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# Marshall University Libraries NEWSLETTER

## Spring 2024 in Review

### Master's Degree in Library and Information Science

Marshall University Libraries is currently developing a library and information science degree with a focus on special libraries, including archives, historical societies, museums, and medical libraries, addresses a crucial gap in current educational offerings. This specialization ensures that graduates are equipped with the specific knowledge and skills required to excel in these unique and specialized library environments.

The MLIS is one of the last remaining terminal degrees at the master's level and can lead to rewarding faculty employment.

The creation of a master's level terminal degree option at Marshall University provides a valuable opportunity for individuals seeking a non-tenured faculty career in academia. This addition not only diversifies the academic offerings at the university but also contributes to the development of a well-rounded and highly qualified workforce in the field of library and information science.

The proposed degree program at Marshall University demonstrates a commitment to addressing the current and future needs of the library and information science field. With a vibrant history of producing school librarians since the early 1950s and a reputation for supporting public library workers through the RBA completion degree, Marshall is the logical choice to go to the next level with an ALA accredited MLIS!

Watch for updates as we continue to develop this program.

### ETD Deadline

Do you have students completing a thesis or dissertation? The submission deadline is fast approaching. Familiarize yourself with the guidelines and formatting requirements at <https://libguides.marshall.edu/etd>. Publication-ready manuscripts must be submitted by March 29, 2024.

Welcome to the spring semester and our new Library Newsletter. This is our way to keep faculty, staff, students, administrators and community updated on events, training and resources available.



## FRIENDS OF MARSHALL LIBRARIES

**JOIN US!!!** Plans are underway to form a community group of library friends and we invite your participation. Membership is free and members will enjoy a quarterly newsletter, various activities including guest speakers, possible formation of a book club, art exhibitions and check out privileges. Watch for more details coming soon. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Dena Laton [dena.laton@marshall.edu](mailto:dena.laton@marshall.edu).





## Podcast Studio

2024 is a year for change and growth for Marshall University Libraries and with that change we have started a project to create a digital content studio in the Drinko Library. This project came out as part of our 25th birthday celebration this past October.

The project will convert a previous office space into a studio offering audio and video recording capabilities. Though still in the early stages, we hope to have the space available for use soon. Renovation work has begun, and we are optimizing the space and equipment to best serve our patrons.

Donations by the Marshall Foundation and Alumni Association have provided us with a starting point, and the recommendations and guidance of faculty Dr. Ben Eng and Integrated Services Center Coordinator and librarian Eryn Roles. They are helping us prepare what we hope will be a flexible and versatile space for our campus and community.

If you are interested in donating to help us fund this and other library projects, you can make donations to the Marshall University Libraries through the Marshall Foundation.

## JOIN the Book Club

Well-read and Undead is Marshall Libraries' official book club. A group that initially came together in February of 2022, Well-Read and Undead seeks to bring Marshall's readers together



to explore diverse books that expand our reading lists. There is a form for anyone to request a book for the club, and we democratically vote on the book for each month. Because of this system, there is no guessing what we could read next. In the past, we've read possession stories, nonfiction history books, time travel, slasher who dun its, fantasy, and so much more. We are always looking for interesting books and perspectives

Though many of our members are staff and faculty, anyone in the Marshall community is welcome to join our meetings. We normally meet one Thursday a month virtually through Teams, but we have begun having some meetings in person. The next meeting will be February 22nd on Teams at 6PM where we will be discussing *The Haunting of Ashburn House* by Darcy Coates.

Our final mission is to encourage a lifelong love of reading. As long as you don't mind the spoilers, anyone is welcome to meetings whether they've read 10 pages or the entire book. We encourage everyone to read what they love and if a book isn't well liked, we have fun discussing those too! If you're interested in joining our club or have further questions, please see our LibGuide and contact information at <https://libguides.marshall.edu/DrinkoBookClub>.

Hope to see you at our next meeting!

## Special Collections

### Clean out that Attic

You never know what you will find in your own attic. Marshall University's Special Collection is always interested in new collections, especially those relating to the Tri-State Area. Contact our Special Collections team at 304-696-6611 for more information.



*No Ordinary Homestead*



## Library Staff Organization

We are continuing to plan the creation of a library staff organization to facilitate information relating to our employees. "This organization will hopefully help communication between various library staff across depts. and allow staff to communicate with the administration on matters that will impact them." We will begin departmental meetings soon.

## Open Educational Resources Presentation

### Making Educated Decisions about Rights When Creating, Using, or Remixing OER

Instructors who choose to create or reuse open educational resources rarely double as intellectual property attorneys. Answers to tricky rights questions can be hard to find, and in some cases, there is no guidance or precedent to follow. Don't give up. This presentation will explain the basics of copyright, Creative Commons, fair use, and more. Attendees will leave with tools that inform decisions about whether to use, reuse, remix, or forget it.

The presentation will take place on Friday, April 5, 2024, at the OER Convening being held this year at the Stonewall Resort.

## National Library Week:

Marshall Libraries will be celebrating National Library Week April 7-13, 2024. Come by Drinko Library all week for our scavenger hunt or visit our table at the Earth Day Fair to make an upcycled bookmark! More details can be found on our website: [libguides.marshall.edu/libraryevents/](https://libguides.marshall.edu/libraryevents/)

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### We want to hear from you!

If you have anything you would like to contribute to our newsletter, please contact Dena Callicoat Laton at [dena.laton@marshall.edu](mailto:dena.laton@marshall.edu)

## Collection Spotlight: The Rosanna A. Blake Library

The Rosanna A. Blake Library of Confederate History is a unique collection of materials relating to the Confederacy, the southern states, and the Civil War and Reconstruction. The contents were compiled by Rosanna Alexander Blake, a Marshall College graduate, who became a United States trial attorney, a judge in Washington, and an avid collector. Upon her death, the collection, which now includes over 4,000 monographs and 3,000 imprints, was donated to Marshall University. In addition, an endowment provides graduate scholarships to English and History students.

For more information, contact Joe Geiger, curator/librarian for the collection, at the Special Collections Department at Marshall University Libraries at (304) 696-2343.

## Thank you for your donation

The Rosanna A. Blake Library of Confederate History at Marshall University recently received two unique images of Jefferson Davis and his wife Varina, donated by Dr. and Mrs. John O'Brien. According to Dr. O'Brien's research, the encased tintypes, taken in Washington just prior to the outbreak of the conflict, were most likely taken from the Confederate White House in Richmond in April 1865 by Thomas Welles, the son of Secretary of the Navy Gideon Welles, who was serving in the Union army at the time of General Robert E. Lee's surrender. Welles sent them to his father, and Dr. O'Brien acquired the images from the estate of the family in 1980. An article detailing the provenance of the tintypes written by Dr. O'Brien, who was a close friend of Rosanna Blake and a fellow collector, was published in the Spring 2016 issue of *Military Images*. The O'Briens, long-time supporters of the Blake Library, donated a number of important materials, including an extremely rare Volck Shield, to the Blake Library. "We are thrilled to add these previously unseen images to the Blake collection," said Special Collections Director Lori Thompson. "They will be utilized by researchers of the Civil War and we are appreciative to the O'Briens for their continued support of Marshall University and this important resource." Dr. John O'Brien died on July 21, 2023. Sylvie O'Brien donated his remaining books and manuscript materials relating to the Civil War to Marshall University.

## Research Guides

What is a [Libguide/Research](#) guide and where can I find it? Research guides can be found on the Library website and are a wealth of information

# Virtual Stress Relief Kit



**Stress Relief Week April 9th – 11th • 1pm – 3pm each day.**

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>**

**DRINKO LIBRARY ATRIUM (3RD FLOOR):**

- Bob Ross Paint-Along – Free your mind and create a beautiful painting along with Bob Ross as we stream episodes of The Joy of Painting.

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10<sup>TH</sup>**

**DRINKO LIBRARY 138 (1ST FLOOR):**

- What's Your Sign – Decorate a personalized hanging sign or door knob hanger to use at home or in the residence halls.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11<sup>TH</sup>**

**DRINKO LIBRARY LOBBY:**

- Survival Station – Stop by for snacks, drinks, study resources, and freebies, courtesy of University Libraries and student support services.

**You can also link to my Virtual Stress Relief Kit for students who can't attend those activities:**

**[libguides.marshall.edu/stress-relief-virtual](http://libguides.marshall.edu/stress-relief-virtual)**



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