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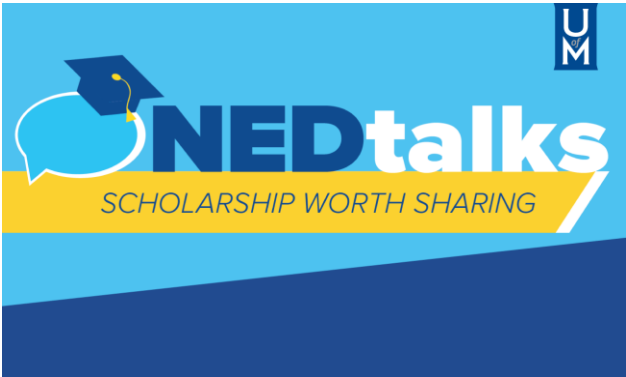
*The University Libraries Internal Monthly Newsletter*

**November 2023**

Events & More



Upcoming Events in November





1 - Carl Hess assisting a student at Tigers Write



- **NEDtalks Faculty & Instructor Research Forum** – November 1-2, 3-5PM, McWherter 2nd Floor Commons. The University Libraries will host NEDtalks, Wednesday, November 1, and Thursday, November 2, 2023, 2:30-5 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Commons of Ned McWherter Library. UofM faculty and instructors from multiple disciplines will share their recent research in engaging and entertaining short-form presentations. Refreshments will be provided. [Learn more & view the full schedule>](#)
  - Speakers on Wednesday, November 1, include Dr. Kimbrough Oller (Communication Sciences and Disorders), Dr. Thomas Hagen (Mathematical Sciences), Dr. Dipankar Dasgupta (Computer Science), Dr. Ruoxu Wang (Journalism & Strategic Media), Dr. Jill Fredenburg (Communication & Film), and Dr. Suzanne Onstine (History).
  - Speakers on Thursday, November 2, include Dr. Bryna Bobick (Art Education), Dr. Josef Hanson (Music), Dr. Carlos Enrique Santelli (Music), Dr. Kevin C. Taylor (Philosophy), Dr. Jeremy Orosz (Music), and Dr. Diana Ruggiero with Dr. J. Elliott Casal (College of Arts and Sciences).
- **Recital in the Rotunda** – November 3, 11:45AM-12:30PM, McWherter Rotunda. Stop by the McWherter Library rotunda to hear UofM Music students perform chosen pieces on the library's piano. *Open to all.*

- **Share the Bounty: Tiger Pantry Drive** – November 6-10. Share the bounty with your fellow tigers and donate food and toiletries to the UofM Tiger Pantry. The dropoff box is in McWherter Library lobby and is available during open hours. [Learn more about Tiger Pantry and what items are most needed>](#)
- **Tigers Write (RIS & CWC Event)** – November 13, 10AM-Noon, Patterson Hall Lobby. Working on your next paper? Drop by Tigers Write to consult with writing and research experts from the Center for Writing & Communication and the University Libraries on your current project. Get help with brainstorming, outlining, finding, and integrating sources, citations, revisions & more! Tigers Write & Tigers Speak Programs reinforce and expand on important concepts for first-year students and others who want to improve their academic writing & speaking, and are developed by writing, communication, and research experts from the Center for Writing & Communication and the University Libraries. [Learn more>](#)
- **Accessible Technology Procurement: A Free Tool for Accurate Assessment (DRS Event/Webinar)** – November 14, 1-2:30M, McWherter 2nd Floor Commons. *Open to Libraries employees.*
- **No Stress Success Series: Conflict & Convos (SHCS Event)** – November 15, 3-4PM, McWherter 2nd Floor Commons. Libraries will host. *Open to all.*
- **University Libraries Colloquium** – November 17, 10-11:30AM, McWherter 2nd Floor Commons & via Zoom. **Dr. Kenneth Haggerty**, Associate Dean for Innovation and Scholarly Engagement at the University Libraries, will present “Using Research Methods to Develop a University Libraries Strategic Plan.” In the Summer and Fall of 2023, the University Libraries Strategic Planning Response Committee conducted focus groups with all University Libraries departments to gather feedback to help create a new strategic plan to correlate with the University Level Strategic Plan, ASCEND. The Response Committee also distributed a survey to faculty and students at the University of Memphis to collect additional feedback. In Dr. Haggerty’s presentation, he will review the results of the focus groups and surveys and will provide details on the new University Libraries Strategic Plan. *All Libraries employees are encouraged to attend; light refreshments will be available.*
- **No Stress Success Series: Dare to Self Care (SHCS Event)** – November 29, 3-4PM, McWherter 2nd Floor Commons. Libraries will host. Open to all.



## Announcements



## Employee Spotlights



2 - Ashley Roach-Freiman and Carl Hess at the ArLA/SELA 2023 Annual Conference



- **Ashley Roach-Freiman** and **Carl Hess** presented “Wait, We’re Drawing?”: Engaging Visual Strategies for First-Year Library Orientation at the ArLA/SELA 2023 Annual Conference. [Learn more>](#)
- **Dr. Kenneth Haggerty** participated in a lightning round presentation at the Digital Commons North American Conference 2023 on October 9 in Coral Gables, Florida. [Learn more>](#)
- **Dr. Gerald Chaudron** presented “Digital Commons at Memphis: A Long and Winding Road” at the Southern Miss Student Archivists meeting on October 19.
- **Tenn-Share Showcase 2023** was held virtually October 17-18. Several Libraries people presented (see the list below).
  - **Olivia Chin** presented “Content Is Queen: Tips and Tricks from 8 Years of Academic Library Instagram”
  - **Benjamin Clanton, Anna Kirby** and **Marie Peeples** presented “E Pluribus Digitum: Digitization Initiatives in Government Publications”
  - **Casey Parkman, Davy Marsicano, Chasity Harris** and **April Hobbs** presented “The Sandbox – Incorporating Makerspaces Into Academic Spaces”
  - **Kelly Maust** presented “Not on the Syllabus: Bringing Popular Titles to College Readers with a Book Leasing Program”
  - **Caitlin Harrington, Tiffany Day** and **Karen Brunsting** presented “Out of Sight, Out of Mind: Confronting Collections That Are Easy to Ignore”
  - **Sofiya Dahman** co-presented (with Amy Chew and Miriam Wnuk) “If We Can Dream: The Road to Transfiguring Resource Sharing and Building a Collaborative Network in TN”
  - **Perveen Rustomfram** and **Bess Robinson** presented “Takin’ it to the Streets: Marketing and Promoting Government Information”

### Libraries Hours

- McWherter Library hours for Wednesday, November 22, will be 7AM-6PM.
- All Libraries locations will be closed Thursday, November 23, through Sunday, November 26, for Thanksgiving and the holiday weekend.



## Accessibility Committee Column



*The University Libraries Accessibility Committee will share and update some of their older columns to refresh our knowledge and share information with new staff and faculty at the Libraries. Here is their first ever column.*

### What is Accessibility?

By Carl Hess

So, what are we talking about when we refer to “accessibility?” The United Kingdom’s Accessibility in Government blog summarized it nicely: [accessibility is when](#) “people are not excluded from using something on the basis of experiencing a disability.” Accessibility, then, is intertwined with the concept of “disability.” The CDC [defines a disability](#) as:

any condition of the body or mind (impairment) that makes it more difficult for the person with the condition to do certain activities (activity limitation) and interact with the world around them (participation restrictions).

So, a disability makes it harder for people to act and participate in life, while accessibility allows them to do so more easily.

There are [many types of disabilities](#), including vision, mobility, auditory, neurological, cognitive, medical, and psychological. [A disability can also be temporary](#), such as those caused by recoverable injuries, short-term illness, and some medical procedures. All these affect people’s ability to do activities and

interact with the world around them. [19% of undergraduate students report having a disability](#). Many students [never report their disability](#) to their school.

Accessibility empowers people with disabilities by ensuring that when they try to do an activity it can be done in a comparable amount of time and effort as it would take someone without a disability. Because of the wide varieties of disability, [accessibility is not a “yes or no” situation](#). What is accessible to one person might be inaccessible to someone with a different disability. The UofM’s Office of Institutional Equity identified [three major areas for eliminating barriers to accessibility](#): in physical access, in information and materials, and on the web.

If you would like a more in-depth refresher on disability and accessibility, start with these recorded [Library Accessibility Alliance](#) webinars:

- [An Introduction to Disability](#)
- [Disability Awareness – Use of Physical Spaces by Persons with Disabilities](#)
- [Website Accessibility 101](#)

### Upcoming Accessibility Trainings

- Webinar: [Accessible Library Experiences](#)
  - How to provide accessible physical spaces and in-person events from NC State University Libraries. First hour will be the presentation and the last half hour will be optional breakout rooms.
  - Wednesday, November 1 from 1:00 to 2:30 PM Central
  - NC Live
- Webinar: [Accessibility & Disability in Special Collections](#)
  - Physical and digital accessibility best practices or special collections and archives.
  - Tuesday, November 7 from 1:00 to 2:00 PM Central
  - NC Live
- Webinar: [Accessibility Bites – PowerPoint Slides](#)
  - How to create and revise PowerPoint presentations slides so that they are more accessibility. Session will include some design principles, a chance to work on your own presentation to improve it, and then a chance to discuss how it went.
  - Thursday, November 30 from 2:00 to 2:30 PM Central
  - BCcampus
- Webinar: [Creative Methods for Enabling the Participation of People with Disabilities in Research](#)
  - Ways to include the experiences of disabled people in research that are meaningful and inclusive.



- Tuesday, December 5 from 12:00 to 2:00 PM Central
  - BCcampus
- Webinar: [Policy Writing and Implementation with an Equity Lens](#)
  - Discusses how to focus on policy writing as a process that includes a focus on equity.
  - Wednesday, December 6 from 1:00 to 2:00 PM Central
  - Niche Academy

## Contact & Follow Us

- Planning **events** for the fall semester? Plan at least a month ahead! We have a new [Marketing Resources page](#) on the Libraries intranet site. Be sure to review this page for your **event** and **marketing** requests. It contains many FAQs.
- Want something included in the weekly **email**, monthly **newsletter**, or on **social media**? Email the Libraries marketing team at [lib\\_marketing@memphis.edu](mailto:lib_marketing@memphis.edu).
- Don't forget to follow @UofMLibraries on [Facebook](#), [X \(formerly known as Twitter\)](#), [Instagram](#) or [YouTube](#) to learn about upcoming events, interesting resources & more! Highlighted events can also be found on the [Libraries homepage](#).