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UPCOMING EVENTS



Exam Week Stressbusters at the Ned

- **Color Me Calm: May 2, McWherter Rotunda.** Enjoy some calming coloring! Coloring pages, coloring pencils, markers & crayons will be available.
- **Unfold Your Stress: May 3, 1-2PM, the sandbox.** Enjoy learning some easy origami patterns, like jumping frogs, cranes, lotuses, and baby yoda heads.
- **Squish Away Stress: May 4, 11AM-1PM, McWherter Rotunda.** Enjoy making slime and stress balls with Student Health & Counseling Services!
- **Finish Strong: May 5, 1:30-2:30PM, McWherter Rotunda.** Learn more about the NEW Student Wellness Center and grab a giveaway. Learn about fitness classes, the Tiger Café, the Tiger Food Lab teaching kitchen & more!



University Libraries Colloquium: "Algorithms Are Not Neutral: The Bias Embedded in Library Search Interfaces," May 6, 10-11:30AM, McWherter Library 2nd Floor & via Zoom: bit.ly/ULfaculty3 (passcode: 430652). Open to all with coffee & refreshments.

From smartphones to fitness trackers to thermostats, computer algorithms increasingly shape our lives. Corporations like Facebook and Google have created services driven by these complex algorithms, enabling their customers to find what they're looking for as quickly and effortlessly as possible, a perk that comes at a price of which most of us aren't even aware. Leslie Collie, Systems Librarian, will examine how bias is hardwired into these algorithms, how it negatively affects its most marginalized users, and how its developers downplay these issues. Leslie will examine how library discovery layers, in seeking to look and act as much like Google as possible, have recreated these issues for their users, and will offer strategies to mitigate the worst consequences of these algorithms, which will not only serve librarians in their role at the library, but also as active and engaged members of our information society.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

McWherter Hours

- **Exam Week: April 28 - May 5**
Mon., May 2 - Wed., May 4, 7:30 AM-1 AM
Thurs., May 5, 7:30 AM-8 PM
- **Interim: May 6 - May 30**
Monday-Friday, 8 AM-5 PM
Exception: Monday, May 30, CLOSED

ANNOUNCEMENTS (CONT.)

Employee Spotlights

- Congratulations to **Dr. Ima Singarella**, who was recognized as a first-time Principal Investigator (PI) at the UofM's 2022 Research Celebration held in April. Her group of seven interdisciplinary researchers is funded by the National Institute of Health's (NIH) National Network of Libraries of Medicine. The project is titled, "Improve Accessibility of Health Information during the COVID-19 Pandemic: Health Education for Living During the Pandemic (HELP-US) Project." [Learn more here.](#)
- Congratulations to **Ilesha Williams** on receiving multiple nominations for the UofM's TIAA Excellence Award!
- Congratulations to **Betsy Eckert** on winning the **Tennessee Library Association (TLA) Support Staff Award!**
 - ◆ "A Library Assistant in Government Publications for over 30 years, Betsy Eckert has consistently demonstrated outstanding service to her department and to users of the University Libraries... A joy to work with, Betsy's compassion and warmth shape her interactions with Libraries colleagues and users, and those across and outside of campus." -Perveen Rustomfram
- Congratulations to **Paula Philips** on winning the **TLA Support Staff Award!**
 - ◆ "Paula Philips is native Memphian who has served as Library Assistant II in the Interlibrary Loan Office of the University Libraries at University of Memphis for over twenty years...Paula is worthy of the TLA Support Staff Award not only because of her extensive ILL knowledge, outstanding performance, and exceptional customer service, but also for her endless kindness, great humility and gentle sense of humor, which Paula's colleagues cherish most of all." -Sofiya Dahman
- Congratulations to all of our TLA presenters!
 - ◆ **Karen Brunsting & Caitlin Harrington** presented "Community Collection Development: How Data Impacts Resource Allocation."
 - ◆ **Leslie J. Collie** presented "Algorithms Are Not Neutral: The Unexpected Bias Hiding in Library Search Interfaces."
 - ◆ **Karen Brunsting, Caitlin Harrington, Leslie J. Collie & Sofiya Dahman** presented "The Future is Now: Providing Resources and Access for Our Community."
 - ◆ **Perveen Rustomfram & Bess Robinson** presented "Using the 2020 Census to Cultivate Community."
 - ◆ **Elizabeth McDonald & Kenneth Haggerty** presented "Using Bepress Digital Commons to Showcase Electronic Theses and Dissertations (ETD): The Migration Process."
 - ◆ **Perveen Rustomfram & Elizabeth McDonald** presented "From Depository to Repository: The Case of Tennessee State Documents."

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