



Austin practices with the extinguisher during Penfield's fire safety training

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News & Happenings

- Penfield librarians and staff have answered **3,448 questions** from students, faculty, staff, and alumni since the beginning of the fall semester. The majority of these were asked at the **Circulation Desk** and the **Research Help Desk**, with the rest asked/answered at Special Collections, Research Parties, Welcome Tables, and the AskUs24/7 Chat Reference services co-op.
- Penfield Librarians have also provided **information literacy instruction** in 60+ classes across the curriculum this semester, with more scheduled during the remaining weeks of the semester.
- **Archives & Special Collections** has been hard at work on the Millard Fillmore Papers, adding metadata and creating a searchable Guide for researchers.
- The library's **Employee Directory Page** has been redesigned. It's now easier than ever to reach out to us. Take a look and get in touch!
- The **Library Diversity Committee** is working on a variety of ideas and projects aimed at making the library more inclusive and accessible for all members of the SUNY Oswego community. These include improvements in programming, partnerships, spaces, and collections. Look for more info in the coming months.
- The **Student Library Ambassadors** are creating social media posts, planning Instagram takeovers, and sharing in event planning for the fall and spring semesters.
- Penfield Library hosted a Library Instruction Session for **Transfer Students** on October 28th. It was an opportunity for transfer students to catch up on library services.
- **Oswego Today** featured an article on Penfield Library's Research Parties. You can read more about these popular student events here: <https://www.oswego.edu/news/story/penfield-library-host-another-research-party-wednesday>
- Speaking of which, the second **Research Party** of the semester was held on November 10th from 6-8pm in the library. There were 16 attendees at the event and student feedback was again overwhelmingly positive.
- Our **Resource Sharing** librarian and staff have been working on a pilot project with California State University libraries on ALMA, a cloud-based library services platform. Projects like this are the reason that Penfield Library's ILL services continue to be top notch.
- Penfield Librarians and staff participated in **fire extinguisher training** at the end of October. It was informative (and a little fun!), and we're all better prepared to deal with a fire emergency.
- The library put together a **Mental Health Support basket** for the SEFA Baskets of Caring fund raiser. It's loaded with good stuff to help support well-being during the dark days of winter in Oswego.

Librarian & Staff Highlights

- **Laura Harris**, Web Services & Distance Learning Librarian, presented to current library school students on resumes and cover letters as part of a SUNY Librarians Association event on 10/15.
- **Deidre Devlin**, Access Services Manager, won Penfield's faculty/staff Halloween costume contest on 10/29, with her "Overslept/Just Woke Up" costume.
- **National First-Generation Student Day** was on 11/8. Penfield librarians **Deborah Bauder**, Research, Instruction, & Outreach Librarian, **Morgan Bond**, Resource Sharing Librarian, and **Michelle Bishop**, First Year Experience Librarian, joined faculty and staff from across campus at tables set up in MCC to celebrate and connect with SUNY Oswego's first gen students.



Morgan and Deb celebrate Oz 1st Gens

Spotlight



Kate Jones, Acquisitions Librarian, joined Penfield Library in August 2018. Kate has an MLS from Simmons College in Boston, an MS in Management from Nazareth College, and a BS in Biology from Le Moyne College. Kate manages the technical services side of the library, which encompasses acquisitions, cataloging, and serials, as well as some of the electronic resources and overseeing two library clerks.

Interesting facts: In high school, Kate sewed a quilt that was displayed at Yad Vashem Holocaust Museum in Israel. She was a member of the Rochester Curling Club for one winter. Kate got engaged in a hot air balloon over the summer.

Upcoming activities, events, etc.

- Planning is already in the works for Penfield's spring semester **Research Parties**. Dates and times will be distributed early so faculty can include them on their course syllabi.
- A **Living Library Event** is being planned for March 2022. We'll soon be soliciting people to share their experiences as human books. More info on volunteering for the event is forthcoming.

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