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# Between the Stacks

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- **DWR Writing Sprints** - Virtual Events - Nov. 12, 1-4 PM & Nov. 18, 6-9 PM - [Learn more >](#)
- **OER (Open Educational Resources) Office Hours** - Nov. 5 & 19, 2-4 PM - 226 - [Schedule an appointment>](#)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Upcoming Breaks & Holidays

Thanksgiving Break:  
Nov. 24, 7:30am-6pm (McWherter)  
Nov. 25-27, CLOSED

### Changes to the Website

- [About Page](#) & [Services Page](#)

## CATCH ME UP ON 2020

### Presentations & Publications Since 2020

- **Olivia Chin** was published in the Tennessee Libraries Journal (Spring 2021): "[Library poetry readings as experiment: Social media management during COVID-19 remote learning.](#)"
- **Michael Harris** and **Bess Robinson** collaborated with others on a presentation for the 2021 Annual Conference of the Tennessee Library Association: "Listening to Each Others' Stories: The Transformative Potential of a Liaison Program." Bess' entry, "Food Industry," will be published in the 30th edition of Magazines for Libraries this December.
- **Carl Hess, Ashley Roach-Freiman, Paula Hayes, & Heather Kenny** gave a presentation for the 28th National Conference on Students in Transition on October 11, 2021: "Together in the Same Zoom Room: First-Year Writing Success Collaboration."
- **Joel Roberts** gave two presentations for the Southeast Music Library Association Annual Conference on October 15, 2021: "The Jewish-American Influence on Memphis Music" & "Chapter Share: Our Favorite Activities for Music Library Instruction" (a collaboration with Baker, G., Dorsey, S., Johnson G., & Sheahan, L.).
- **Denetria Y. Taylor** published a book of poetry on September 16, 2021, *Two Faces of Poetry* (available on Amazon).
- **Sharon Tucker** published several book reviews in *King's River Life*: "[Panic Attack](#) by Dennis Palumbo: Review/Giveaway/Interview" (Sept. 18, 2021), "Meet Insp. Masao Masuto, Howard Fast's Beverly Hills Detective" (Aug. 21, 2021), "Meet Randy Wayne White's Hannah Smith in *Gone, Deceived, and Haunted*" (July 17, 2021), "Neon Yang's *The Black Tides of Heaven*: Slackcraft and Gender Choice" (June 19, 2021), "Three Mysteries by Anthony Horowitz" (March 13, 2021), "Martha Wells' Mysterious Murderbot" (Jan. 9, 2021), "Ten

Seasonal Stories Unlike Any Others: *Festive Mayhem*" (Nov. 14, 2020), "*Clockwork Gypsy* by Jeri Westerson: Review/Giveaway/Halloween Guest Post" (Oct. 24, 2020), "The Three Latest Spensers from Ace Atkins" (Sept. 19, 2020), "Myron Bolitar: Harlan Coben's Sporting Sleuth" (Aug. 22, 2020), "Three First Novels by Anne Perry" (July 18, 2020), "Three Kindle County Novels by Scott Turow" (June 20, 2020), "Three Romantic Mysteries: Because Why Not?" (May 16, 2020), "Mary Higgins Clark: An Appreciation" (March 21, 2020).

## ACCESSIBILITY TOOLS & RESOURCES

Last month we went over what accessibility is, but how can we start making what we do more accessible? One quick way to start making improvements is by looking at how accessible our online communications like email and documents are. This is called [digital accessibility](#). We will cover a lot of different ways to improve our digital accessibility in this column, but the easiest way anyone can get started is to use the built-in accessibility checkers in a lot of common software.

Accessibility checkers are spelling and grammar checkers, but they identify common issues in documents that would make them harder to use by people with disabilities, especially those who use [assistive technology](#) like screen readers to interact with these documents. The checkers then make suggestions for how to fix the problems. Like with spelling and grammar checkers, accessibility checkers don't always catch everything, and knowing best practices for digital accessibility makes solving the issues they identify easier. But using an accessibility checker is an easy way to start making accessibility improvements today, and as we learn digital accessibility best practices in this column, you will be able to use them more and more effectively.

### Resources on Accessibility Checkers

#### Microsoft Office (Outlook, Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote)

- [Make your content accessible to everyone with the Accessibility Checker](#) [includes video]
- [Improve accessibility with the Accessibility Checker](#)
- [Rules for the Accessibility Checker](#)

#### Adobe Acrobat Pro

- [Check accessibility of PDFs \(Acrobat Pro\)](#)

#### Websites & Web-Hosted Content

- [WAVE web accessibility evaluation tool](#)

#### Canvas

- [How do I use the Accessibility Checker in the Rich Content Editor as an instructor?](#)