity Days

As a reminder, the College will host its third Unity in Diversity this **Tuesday, Oct. 19** and **Wednesday, Oct. 20**. Find a full schedule of virtual events here. Pre-register now!

Sponsored by the President's Initiative on Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI), Unity in Diversity is designed to broaden and deepen our understanding of systemic racism and advocates focusing on current issues, including the housing crisis, climate justice and health disparities.

This semester's guests include community organizers, activists, higher education administrators, writers and scholars both local to the Merrimack Valley and visiting from other parts of the country. Key issues like racial justice, gender equality, LGBTQ+ rights, environmental activism and climate justice.

This educational event is a great opportunity for library staff members to further develop their DEI awareness, understanding and skills.

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McQuade Library

Hello

You can always tell when it is midterms at the library and last week was no different. Many students were using study spaces throughout the building. Midterm grades are due on Tuesday.

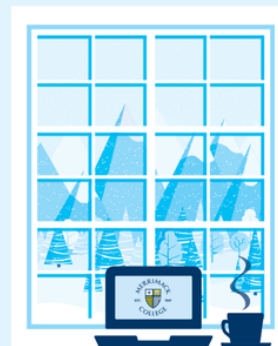
We will be reviewing applications for our temporary positions this week, and we will be advertising for a Metadata Librarian position soon. Stay tuned for more details.

The Winter Session 2022 course schedule is now live. Courses are offered in a variety of subjects. Registration opens on Thursday, Oct. 28.

WINTER SESSION 2022

Course Schedule is Out *NOW!*

- ❄️ **Classes run January 3 - 18**
- ❄️ **All classes are online**
- ❄️ **All classes are asynchronous**



CATCH UP, MAKE UP OR GET AHEAD

**MERRIMACK COLLEGE
OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT**

UNITY IN DIVERSITY DAYS

OCTOBER 19, 2021	OCTOBER 20, 2021
8:00 - 8:30 a.m. Unity in Diversity Days at Merrimack: Opening Remarks Dr. Simona Sharone and Nicole Williams, Merrimack College	8:00 - 9:15 a.m. Global Youth Voices on Climate Justice Kalena Rowa, Climate Cardinals & Mitz; Jonathan Tan, Climate Action Philippines
8:30 - 9:45 a.m. Confronting the Housing Crisis: Community Building Initiatives Michael Hland, Lynn Shelter Association; Dr. Gabonwa Roberts and Thany Payne, MESA; Mckelley Northcutt, North Shore CDC	9:30 - 10:45 a.m. Diversity, Inclusion and Social Justice: Faith-Based Approaches Dr. Lester Ruiz, Association of Theological Schools
10:00 - 11:15 a.m. Moving Beyond Calling Out: Building a Calling in Culture Dr. Lovetta Ross, Smith College	11:00 - 12:15 p.m. Islamophobia and the Politics of Empire: 20 Years after 9/11 Dr. Deepa Kumar, Rutgers University
12:00 - 1:15 p.m. Centering Black Women in History and Popular Culture Dr. Janet Hopkins, University at Albany - SUNY	12:30 - 1:45 p.m. Blackqueerness, Religion, and the Politics of Possibility Dr. Ashton Crawley, University of Virginia
2:00 - 3:15 p.m. Unpacking Privilege on a Private College Campus Dr. Heidi Hayward, Colby College & Pat Stewart, Milbrook School	2:00 - 3:15 p.m. Engaging Diverse Communities Through Education and Advocacy African Community Center of Lowell; Khatima Jagan, Children's Law Center of Mass; Kelly Turley, Mass. Coalition for Homeless
4:00 - 5:15 p.m. On Poetry, Science & Possibilities: Poet Wrestling with Ghost Realities Rossbud Ben-Chi, Poet/Author	3:30 - 4:45 p.m. What the Eyes Don't See: Confronting an Environmental Disaster Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, Michigan State University
6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Breaking Colonial Imaginations: An Evening of Queer Palestinian Diasporic Poetry George Abraham, Poet/Author	6:30 - 7:45 p.m. Excavating Trans Histories Through Poetry & Performance Chrysanthemum Tran, Poet/Writer


For more information email diversity@merrimack.edu
 ALL SESSIONS WILL BE HELD IN EASTERN STANDARD TIME (EST) & WETWORKLY

PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Blessing of the Graduate Center (Monday, 10/18 @ 5pm)

From Dr. Susan Marine, Lindsey Carbone, and Catherine Chandler:

We write to remind everyone of the official opening/Blessing of the graduate Center on the second floor of McQuade library, tomorrow (Monday) at 5 PM. We hope you will be able to drop by this really important event for honoring graduate students ,and signaling their importance in our community. Refreshments and inspirational words included, of course.....Please encourage graduate students to attend. This lovely new space is for, and about, their success!

Hope you all have a great week. Let me know if you have questions or concerns.

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Happy Halloween to all!

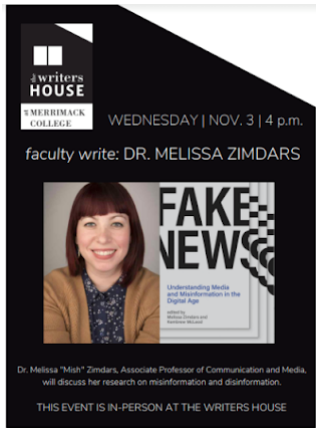
I'm pleased to share some staffing updates. Just in time for the mid to end of semester push, I'd like to introduce temporary library employees Allison & Stephen. Allison Lang is our Access Services Assistant who will be working Mondays-Fridays, 8am-4pm, at our Library Services Desk. She will be connecting with all our student workers, staffing our Help Desk, and doing side projects. Stephen Deloney is our Reference Assistant who will be working Sunday-Thursday evenings, 5pm-10pm in the Research Center. Both temporary employees will be with us until the end of this semester.

A Metadata Librarian position is now posted and we are accepting applications. This important position will work closely with Head of Resource Management to 1)Implement and refine cataloging workflows 2)Perform cataloging of materials in all formats 3)Provide and maintain ongoing access to ebook collections. We aim to interview candidates in the next few weeks. And remember, we had "meta" in that title before Facebook did (sorry- bad joke!).

All are welcome to attend the kick off *Faculty Write Series* at The Writers House with Dr. Melissa "Mish" Zimdars, Associate Professor of Communication and Media. Dr. Zimdars will discuss her research on misinformation and disinformation, followed by a Q&A.

When: Wednesday, November 3rd at 4pm

Where: The Writers House



Finally, I want to remind everyone to check their emails to learn about the College' upcoming *COVID-19 Vaccine booster clinics* and *flu shot clinics*. Stay safe and healthy!

Welcome, Liv & Cameron!

Please welcome Olivia (Liv) Faulkner and Cameron James, two student workers on our Resource Management team.

Liv is a senior majoring in International Studies and Political Science. In addition to working in the ERC, Liv is an RA on campus and is Associate Editor of *The Beacon*. She is also working with classmates to create a Model United Nations club on campus. Liv hopes to pursue a Master's Degree in International Relations after graduation!



Cameron is from Groton City, Connecticut and a senior majoring in Economics and Public Policy. Cameron has interned in the City of Lawrence government offices as well as local offices in Connecticut. He's also working on getting his masters degree for Public Affairs and hopes to work in public policy in the Government after he graduates.



Library Instruction Update

This week we have 3 library workshops on our calendar. On Thursday, Gabby and Lyena will lead an archival workshop for Dr. Michal's *US Women's History* course. Gabby will present a brief zoom lesson on "Learning from Primary Sources" and Lyena will facilitate a jigsaw activity in which students will examine and discuss different artifacts related to women's history at Merrimack College. Students will create a google sites exhibits based on what they find, which will become part of the college's 75th Anniversary projects. CJ is working with two ENG1050 sections this week.

ERC

Last week Dr. Kathy Welby's EDU2410 "The Exceptional Learner" classes visited McQuade's ERC to use resources. Students moved through different stations and explored sensory and socio-emotional learning materials, children's books, manipulatives, games, and more. Shoutout to McQuade's Community Engagement fellow Laura Bishop for setting up this learning activity for these students.

Dr. Welby writes, "I value the ERC and all of the work of our expert librarians! It is such a wonderful resource for our faculty and especially our students. Thank you for all your help creating this hands-on environment for our students."



Have a great first week of November. Let me know if you have questions or concerns.

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We are celebrating **International Education week**. See full list of events [here](#). There is a Cultural Food Tasting Event happening on Monday, 11/15 at 4pm in the Graduate Center (2nd floor, McQuade).



CJ will be a panelist during Friday's "The Island President" event too!



We are in the 2nd week of **MACKFit's Virtual Health Fair**, so there's still time to catch a workshop or two. Registration link is [here](#).

The graphic is a yellow and blue banner for 'MACKFit's Virtual Health Fair'. At the top left, the title 'MACKFIT'S Virtual Health Fair' is written in a stylized font. To the right, a blue arrow points to the text 'CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP TODAY!' with a QR code below it. The main content is a grid of 10 workshop cards, arranged in two rows of five. Each card includes a date, time, title, instructor, and a small illustration. The top row covers Nov. 8-12, and the bottom row covers Nov. 15-19. The fourth card in the top row is for Veterans. The bottom right card features the MACKFit logo.

Monday, Nov. 8	Tuesday, Nov. 9	Wednesday, Nov. 10	Thursday, Nov. 11	Friday, Nov. 12
Yoga with Sarah Benes 9-10 a.m. Sakowich Center Stress and the Immune System 1 p.m.	Healthy Dips & Snacks with Janyl Finnerty RD 1 p.m.	Preventing Burnout 11 a.m.	THANK YOU VETERANS	Healthy Cooking in 30 Minutes or Less 11 a.m.
Monday, Nov. 15	Tuesday, Nov. 16	Wednesday, Nov. 17	Thursday, Nov. 18	Friday, Nov. 19
Reflect Guided Meditation 12 p.m. Taylor Chapel, 3rd floor Sakowich	Family Friendly Fitness 1 p.m.	Yoga with Sarah Benes 3:30-4:30 p.m. Sakowich Center	Resilience Boosters 11 a.m.	Spiritual Wellness with Fr. Ray

On Tuesday, Nov. 16, the Writers House Visiting Writers Series will welcome esteemed author Ha Jin for an in-person reading and Q&A. Ha Jin has won the National Book Award, two PEN/Faulkner Awards, the Pen/Hemingway Award and the Flannery O'Connor Award, and has been a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize. Learn more about the Writers House and access this event [here](#).

Please read the 11/10 "Enhancements to Benefits Offerings" email from President Hopey and note that open Enrollment begins Friday, November 12th and continues through Friday, December 10th for the 2022 plan year.

Also, MC is offering **COVID-19 Booster Clinics** on 11/16 & 12/1- see email for details.

We are working on setting Thanksgiving hours and I will send out what time we will close on Tuesday, 11/23, and reopen ASAP as hours are finalized. See attached for official holiday schedule: *Day before Thanksgiving*: Wednesday 11/24/21, *Thanksgiving*: Thursday 11/25/21, *Day after Thanksgiving*: Friday 11/26/21 are holidays.

Shoutouts

Shoutout to Frances for working with 6 design students investigating different aspects of Boston in Prof Robb's DES4930 "Design and the Human Condition" class last week. See excellent libguide [here](#). Students are exploring interdisciplinary topics related to a specific area around Boston's Government Center (topics include history of racism and effect on city, effects of climate change on waterfront, financial inequality and access, and more).

Shoutout to Allison Lang for creating a helpful LibraryH3Lp cheatsheet for the library's chat service. Remember, if you see the chat box on our website, it means that someone is monitoring/available for chat. The box goes away when nobody is available.

Shoutout to Gabby for creating a November Virtual Displays guide. It includes Native American Heritage Month and Filipino American History Month (as we recently learned it was last month). Here are the promo materials.

Library Instruction Update

This week we have two library workshops on our calendar. Lyena is working with Prof. Doenher's ENG1050 sections. On Thursday, our Community Engagement fellow Laura Bishop is attending a Community Engagement Faculty meeting to facilitate a conversation centered on using Etextbooks and open educational resources in CE online courses.

Keep up the good work- we've almost made it to Thanksgiving break! Let me know if you have questions or concerns.

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Hello

We are approaching Thanksgiving break. McQuade will close at 5pm on Tuesday, Nov 23rd and re-open on Sunday Nov 28th at 10am. On Monday Lyena & CJ look forward to participating in a GRAD-itude event in order to connect with more graduate students.



Did you know that Merrimack was recently recognized by The Chronicle of Higher Education as the 10th fastest-growing private nonprofit institution out of 347 colleges and universities? From 2009-2019, Merrimack's overall enrollment has increased by **148%**: merrimack.me/ChronicleTop10

See attached for Fall 2021 Final Exam Matrix. Winter break course schedule is here (all offerings are online).

Shoutouts

I am proud that McQuade staff continue to publish and present - contributing to the library field and beyond:

On 11/1, Gabby presented with the Public Library Association and the US Census Bureau on a panel titled , "Digging Deeper into Local and Family History with Census Data." She discussed how to look into the historical context of different eras when doing genealogical research using the census through her own research journey. Here is a recording. Over **350 people** attended this virtual event!

Allie Lang authored this [blog post](#) published on the Hidden Heritage Collection, a St. John's University blog dedicated to telling untold/less known stories in history. It comes just in time for Native American Heritage Month!

Shoutouts to Josie and Monica for preparing ERC book displays. Currently there are themed displays on Indigenous Peoples, Thanksgiving, and Rosa Parks (December 1st). Coming soon: displays on National Cookie Day, Winter, & Holidays.

More shoutouts to Diane Taylor and our student workers, Matthew, Ellie, and Leah, who put up and decorated our 1st floor Christmas Tree over the weekend. It helps students get in the holiday spirit even as finals approach.



Health Sciences Intern Update

McQuade Library Health Sciences Interns have had a very busy semester -they have clocked over 150 hours! They have worked with librarian C.J. Wong this semester on the following activities:

- Anti-Racism Training
- Racial Inequalities in Healthcare
- LGBTQ+ Allyship and You
- Graphic Medicine LibGuide
- Guest Speaker at HEAL Health Literacy at Notre Dame Education Center in Lawrence, MA.
- Compiled data for Climate Change Municipal Vulnerabilities in MA project.
- Compiled data for Citizen Science Flying Squirrel Project.
- Compiled data on accessibility.
- Coordinated book pick-ups throughout the Commonwealth for Dr. Elizabeth Sarkodie-Mensah's NGO Click for Quality Education. Books will be shipped to Ghana for the first library!
- Learned basic GIS to map libraries for book pick-up.
- Collaborated with the Office of Wellness Education to provide a *Paint Your Pot* wellness program! Flyer is below.



Save the Date- 12/6

Community Engagement Updates

Laura Bishop attended a Community Engagement faculty meeting last week to open a conversation around Open Educational Resources (OERs) and e-textbooks. She created a CE Digital Curricular Resources Libguide.

Professors were excited to learn about Mason OER Metafinder (MOM)- an OER super search! Since the CE program has transitioned online, Laura is working with Professors Audrey Falk and Jolan Rivera to assess e-textbooks options.

Un-Judge a Book by its Cover: The Human Library is Coming to McQuade Library!

In support and celebration of social justice month (April 2022) at Merrimack, McQuade will create space for a Human Library, an internationally recognized event designed to connect people across differences through authentic, open dialogue meant to challenge perceptions and stereotypes. Human Libraries offer a unique and powerful experience for all parties involved. CE Fellow Laura Bishop is coordinating this event- stay tuned for more information and ways you can get involved! For now, check out this recent, inspiring snapshot from a recent news story illustrating the cross-cultural understanding at the heart of the human library.

Wishing you all a very happy Thanksgiving! 🦃🍂 I am grateful for my McQuade colleagues. Enjoy the break.

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It's the last week of classes! Last day of classes is Thursday, December 9th. Reading Day is Friday, December 10th. Final exams run Monday, December 13th- Friday, December 17th. McQuade Library will remain open 24/5 through Final Exams Period and close on Friday, 12/17 at 5pm.

Two "Stress Less Week" events are taking place at McQuade this week. CJ's Health Science Interns are hosting Plant Pot Painting on **Monday, 12/6** from 12noon-1:30pm and the Therapy Dogs are coming to McQuade on **Thursday, 12/9** from 12noon-2pm.

STRESS LESS WEEK

12/6-12/10

M

12-2: Mental Health Check-in & Giveaways
12-12:30: Reflect with Campus Ministry
12-1:30: Plant Pot Planting

T

9-9:30: Yoga
12-1: Giveaways
12-12:30: Reflect with Campus Ministry
1: CARE Team: Holiday Help - College Coping 101

W

11-2: Chair Massages & Hydration Station
12-12:30: Reflect with Campus Ministry

TH

12-2: Therapy Dogs
12-12:30: Reflect with Campus Ministry
5-7: Dorm Room Nutrition

F

9-11: Breakfast & Chill

Check out fliers for locations!



Support McQuade's Health Science Interns and attend their stress relief event!

Winter Break Library Hours:

Open 24/5 hours through Final Exams Period

12/17: Library Closes at 5pm

12/18-1/9: Winter Break; Library Closed (Remote services available 1/3-1/7*)

1/10-1/19: Library Open 8:30am- 5pm; closed on weekends & on 1/17 MLK Day

1/19: Day Before Classes Begin, 8:30am-12midnight

1/20: Spring Classes Begin, 24/5 hours resumes

**Remote Librarian assistance (email, chat, & zoom consultations) available during week of 1/3 to support online J term students.*

Shoutouts

We've got holiday spirit- I've counted at least 7 Christmas trees in the building! Thank you to everyone who took time to decorate and help make McQuade merry and bright. We know our students appreciate the reminder that the holidays begin right after their finals! Also, check out the festive photo booth outside of the Graduate Center!



2nd Floor McQuade Tree with Holiday Book Display

Shoutout to Allie Lang for coordinating a Finals Access Services Student Worker schedule; it's still being finalized but see draft schedule. Students are submitting spring availability to us and we're working on a schedule for next semester.

Library Instruction Update

McQuade Librarians collectively offered over **70** course-integrated workshops to students (both undergraduate and graduate) across all schools this fall semester. Librarians are working to compile reference and instruction statistics and send an end-of-year survey to faculty.

Big Read!

The Lawrence Big Read is a community-wide reading program to encourage reading and participation in arts-based programming by diverse audiences. This year's community read is poet laureate Joy Harjo's "An American Sunrise" and is supported by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Big Read grant program. The poems in "An American Sunrise" encompass themes of migration, identity, forced displacement, memory, invisibility, ancestry, colonization, indigenous culture, storytelling and more. It is these themes that will inform and enrich programming. The Lawrence Big Read programming is the collaborative product of our partnership coalition including Merrimack College, Lawrence Public Library, El Taller Cafe & Bookstore, Lawrence Public Schools, and Lawrence Council on Aging. Residents of the city of Lawrence and students at Merrimack College are invited to read and discuss the book, leading up to Joy Harjo's reading for the city via webinar on March 10, 2022. As part of the Big Read, numerous events will take place at partner sites including writing workshops, poetry readings, open mics, book discussions, story walks, speakers, paint and more until May 2022. Check out scheduled events for this month and watch this space for upcoming events in the new year!

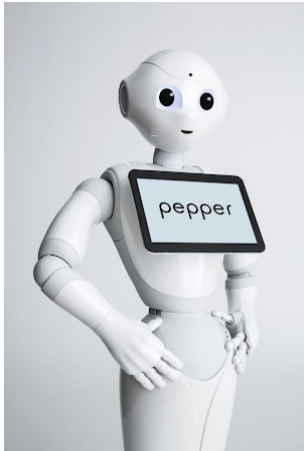
Community Engagement Fellow Laura Bishop is serving as McQuade's Big Read representative; please contact her with questions or to learn more.

ERC

This Week on December 9th in the ERC!: Computer Science Playdate for Anne Gatling's Education Students

In honor of Grace Hopper, pioneering computer scientist and United States Navy rear admiral, Professor

Anne Gatling will host an hour of code along with an exploration of STEM resources in the ERC for education and STEM students. Stations will be set up in the ERC featuring paper circuits, squishy circuits, Makey-Makey materials, little circuits, bee bot and dash challenges. Special guest, Pepper (see below!), will make an appearance and students will receive yummy treats to cap off this celebration of Hopper's life, achievements and STEM learning. All are welcome to join on **Thursday, 12/9** from **3:30pm-5pm** in the ERC.

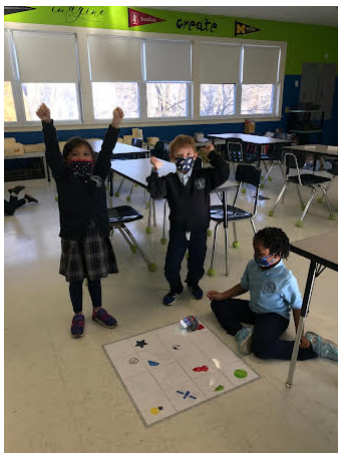


Pepper, the robot!

Last week kindergartners at St. Michael School used McQuade's blue-bots to learn the basics of coding. An MC student borrowed and brought Mars Map and DASH robots to North Reading's STEM night. McQuade's "library of things" materials are back in circulation -- spread the word so that more children have the opportunity to engage in hands-on learning with McQuade's materials!



You're never too young to code!



It's SO exciting to figure out a coding challenge.



See this beautiful picture of a cedar waxwing outside of McQuade Library's fruit-bearing trees. Picture is courtesy of Dr. Cyndy Carlson. Enjoy & have a great week!

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There are lots of excellent, free Spring online professional development workshops from MLS. Registration and additional information can be found on their events calendar: calendar.masslibsystem.org. Also, remember we have access to *LinkedIn Learning*, which has courses and videos to enhance professional and personal development.

Also, a reminder that CETL is offering an **Adult Mental Health First Aid (AMHFA) Certification** for Faculty and Teaching Instructors on **January 19th**. Register [here](#).

Shoutouts

I want to thank **all** for a great semester- every single staff person and student worker contributed to making this a safe and successful fall semester. It was great to be back at McQuade and connect with the Merrimack community in person. We continued to curate collections to support teaching and learning, conducted library workshops, and assisted many faculty and students with their research needs. Shoutout to our evening/weekend library assistants who make our 24/5 operations possible and to our two temporary employees, Stephen and Allie, who staffed service points this semester. We hosted a Community Engagement Fellow and Health Sciences Interns, and employed 17 student workers who had positive and meaningful work experiences at McQuade. I hope we all take stock in our achievements this semester.



Picture of thank you goodie bags for all our awesome student workers.

I hope everyone enjoys a magical and fun winter break. Please continue to take good care of yourself, and of others in the coming days.

End of Semester Events @ McQuade



Robot Pepper (and many students!) visited the ERC last week during a successful Computer Science STEM robot playdate. Laura Bishop helped Dr. Anne Gatling set-up stations which utilized many ERC materials.



McQuade's Health Science Interns hosted a *Paint your Pot* event as part of Stress Less events.



McQuade Library Health Sciences interns, Nicole Denommes and Sabrina Giambusso, were very busy collecting and sorting books for *Click for Quality Education*, a new non-profit organization created in Ghana by former McQuade Librarian Dr. Elizabeth Sarkodie-Mensah. Nicole and Sabrina know how important access to quality education is as a social determinant of health. They were excited to take part in this endeavor with their intern mentor librarian C.J. Wong.

[See more pictures here.](#)

Let me know if you have questions or concerns as the semester comes to a close. See you next year!

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Shoutouts

Janet Syed, Matt Giordano, Kathryn, and Lyena served on a search committee to hire an Instructional Technologist to join CETL. **Christine Sacco** will be starting at Merrimack this week and will help facilitate the college's migration from Blackboard to Canvas. She will be doing a library tour soon; please extend a warm welcome if you see her on campus.

Library Instruction Update

This week we have **4** workshops on our calendars. Lyena is facilitating 3 ENG1050 workshops with Professor Jewel & Professor Miller. CJ is conducting a "Plain Language for Engineers" workshop with Dr. Carlson.

Accessibility Alliance Week

We're so proud to co-sponsor this Accessibility Alliance week (formerly All Abilities Awareness week). Please attend various webinars to learn more about what it means to be an ally to folks with visible and invisible disabilities.

Laura Bishop created this libguide as a companion to the summit: <https://libguides.merrimack.edu/asd2021>.

Laura will also be helping to facilitate the in-person portion of Wednesday's events in Crowe Hall. She will also put together a book display on the 1st floor to support the week's events.

Join us for Accessibility Alliance Week



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ACCESSIBILITY ALLIANCE WEEK

Tuesday, Oct. 26-Friday, Oct. 29

Join us for various webinars as part of the
College Autism Summit 2021



Merrimack College is promoting a better understanding of people with visible and invisible disabilities and what it means to be an ally. This outside conference - College Autism Summit 2021 - will allow our community the opportunity to learn from innovative thought leaders on how to enhance student success in college and beyond.

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Accessibility Alliance Week is hosted by the Office of Accessibility Services in partnership with the O'Brien Center for Career Development, the McQuade Library, and Disability, Rights, Education, Activism, and Mentorship (DREAM).

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Visit our website for days, times and topics.
All webinars will be presented in Crowe Hall, Executive Room.

ACCESSIBILITY ALLIANCE WEEK TUESDAY OCT. 26- FRIDAY, OCT. 29

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COLLEGE AUTISM SUMMIT
"THE POWER OF CONNECTION"



For Resources & More Info:
SCAN THE QR CODE ABOVE



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CETL Offering: Adult Mental Health First Aid (AMHFA) Certification

The CETL is pleased to offer all faculty and teaching instructors the opportunity to earn **Adult Mental Health First Aid (AMHFA) Certification (52 instructors have already registered!)**. Modeled after CPR course training, AMHFA takes 8-hours to complete. Given everyone's busy schedules, we have worked with Merrimack's certified trainers, Dr. Christine Shaw and Dr. Sarah Benes, to offer you monthly opportunities and several options for completing the course including **pre-work, hybrid, and in-person training**. We encourage everyone to consider becoming certified. Please see the information below and click on the registration link to view the monthly options.

Click Here to Register Note: You must register at least one week before your preferred start date.

The CETL will be covering the cost of training and facilitation. Given the importance and need, we endeavor to raise awareness, increase confidence, share research-based approaches, and reduce the stigmatization of mental health challenges at Merrimack and in our spheres of influence. Nearly one in five people struggles with a mental health issue. Chances are you, your students, or someone you care about are impacted. Essential first aid training for anyone aged 18 and older who wants to learn how to help a person who may be experiencing a mental health related crisis or problem. This course teaches you to recognize signs and symptoms and provides the steps to take to provide help. Participants will

come away with the skills and tools to offer help to others and increase their personal knowledge. What you will learn in this 8-hour course:

- The impact of mental illness in the U.S.
- Risk factors and warning signs for depression, anxiety, trauma, substance use and psychosis
- A five-step action plan to help an individual in crisis connect to professional help
- Local resources available to offer support

Participants will receive an informational workbook that summarizes the training as well as a list of community resources. What to expect: Audio/video presentation, opportunities for group discussion and practice, earn three-year certification. Contact cetl@merrimack.edu with any questions.



Truro Public Library wins the award for a clever library-themed pumpkin (they created this awhile back). Enjoy and read about it [here](#).

Hope you all have a great week. Let me know if you have questions or concerns. Happy Halloween to all! 🎃

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("Yenna")

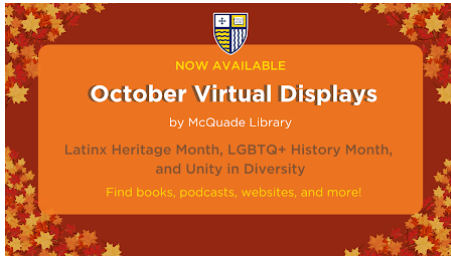
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Thank you **Gabby** for publishing **McQuade Library's newest digital displays for October!** This month, we will continue celebrating Latinx Heritage Month and reach into LGBTQ+ History Month, as well as MC's **Unity in Diversity days.**



Library Instruction

We have **8** library workshops on the calendar this week. CJ is working with Prof. Hall's HSC 1500C students and Prof. Mulvaney's ENG1050 students. Lyena is working with 4 ENG1050 sections (Hajec & Defranzo), Flaherty's POL4800 students, and Prof. Wynn's VPA3960W students. We will have conducted over 50 fall workshops this week and reached many students through these course-integrated sessions - keep up the good work!

Community Engagement



Laura Bishop, McQuade's CE Fellow

This week McQuade's Community Engagement Fellow Laura Bishop will facilitate a "Libraries and Community Engagement" presentation in her CME6600 Fellowship class. See attached for her slide deck which shines light on her fellowship work, and also highlights McQuade's impressive engagement and social justice efforts over the years. Laura intends to make her peers aware of how libraries of all shapes and sizes are engaging in meaningful community engagement work. She hopes to inspire her peers to collaborate with libraries in their fellowships and beyond!

Laura asked her peers to do some pre-work before her presentation and browse these examples of Libraries and Community Engagement:

Homeless Engagement Initiative at Dallas Public Library

Skokie Civic Lab

Human Library at Fairfield Public Library

Climate Prep Week: Massachusetts State Library System & CREW (McQuade guide to this year's events, made by me!)

Michigan Libraries Engage

All Abilities Awareness Month 2020 (McQuade Library partnered w/Accessibility Services at Merrimack)

Antiracism Resources (by Gabby Womack, McQuade Librarian)

Introduction to Racial Equity Tools, by University of St. Augustine Library for Health Sciences

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