SERVING OUR COMMUNITY:
Campus, Chippewa Valley, and Beyond

As a collaborative effort to cultivate community and harvest produce for the University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire Campus Harvest Food Pantry, the first seeds were sown in the McIntyre Library Community Garden in May 2018.

Since September 2014, the UW–Eau Claire Campus Harvest Food Pantry has been providing aid to the high percentage of students who self-identify as in need of supplemental food assistance.

After learning about the growing group of students who need food assistance, Roxanne Backowski, electronic resources librarian, aspired to combine her green thumb and desire to serve by starting a community garden.

Backowski gathered a group of McIntyre and university staff, and the planning began. Seeds were collected from local nurseries, and also the L.E. Phillips Memorial Public Library’s seed library. All other supplies and plants were donated by McIntyre Library staff, who also volunteered their time. The garden itself was located in the Forest Street Community Gardens in downtown Eau Claire. Fellow community gardeners were quick to assist with advice or spare tools. Led by Backowski, volunteers from McIntyre Library and the Office for Research and Sponsored Programs, met weekly to dig, plant, water, and most importantly, to pull weeds.

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The return of students to campus every fall brings a welcomed infusion of energy and activity. Summer is quiet in the library, deceptively so. Lest you think we use this season to kick back and read books at our disposal, think again. It is the season when the library quietly reimagines and transforms itself, always with the goal of better serving our students, faculty, staff, and community.

Among the transformations that took place this summer:

- We transitioned the library website to the new campus web format, which allows us to better showcase all of the cool things happening in the library.

- We welcomed our new branch campus library at University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire – Barron County. We have gotten to know our new colleagues, Cecelia Cole, Linda Snider, and Angela Katterhagen and have come to admire the exceptional level of competence and caring they offer their students. Our work of merging library systems is a process that will continue throughout this transitional year.

- We updated our organizational structure, realigning faculty and staff responsibilities to increase efficiencies and position ourselves for changes ahead. Kate Hinnant was named head of instruction and communication. Eric Jennings is head of user services, and Kong Yang has assumed additional responsibilities as circulation manager. We are in the process of hiring a tenure-track digital learning librarian, who will move us forward in areas such as digital humanities and scholarship, open access through institutional repositories, and multi-modal learning.

- We laid the groundwork for the fall opening of the new Blugold Makerspace where students, faculty, and staff have access to an array of tools, technologies, and resources for creating, exploring, and experiential learning.

Life in the library does seem to start all over in the fall, and it's the result of many people working hard all summer to incubate, plan, and implement the ideas that move us forward.

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"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall." - F. Scott Fitzgerald, The Great Gatsby

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SERVING OUR COMMUNITY:  
Growing in Leaps and Bounds

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While Backowski brought her previous knowledge of gardening to the group, for many of the volunteers, this was their first time participating in a garden project from start to finish.

Since harvest began in mid-July, 150 pounds of fresh, nutritious produce were donated to the Campus Harvest Food Pantry including tomatoes, peppers, potatoes, onions, wax beans, corn, squash, and even mini watermelons.

“I would like to thank the thoughtful people from McIntyre Library who have been so wonderful about donating produce from their garden to the Campus Harvest Food Pantry,” said Julie Carr, supervisor of the pantry. “It’s important to our students that we have healthy food options available in the pantry, and they especially love the fresh produce. We couldn’t offer this important service to our students without the support of our awesome university community.”

The community garden is another great example of the ways that McIntyre Library provides support to the students of UW-Eau Claire, in addition to our research, material, and information roles.

Putting Our Best Foot Forward: Soles4Souls Shoe Drive

In May 2018, 86 boxes containing 1,420 pairs of shoes were donated during the second annual new and used shoe drive hosted by McIntyre Library and the Student Office of Sustainability for the non-profit organization, Soles4Souls. The drive was started in honor of Earth Week, so the entire collection campaign was kept as green as possible. The shoes were packed for transport to the drop-off site using recycled boxes. Ragstock clothing store donated most of the boxes, but many were also collected for reuse by the library’s custodial staff. In addition, all of the containers used by donors to drop off their shoes, including plastic bags, were reused or recycled. Hundreds of plastic bags were recycled with Festival Food’s Bags for Benches program. McIntyre Library would like to extend a thank you to the Student Office of Sustainability for their co-sponsorship and to everyone who donated shoes and contributed to the success of the drive.
Now Open: McIntyre Library’s New Blugold Makerspace

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The Blugold Makerspace in McIntyre Library is finally open to students, faculty, and staff! Whether it’s making an ink and watercolor painting, a Halloween costume with 3D printed accessories, or a radio assembled and soldered from parts, the Blugold Makerspace is a place where everyone can find the tools, materials, expertise, and a community, all with the goal of making. The Blugold Makerspace is located in room L109, in the lower level of McIntyre Library, behind the elevators.

In September, the Blugold Makerspace held its grand opening event. Guests had the opportunity to see the collection of tools and some completed projects. Of particular interest was the 3D printer and an array of 3D printed objects, but also on display were sewing and electronics projects. Alumnus guest speaker Davy Sumner spoke about his journey of becoming a maker and how he started as a University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire music composition graduate and evolved to become an artist and musician using homemade instruments. To give guests a hands-on experience with making, Sumner held a soldering and robotics workshop to wrap up the event.

The funds to create the space were provided by the Student Office of Sustainability (SOS) and the Information Technology Commission (ITC) which oversees the expenditure of the student technology fee and represents students' information technology needs.
In the coming semester, the Blugold Makerspace will start offering workshops on topics such as bicycle maintenance, creating Halloween costumes, and getting started with electronics. No experience is needed, just a desire to learn. In addition, the Blugold Makerspace hopes to collaborate with faculty on course-related projects.

A new student organization, MakeUWEC, was also created this fall, and operates to inspire students to think creatively in design, manufacturing, and implementation. The goal is to encourage cross-disciplinary collaboration and provide a space to generate ideas. The group meets Wednesday evenings at 7:15 p.m. in the Makerspace. Students wishing to join or get more information can email the executive board at List.MakeUWEC.Exec@uwec.edu.

If anyone would like to get involved, visit during open hours or email staff at Library.Makerspace@uwec.edu. Also, in the spirit of sustainability, the Blugold Makerspace is always happy to consider donations of tools and materials.

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**MAKERSPACE WISHLIST**

#### Equipment
- screwdrivers
- wrenches
- pliers
- rivet gun (and rivets)
- 3D scanner
- drill press
- laser cutter (50-100 watt)
- printer (the regular, paper kind)
- sewing machine
- ironing board
- knitting needles
- 3" button maker
- 1" button maker
- 3-channel power supply

#### Furniture
- 36" x 60" tables (3)
- 36" x 60" table—electronically adjustable height for ADA
- 30" x 84" computer table

#### Materials
- cloth
- thread
- yarn
- Lego bricks

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Our hours and more information can be found on our website:  
http://uwec.ly/Makerspace

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*Item explores topics related to the university’s Equity, Diversity, and Inclusivity (EDI) initiative.
3rd Annual McIntyre Library Summer Conference: Creative Writing, Hula Hooping, and More!

In August, McIntyre Library hosted its third annual McIntyre Library Summer Conference that featured the talents and interests of staff from around the library. An invitation to attend was extended to all University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire and UW–Eau Claire–Barron County staff and faculty. Three sessions were taught, including creative writing with tabloid headlines, lightning talks featuring photos and stories of recent travels, and an introduction to hula hooping. New this year was an open house featuring some of the new technology in the library and the makerspace.

Kate Hinnant, instruction librarian and head of communications, taught a session about writing and reading poetry in an age where the form is not as common. Armed with coffee and donuts, the group wrote serious poetic responses to goofy tabloid headlines.

In the second session, participants were treated to tales of the adventures of their coworkers over the last year. Jill Markgraf, library director, traveled around Morocco with her family and shared some of the smells and tastes of the region with the audience, including mint tea and spices. Lark Keating-Hadlock, assistant archivist, traveled through Italy and France with a friend. They took a walking tour through Rome and enjoyed a double decker bus tour through Paris. Kevin Dekan, periodicals and electronic resources, delighted the group with literary and architectural history as he discussed his most recent trip to Prague, including stops at Sigmund Freud’s favorite café and a café named for novelist Franz Kafka. In the final travel presentation Brad Gehrke, library systems and makerspace associate, shared photos from his multiple trips to Japan. He inspired envy with images of lush mountain scenes and ramen bowls.

New this year was a library services open house with a host of hands-on activities. Downstairs in the Educational Materials Center (EMC), participants could test out the variety of equipment for McIntyre’s makerspace. Some of the new gadgets include a 3D printer, a sewing machine, a stencil cutter, and a digital art tablet.

On the first floor, staff were able to try out the new virtual reality equipment which became available for student checkout this fall. Some virtual reality program favorites include the 3D anatomy models of skeletal structures and organs and a truly new way to experience Google Earth.

Continuing with tradition, there was a library staff art exhibit. Pieces included excerpts from the book review blog of Carrie Butler Becker, acquisitions and content coordinator, 3D printed items by Brad Gehrke and Dan Hillis, library systems and makerspace coordinator, a painting by Roxanne Backowski, photos of quilts made by Erin Kriener, equipment checkout and course reserve supervisor, and a presentation of how to create inspiring book displays by Jessi Leum, evening circulation supervisor.

The final session of the day was an introduction to hula hooping, taught by Trista Anderson, administrative coordinator, and Roxanne Backowski, electronic resources librarian. They were able to teach the group how to do the basic moves, and then taught everyone some advanced tricks like spinning the hoops on your arms or shoulders.

Attendees of the event were happy with the day’s proceedings and the opportunity to interact with their coworkers in a less formal manner than the general workday. The planning committee is continuing to receive suggestions and feedback to make next summer’s conference even better!
1,700 Students
200 Toppers Pizzas
9 Holes of Mini Golf
1 Big Night

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• The Instructional Media Center (IMC) in the lower level of the library has been renamed the Educational Materials Center (EMC).

• Over the summer, the Library Instruction Lab on the first floor of the library was renovated to include more space for larger classes. The room was painted, reorganized, and four large screens were added to replace the aging projector.

• In August, library staff were treated to a private tour of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire greenhouses by the greenhouse manager, Lynn Janik. Thank you Lynn! Blugolds aren’t the only ones who have access to this resource, everyone is encouraged to check it out. Email biology@uwec.edu to schedule your visit.

• Kate Hinnant, head of instruction and communication, and Robin Miller, assessment and instruction librarian, completed and published their book, Making Surveys Work for Your Library: Guidance, Instructions, and Examples. Congratulations, Kate and Robin!

• Eric Jennings, head of user services, and his wife, Danielle, were married in August. Congratulations, Eric and Danielle!

• Eric Jennings presented “Cultivating a Community of Respect on Social Media” at the annual conference of the Wisconsin Association of Academic Librarians in Oshkosh, April 27.

• Jill Markgraf, library director, is a co-founder of the Chippewa Valley Improv Network, a loosely-organized group of area improvisors who get together at the public library once a month to practice and play. No experience necessary. Intrigued? Contact Jill or follow the Network on Facebook.

• Brad Gehrke, library systems and makerspace associate, and his girlfriend Kristin, survived a hiking trip to southeastern Utah. They report that it was warm and sandy. Welcome back!

• Jaclyn Larson, circulation supervisor, ventured into the world of pageantry when her daughter Joslyn won the title of Little Miss Wisconsin United States. Joslyn has an autoimmune disease called Alopecia, and the pageant system has allowed mom and daughter to travel the state spreading awareness of Alopecia and even brought their message to the national stage in Orlando, Florida, over the Fourth of July holiday!
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