



SUNY OSWEGO

# PENFIELD LIBRARY

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## News & Happenings

- Penfield Librarians and staff had a **Welcome Table** set up on 8/23 and 8/24 to hand out maps, provide directions, and help ease first week jitters. We recorded more than 200 interactions with students over these two days.
- We also joined in the **Mental Health & Wellness Fair** on 9/1, partnering with the Oswego Public Library as they kicked off their efforts for library card sign up month and gathered student interest for volunteering at the public library to give performances or share other talents.
- We welcomed roughly 1,100 new students during our **Laker Launch** event on 8/18 with an open house that introduced students to the wealth of services, staff, and resources at Penfield Library.
- We are currently training students for our new [Ambassador Program](#). This is a unique opportunity for Oswego students to develop valuable, resume-building skills while also contributing to our campus (and having fun!).
- Chancellor's Award and Distinguished Faculty Award photographs in the library's stairwells have been updated to reflect current faculty award winners. The previous award winners' photographs have been digitized and placed in [OswegoDL](#).
- A **Library Sustainability Committee** has been created. We will be working with partners across campus to do our part in lessening our carbon footprint, even as we continue to improve services.
- We have a **Seed Share** at the Library! To learn more about our current seed inventory and to request seeds, please [visit our SeedShare info page](#).
- **Library instruction** has begun. Last year Penfield Librarians provided class-specific information literacy instruction for roughly 2000 students in classes across campus, both synchronous and asynchronous.
- The library is spearheading a **1<sup>st</sup> Generation Student Collective**, focusing on providing research assistance and workshops to SUNY Oswego's many first-generation college students. Look for events on the SUNY Oswego events calendar and encourage the first gens you know to attend.
- There is now a **Self-Checkout station** in the library. Look for it on the first floor and let us know if you have questions.
- The *Grand Challenges: Fresh Water for All* anthologies of student writing, V.1, Issues 1 & 2, are now in the college archives and in [Oswego DL](#).
- **Archives & Special Collections** has an intern from the History Department for the fall semester.
- The [Library Resource Guides](#) on Penfield's website were reorganized over the summer to make them more accessible. They are now sorted by Subject, Course, How-To, Topic, and Faculty. Check them out and let us know if there are any other guides you would like to see added.

## Librarian Activities

- **Laura Harris**, Distance & Open Education Librarian, was promoted to Associate Librarian and recommended for tenure status (as of September 1, 2022). Laura also presented an Accessibility workshop at the SUNY Librarians Association Conference in August.
- **Michelle Bishop**, First-Year Experience Librarian, presented in the 'High School to College Roundtable' at the Empire State Library Network's PILLARS Symposium in July.
- **Morgan Bond**, Resource Sharing Librarian, and **Erin Kovalsky**, Access Services Librarian, presented a poster at the SUNY Librarians Association Conference in August on [Penfield Library's Seed Share](#).
- **Zachary Vickery**, College Archivist Librarian, contributed to an August article in Oswego County Business Magazine, titled [Remembering the Pandemic Is Everybody's Business](#).
- **Katherine Jones**, Acquisitions Librarian, co-presented with Chief of Staff Kristi Eck, at the Association for the Assessment of Learning in Higher Education 11th Annual Conference in June. Their presentation was part of the AEFIS Academy Community Event Lightning Talk Series, titled "Assessing Your Strategic Initiatives Using Inclusive, Collaborative Planning at SUNY Oswego."

## Spotlight



**Erin Kovalsky**, Access Services Librarian, has been at Penfield Library since 2019. Erin has an MLIS from Syracuse University, and a BS from Binghamton University. Erin manages Penfield's Circulation services, overseeing a staff of five library clerks and making sure that the great service you expect from Penfield Library is always available.

**Interesting facts:** Erin has lived in Phoenix, Arizona and Denver, Colorado. She also spent a year in Taichung, Taiwan, and three months backpacking in New Zealand. She has two young kids, a cat, and a dog.

## Upcoming Activities & Events

- Latina/o/x Heritage Month began on September 15<sup>th</sup> and runs until October 15<sup>th</sup>. [Check out our Latin/o/x guide](#) (compiled by Librarian Michelle Bishop, Prof. Roberta Hurtado, and members of the Latino Student Union) that was created to celebrate the event, as well as our first floor exhibit of books from our collection.
- Two **Research Parties** are on deck for the fall semester. Dates will be announced on the Oswego Today events calendar, as well as other venues. Keep an eye out for these social and collaborative events for students to get research assistance and encourage your students to attend!
- Planning is in the works for a **Living Library** event to be held during the spring 2022 semester. Look for more information and dates to be advertised in the next few months.

## Connect with us!

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