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PENFIELD LIBRARY

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News & Happenings

- Penfield Librarians have provided **information literacy instruction** in roughly 50 classes across the curriculum so far this semester. Many more are scheduled.
- Archives and Special Collections has created a new **exhibit honoring President Stanley's** time at SUNY Oswego. Take a look at it in the case on the first floor across from the Research Help Desk.
- The first **Research Party** of the semester was held on October 5th from 6-8pm in the library. Twenty-six students attended the event, getting research assistance and enjoying pizza in the company of Penfield librarians and Writing Center tutors. We received excellent feedback from students. The number one means by which they reported learning about the event was through their professors. Please encourage your students to attend the next Research Party on November 10th (6-8pm). Announcements will be posted in Oswego Today and on the events calendar.
- Library-wide **autogenerated notices** are changing to be clearer and more concise in their messaging. You will notice this change the next time you check out your library account activity online or, *ahem*, receive a courtesy notice about an overdue item.
- There are once again three student **Peer Reference Assistants** working at the Research Help Desk. The PRAs work from 5-9pm Sunday-Thursday, and 5-7pm on Fridays. They provide valuable reference services and referrals to their peers and other library visitors.
- We are currently developing a **library needs/satisfaction survey**, which will be sent out across campus. Look for more details and a survey link in your inbox once the survey is ready.
- Penfield Library is in the process of auditing the **signage** in the building. Too many signs? Unclear messaging? We're looking into it. You'll notice improvements around the library in coming months.
- The **Student Library Ambassadors** program is up and running. Ambassadors have set their goals for the semester and are now working to get the message out to fellow students about library services, events, and people. Look for them to contribute library info in your classes.
- The **Library Sustainability Committee** is meeting regularly to devise strategies for improved use of resources and more sustainable library services.
- There will be a **Banned Book Display** starting October 16th in the glass cases at the bottom of the stairs on the first floor of the library. All items on display are available for perusal and checkout.
- **National First-Generation Student Day** is on November 8th. Penfield librarians will be joining faculty and staff from across campus at tables set up in MCC to celebrate and connect with our students that day. Come say hello! And check out Penfield Library's [First Generation College Student Resources Guide](#), created to help support newly arriving First Gens on campus.

Librarian & Staff Highlights

- **Morgan Bond**, Resource Sharing Librarian, participated in an 'ILL Best Practices' Panel Presentation for the Northern New York Library Network on September 28th.
- **Katherine Jones**, Acquisitions Librarian, presented on 'Organic Chemistry Literacy Lab' at the Upstate New York Science Librarians Conference on October 8th.
- **Deborah Bauder**, Research, Instruction, & Outreach Librarian, presented a poster on the 'Use of Pre-Instruction Surveys' at the CNY Library Resources Council's Annual Conference on October 22nd. In September, Deb also joined the Association of College and University Educators (ACUE) course in Effective Teaching Practices: SUNY Oswego Cohort C, running from Fall 2021 – Spring 2022.
- **Colleen Huddleston**, Library Clerk 2, has been putting together book displays in the Children's Collection on the second floor of Penfield Library since February 2021. Kudos and thanks to Colleen for her outstanding work!
- **Deidre Devlin**, Access Services Manager, onboarded seventeen student workers, with six new hires for the fall semester. These student workers fill positions throughout Penfield Library and help keep things running smoothly.

Spotlight



Zachary Vickery, College Archivist Librarian, joined Penfield Library in January 2020. Zachary has an MLIS from Louisiana State University and a BA from Saint Michael's College in Vermont. Zachary manages the college archives in Archives and Special Collections and is part of the CLAS librarian team.

Interesting facts: Zachary lives in Oswego with his partner and their dog named after a Grateful Dead song. While in Louisiana he rode in a Mardi Gras Day parade (twice!), and in 2019 he completed his first marathon.

Upcoming activities, events, etc.

- There will be a **Library Instruction Session for Transfer Students** on October 28th at 3pm in Penfield 215. Inform the transfer students you know about this opportunity to 'catch up' on library services.
- Another **Research Party** is scheduled for November 10th from 6:00-8:00pm in Penfield 215. Please encourage your students to come eat some pizza and get research assistance. Students who attend overwhelmingly report a high level of satisfaction with these events.

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