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## Dunhuang Exhibit Dazzled All

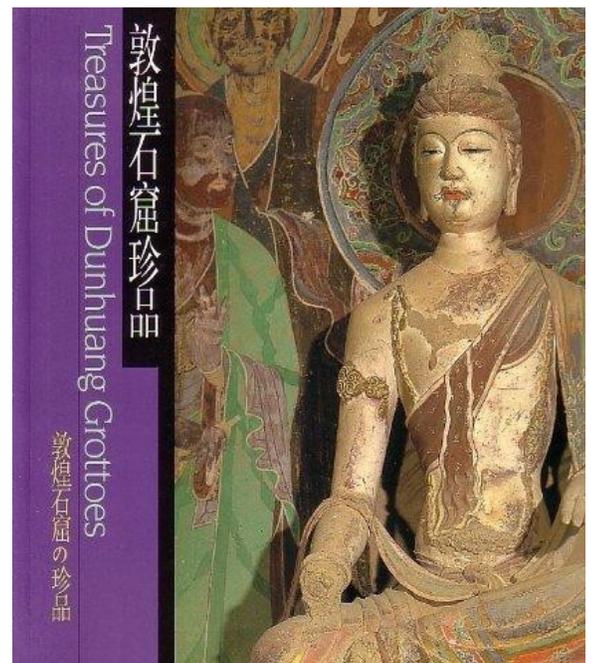
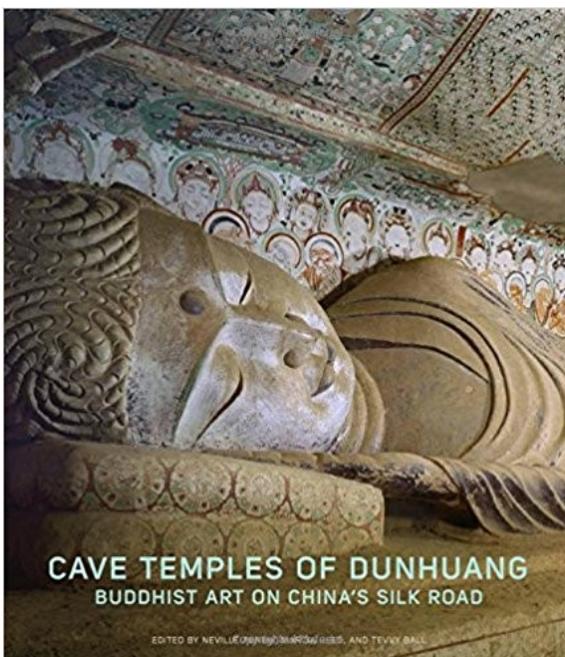
By Rachael Juskuv

The Douglas and Judith Krupp Library was delighted to host the interactive exhibit *Dunhuang: An Oasis for East-West Cultural, Commercial, and Religious Exchanges along the Ancient Silk Road* in the George E. Bello Center for Information and Technology.

The exhibit, which ran from September 27- October 6, featured cave number 285 of the Mogao Grottoes, a UNESCO World Heritage site. It is among the most significant of all the caves, dating back to the Western Wei Dynasty. This cave was physically re-created, allowing visitors to experience and walk through the full-size cavern.

Speakers and tours were available every day during the exhibition. The speakers showcased Bryant professors and other guest lecturers who discussed the influence that Dunhuang had on art, trade, religion and international relations. Didn't get to see the exhibit? The library has a collection of books and eBooks that showcase the historical, cultural and religious importance of the Silk Road.

The Dunhuang exhibition at Bryant University was made possible by a partnership between Bryant University and Dunhuang Academy and co-sponsored by the Confucius Institute Headquarters and Government of Gansu Province.



# New Video Tutorials

By Becca Pac

If you're looking to improve your search skills and learn more about library resources, you should check out some of the library's video tutorials! Over the summer, we updated and created new tutorials to help you find what you need at the library. Here are a few videos we recommend:

**Basic Searching I & II-** If you're new to searching, or just need a quick review, check out this pair of videos to learn how to search the library catalog to find sources.

**Searching for Online Journals-** This tutorial will show you how to see if the library has access to a specific journal. For example, you can follow along with this video to articles from Harvard Business Review.

**The CRAAP Test-** The CRAAP Test is one method for evaluating articles. If you're not sure a source you have is reliable, try applying the CRAAP Test to it—this video will walk you through it.

You can find these videos and more on the [Research Help page under Video Tutorials](#), or on the [Bryant Librarian YouTube channel](#).



## Is Your Phone Battery Running Down?

By Bill Doughty

Do you just need to give it a quick boost before class or before you can head back to your dorm? Is the Borrower Services desk temporarily out of the chargers available for 2-hour checkout? If the answer to any of these questions is "yes," then you should take advantage of our new charging station.

Located at the corner of the Borrower Services near the Research & Instruction desk, the station has spaces for 5

phones (3 lightning cable cords for iPhone, 2 micro USB cords for Android) and can be used by patrons for up to 15 minutes at a time... just enough to get you out of that Low Battery danger zone so you can keep texting, tweeting, Snapchatting, catching Pokemon, or whatever strikes your fancy.

*(Please be advised, though, that the Douglas and Judith Krupp Library cannot be held responsible for lost or stolen phones, so keep an eye on your stuff!)*

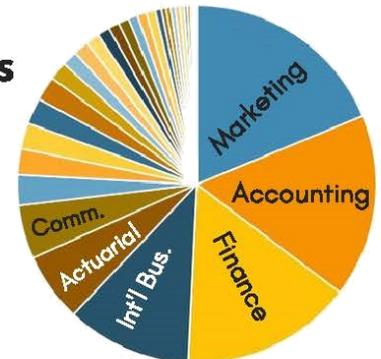
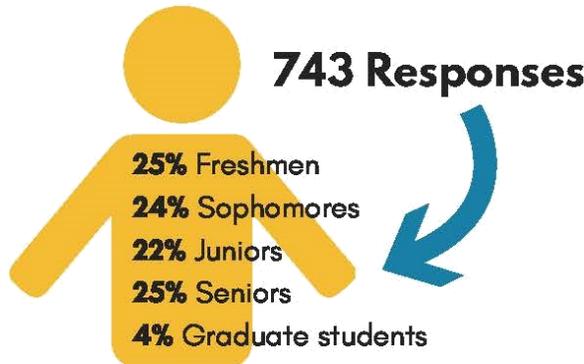
# Survey Results

By Mackenzie Dunn

In the spring semester of 2017 the library distributed a survey to evaluate to what degree the library was meeting student needs and where improvements could be made. The survey was completed by 731 undergraduate and graduate students via an online assessment tool.

## What do Bryant students say about the library?

### 2017 STUDENT SURVEY

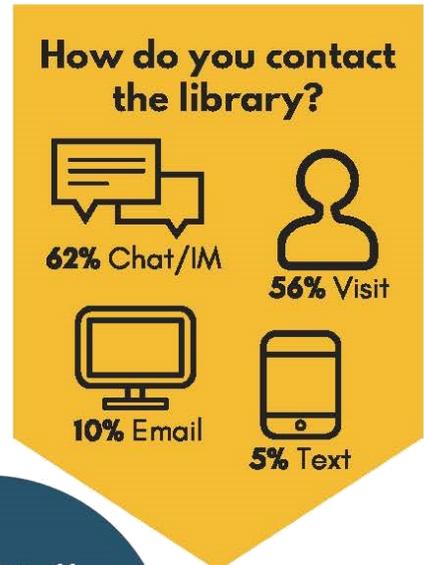
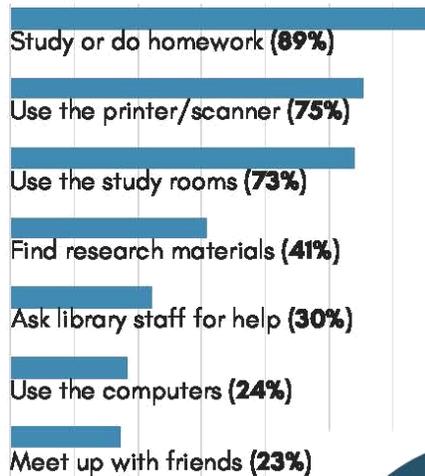


#### Highlights:

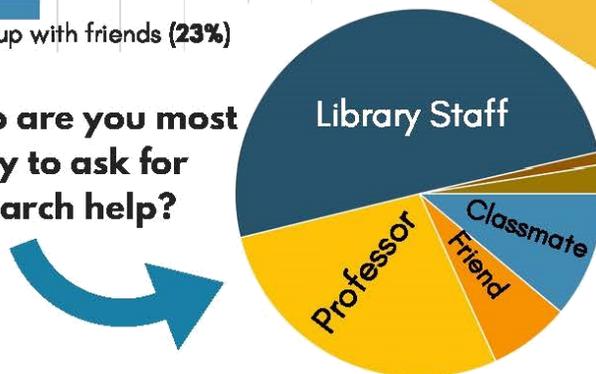
- The majority of respondents prefer to use the chat service to ask questions.
- The majority of respondents prefer print books to electronic books.
- The majority of respondents seek out help from library staff as their first choice for re-search assistance.

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#### Top reasons to visit



#### Who are you most likely to ask for research help?

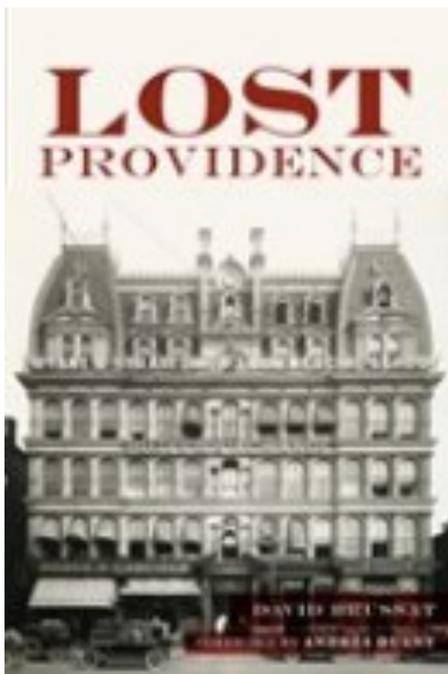


#### Library Improvements Based on Survey Responses:

- The library has extended its weekend hours. We are now open at 10:00am on Sundays, a frequent request.
- In partnership 3-D printer and is experimenting with student usage of the printer in our creative space on the 2nd floor.

For more information about the survey and full results go to the Library Services Evaluation & Assessment webpage:

<http://library.bryant.edu/library-information/library-services-evaluation-and-assessment.htm>



## Bryant's Lost Providence Connection

By Mary Moroney

Check out David Brussat's new book, "Lost Providence," published this past August and you will see on the cover a photo of the Butler Exchange building, Providence, RI with a *Bryant & Stratton R.I. Commercial School* sign emblazoned across the top. Brussat, a former architectural critic for the "Providence Journal," has expanded on his "Projo" article, "Providence's 10 best lost buildings" originally published on March 27, 2014. In this new book he discusses in further

detail the 10 most lost buildings in Providence, and Bryant has a significant connection to four of these lost but not forgotten architectural gems.

### **LOST: Providence National Bank (1929-2005)**

Although Bryant never took residence in this bank building, Bryant was located on this very site when the Franklin Lyceum (1859-1926) building occupied this address near the Arcade on Westminster Street. The Franklin Lyceum was Bryant's very first home in 1863 – but Bryant remained at the Lyceum for just one year.

### **LOST: The Third Howard Building (1859-1956)**

In 1864 Bryant moved into the Third Howard Building and remained here for a couple of years. The first 2 Howard buildings were destroyed by fire. The third Howard building was replaced with the fourth Howard Building which still stands ...

### **LOST: Hoppin Homestead Building (circa 1876-1979)**

Bryant was located in this building for 39 years from 1877-1916 (note that Bryant was located on the East Side of Providence

for just 36 years). Razed in 1979 a parking lot now occupies the Hoppin site.

### **LOST: Butler Exchange (1873-1925)**

When Bryant merged with the R.I. Commercial School, which had been located in this building since 1907, the Butler Exchange became Bryant's base from 1916-1925 occupying 8,000 square feet on the fifth floor. The Butler Exchange building was replaced with the iconic "Superman" building which now stands tall and empty on this site.

On page 68 Brussat calls Bryant "peripatetic." Yes, Smithfield, RI is Bryant's tenth location! – and we have been here 46 years - longer than any of our previous addresses. It's looking like we'll stay here awhile.

To reserve a copy of "Lost Providence" contact Borrower Services at extension 6125



**Hoppin Homestead**

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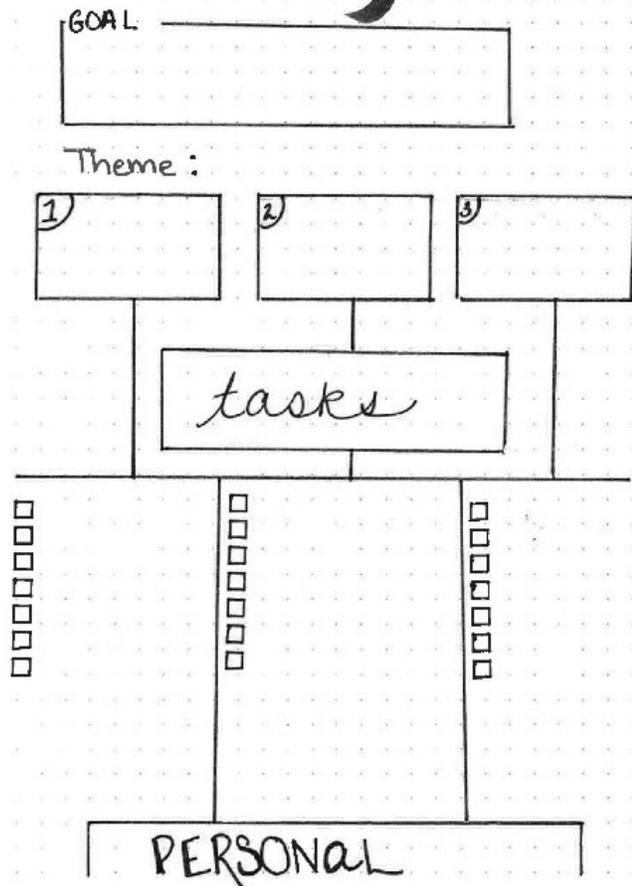
## Bullet Journaling

By Allison Papini

Your library staff are always on the hunt for new ways to get things done so we can continue to have the best library in the world. Some of us have been playing around with Bullet Journaling and want to give you a crash course.

What is a bullet journal? A bullet journal is an analog (meaning hand-written) system for keeping

# 90 Day Goals



GOAL \_\_\_\_\_

Theme :

1) \_\_\_\_\_ 2) \_\_\_\_\_ 3) \_\_\_\_\_

tasks

Vertical columns of checkboxes for tracking progress.

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That sounds boring. What else can it do? A bullet journal is really easy to personalize. People get seriously creative with theirs. Don't believe me? Just search Instagram for [#bujojunkies](#) to see what I mean. People use it for motivation, habit tracking, goal setting, and tracking other things like books to read or Netflix shows to binge. I'm interested. How do I get started?

Snag a pen and notebook and head over to [bulletjournal.com](http://bulletjournal.com) to get started. Want to chat about

## ATTENTION

The library now opens at  
9 a.m. on Saturdays and  
10 a.m. on Sundays.

You can view the library's complete hours of operation [here](#).



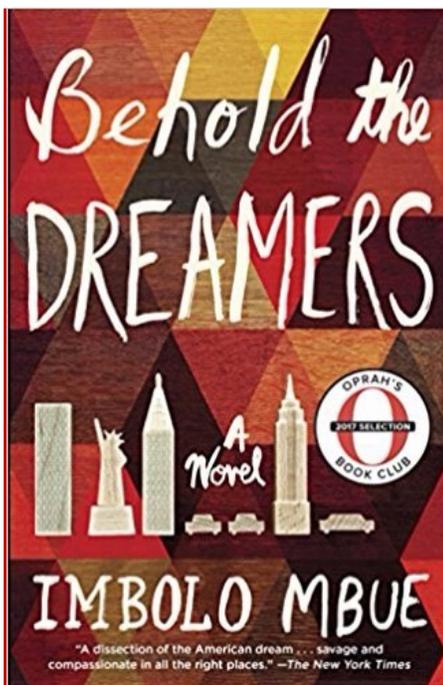
## Social Media Highlights

By Meagan Joseph

Last spring, the library staff gathered for a meeting led by Rachael Juskuv and Meagan Joseph to brainstorm ways to improve the library's social media strategies. During the Spring 2017 semester, we worked with Professor Keith Murray's marketing students and asked them to analyze and comment on our social media strategy with recommendations for improvement.

The two groups of students examined our current Social Media presence and compared it to other academic schools in Rhode Island and Massachusetts to determine where our strengths and weaknesses fell. Each group presented this information to Professor Murray and the Bryant Librarians. The students gave us strong suggestions on daily posting and recommended that we avoid cross-posting. A super interesting take-away was that the students wanted the library to follow them on the different platforms.

Given all of this feedback we have been able to create a much more active Social Media campaign. The library staff was on board and excited about the new initiative. With the beginning of the Fall semester, we have been making a conscious effort to post on Facebook, Instagram, Twitter and Snapchat on a much more regular basis with a focus on original and interesting content. It has become a super exciting and fun way to interact; not only with the student community, but the staff and faculty as well. We are looking forward to seeing how we can build attendance at library programs as well as share current events in the library and interact with the campus as a whole.



## Book Review: Behold the Dreamers

By David Chianese

Admittedly, it was with great hesitation that I started Oprah's current choice for her eponymous book club - the debut novel *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue. After all, what's an Oprah book choice without the 3 D's (despair, depression, and dysfunction) and I wasn't quite sure I was looking for that at the end of those lazy days of summer. Much to my surprise, Mbue's book proved one of the best book choices in Oprah's 20 year 'book club' history. Sure, it has the 3 D's; yet they're layered in a beautifully written story about a young Cameroonian couple who believe they are on the fast track to living the American Dream, until the 2008 economic meltdown comes into play. A clash of cultures, religion, class systems, race, and wealth all come into play - making this a must-read book for everyone.



## Sew Much More in 215...

By Maura Keating

It's time to get serious about your Halloween costume. This year, the library has one more tool that will help you rule October 31: a sewing machine. Thanks to the generous donation of Hilary Kraus, former Research and Instruction Librarian, the library has added a sewing machine to the collection of creative tools housed in Room 215 on the second floor. The Singer machine is in good working order but does not sew in reserve. The library has stocked 215 with a variety of threads and fabric scraps to launch your project. Beyond Halloween, you can use the sewing machine to build a prototype for GFOB or the IDEA program or to jump start your own entrepreneurial career.

Room 215 also features a 3D printer and a Cricut machine as well as a assortment of supplies to fuel your creativity. If you are interested in crocheting or knitting, join the Stitch2Gether group. Stitch2Gether meets on Tuesdays from 1 - 2 pm on the first floor of the library. No materials needed. We can help you get started, get you unstuck, or inspire you to keep stitching.

Inspired? You can use the tools in 215 to rock one of these looks for Oct 31:

3D Print Your Own Harry Potter Glasses:  
<https://www.thingiverse.com/thing:12993>

Knit a Quick Knit Mask (For a cat, batman, or ...):  
<http://www.ravelry.com/patterns/library/zsa-mask>

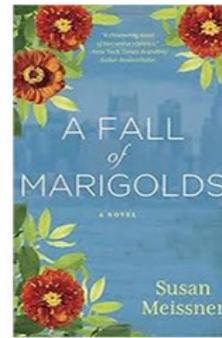
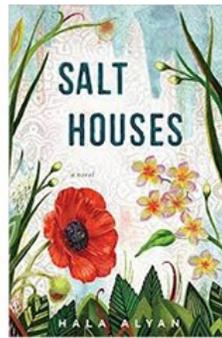
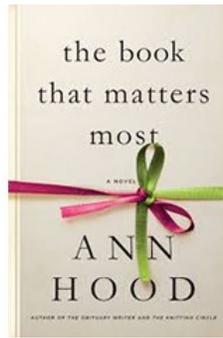
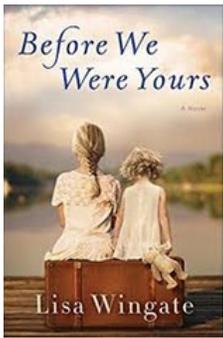
Use the Cricut to Make a Skeleton Shirt:  
<http://www.agirlandagluegun.com/2015/10/skeleton-shirt-with-glow-in-the-dark-vinyl.html>

Sew a SuperHero Mask:  
<http://cutesycrafts.com/2013/10/big-kid-superhero-masks-because.htm>

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# GO BOOKS ... GO BULLDOGS

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## Upcoming Book Club Selections

To learn about upcoming titles:  
Search "Book Discussion Group" at [events.bryant.edu](http://events.bryant.edu)

Before We Were  
Yours  
by Lisa Wingate

Wednesday  
November 8  
Noon to 1pm

The Book That  
Matters Most  
by Ann Hood

Thursday  
December 7  
Noon to 1pm

Salt Houses  
by Hala Alyan

Wednesday  
January 10  
1 to 2pm

A Fall of Marigolds  
by Susan Meissner

Thursday  
February 15  
Noon to 1pm

The Handmaid's  
Tale  
by Margaret At-  
wood

Wednesday  
March 7  
Noon to 1pm