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Words matter.

UW-Eau Claire's 2025 Strategic Plan challenges us to be bold leaders in equity, diversity, and inclusion. Backing up our words with action can mean looking at the words we use.

In 2020, UW-Eau Claire libraries, in collaboration with our UW System library partners, issued a [Statement of Solidarity](#) wherein we pledged to work within our campuses and broader communities to foster respect, highlight injustice, amplify oppressed voices, and bring understanding.

In keeping with that pledge, the libraries are addressing the language used in our shared catalog. Our libraries, like most academic libraries in the United States, rely on the Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) as the authoritative list of controlled vocabulary to describe and make discoverable library content. LCSH allows us to engage in collaborative work and shared databases, to provide researchers with a consistent search experience across libraries, and to aid in updating and maintaining bibliographic records. While there is a process for suggesting changes and additions to the language used in LCSH, the process can be slow, and sometimes controversial.

Such has been the case with the term “illegal aliens” in LCSH. The UW System libraries regard the terms “illegal” and “alien” as dehumanizing and offensive when used to describe people, and the presence of these terms as standardized subject headings in our library catalogs undermines our efforts to be inclusive and non-nativist. National efforts began in 2014 urging the Library of Congress to update and remove these terms from LCSH, but these efforts got embroiled in controversy and politics, prompting libraries to act on their own. UW-Eau Claire libraries have been working with other libraries and library systems across the country to address this issue by replacing these terms with more inclusive, accurate, and far less dehumanizing terms.

The local solutions are more complicated than simply searching and replacing old terms with new terms. Libraries are employing workarounds that both maintain integrity of our bibliographic data and minimize disruption for researchers, while still de-emphasizing offensive language.

University of Wisconsin libraries developed a process for mapping subject headings so those containing the term “aliens” would display “noncitizens” instead, and subject headings containing the phrase “illegal aliens” would display “undocumented immigrants.” The process allows for the official LCSH terms to still be searchable, as they remain in the staff-side bibliographic data. But the alternative updated terms are the ones that appear in the public catalog records.

While we believe that the language we use to describe our collections should reflect common usage and sensibilities, libraries are not attempting to rewrite or obscure history. Titles and abstracts containing the objectionable terms will not be changed. Similarly, our digitized historical and archival collections often contain language, images, and ideas that may now be considered offensive. To address this issue while still retaining the historical integrity of these collections, many libraries are developing harmful language statements to accompany and acknowledge the presence of offensive content in digital collections. McIntyre Library's statement can be viewed at <https://library.uwec.edu/spaces-collections/digital-collections/about/>.

Just as UW System libraries prepared to implement its LCSH work-around, the Library of Congress on November 12 announced—after a seven year process—that it would be officially replacing the problematic subject headings with the terms *noncitizens* and *illegal immigration*. But the work of UW System libraries in confronting and addressing longstanding norms is not all for naught. As we continue to evaluate our professional practices, this effort will serve as a roadmap for addressing other outdated and offensive descriptive words used in online catalogs. Because we understand that the words we use matter. ■

Jill Markgraf,
Library Director

THE DIGITAL STUDIO IS NOW OPEN!

By **Liliana LaValle**, lavalle@uwec.edu + **Kate Hinnant**, hinnanks@uwec.edu

It's been a busy fall in the Digital Studio. Almost immediately upon opening in September, students and staff took advantage of our new spaces.

The Digital Studio consists of four dedicated studio spaces—one for video and photography, two for music and sound, and one for virtual reality—as well as the Digital Commons, a space for collaborating or working at individual stations equipped with dual monitors and high-speed computers.

On October 14, we held an open house, inviting everyone into the studios to try out the equipment. In the Large Audio Studio, visitors played the guitar, bass, drums, and keyboards and recorded their impromptu jam sessions. Downstairs in the digital studio rooms, participants could play with lighting and green screens, record an interview, and immerse themselves in the virtual reality game, Beat Saber.

In the Commons, students and staff also collaborated on a shared drawing using our digital drawing tablets. Faculty who attended the open house talked about assigning projects like podcasts and short videos to showcase their students' research and creative skills. Now that our studios are equipped and our computers loaded with software for creating and editing, we are excited to see our students and staff create and express themselves in new and compelling ways.

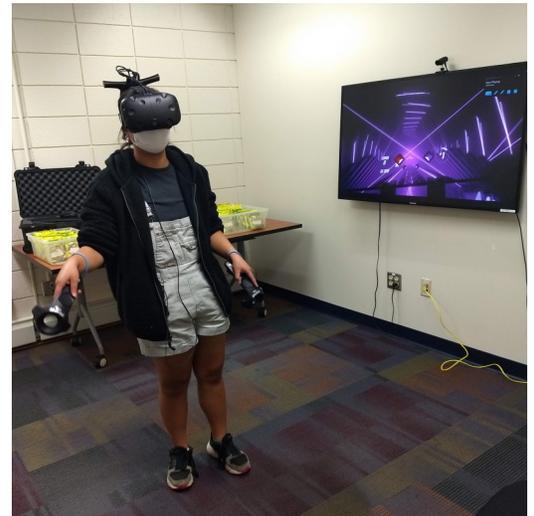
A fundamental principle behind the creation of the Digital Studio, and behind libraries in general, is equitable access. We believe every student should have the opportunity to try out a mirrorless camera or lay down tracks using a professional-grade mixing board. But this equipment, and the related software, is too expensive for many of our students to own personally. All Bugolds should get the chance to develop their digital skills and create and communicate in a variety of media. Through our equipment checkout, and the equipment available in the Digital Studio, our students can tap into equipment and software that will serve their digital creation needs. ■

For more information >> uwec.ly/digitalstudio

Partial funding for the Digital Studio is provided by the Student Information Technology Committee. (ITC)



Students interacting with Liliana, digital learning librarian, in the Commons area



A student playing Beat Saber in the Virtual Reality Studio



A Digital Studio student intern, Samuel, demonstrating the equipment in our Large Audio Studio



A student rocking out on one of the guitars in the Large Audio Studio



A student talking with Kong, our photography expert, about the Photo / Video Studio

WELCOME, HELENA!



My name is Helena Sumbulla, and I am delighted to begin working as the student engagement librarian at McIntyre Library. I moved to Eau Claire from a small Chicago suburb where I grew up. I got my B.A. in English and psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, and because I loved the cornfields so much, I decided to get my Master's in library and information science from the same institution. I am looking forward to not only some shifts in elevation but to working with the dedicated students, faculty, and staff at UW-Eau Claire.

Prior to this position, I worked in a public library in Urbana, IL, for three years and served as a residence hall library supervisor at the University of Illinois while completing my graduate degree. It was during this time that my commitment to public service, equitable conditions, and a critical approach to librarianship was reaffirmed. This lens helps shape my role as a student engagement librarian, where I design and manage outreach programming targeting underserved student populations. To do so, I collaborate with other campus units such as Residential Life, Blugold Orientation, Honors, and various identity-based centers on campus. I have an interest in EDI (equity, diversity, and inclusion) initiatives and try to model lifelong learning by destabilizing the idea of being an "expert" while honoring our individual knowledges. In addition to my particular responsibilities, I will be joining my colleagues in providing library instruction, reference service, and liaising with other campus departments. My specific liaison areas include psychology, nursing, political science, and criminal justice.

Outside the library, you can find me gardening, rock climbing, playing board games, visiting the farmer's market, trying my hand at Kubba, and embroidering—all within proximity to a cup of tea. Given the many outdoor recreational activities the Chippewa Valley offers, I'm looking forward to hopping on a bike, kayak, or tube and exploring some of the many trails and rivers in the area. I love poems, restaurant reviews, live music, and hidden local gems—recommendations for any of these are welcome and encouraged!

Please feel free to stop by my office (Library 1001C) or email me at sumbullh@uvec.edu if you have any questions or just want to say hello. I look forward to chatting with you! ■

AFTER DARK 2021

Our annual back-to-school party on the first night of classes, Library After Dark, was a huge success! Over 1,000 students attended and enjoyed free pizza, games, live entertainment, and more. Thank you to all of our performers and volunteers!



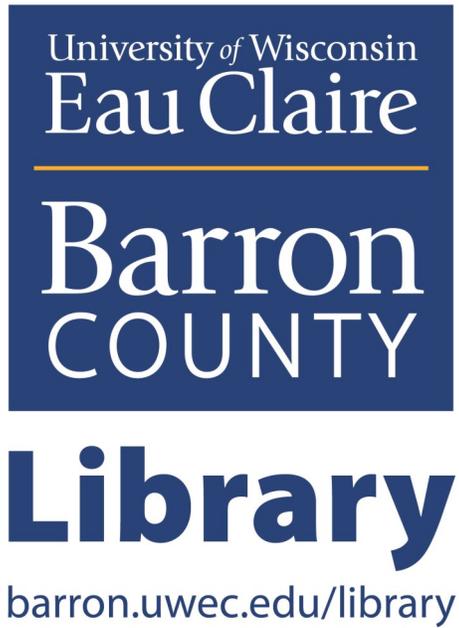
Students playing mini golf in the library stacks



Students playing Life-Sized Clue in costume



A cappella group Impromptu performing on the Garfield Ave. patio



Fall 2021: Reopened and Refreshed

UWECBC Library staff spent the majority of summer 2021 reopening, rearranging, and refreshing library spaces. As we welcome students, faculty, and staff back into these updated spaces in the fall of 2021, we look forward to showcasing a number of exciting new library resources and events:

- Student-designed library displays
- Library programming, including therapy dog events
- A growing equipment checkout collection including expanded student laptop access



Students study together in the library's reopened Main Collection area.



The UWECBC Library and Student Government Association collaborated on a therapy dog event outside the library in October 2021.



The library's front entrance, newly carpeted in August 2021, welcomes students and staff into reopened and rearranged spaces.

RECENT ACQUISITIONS

All titles can be found in the Popular Reading Collection on the second floor of McIntyre Library.

Act Your Age, Eve Brown

Talia Hibbert
PR6108.I24 A28 2021



Animal: A Novel

Lisa Taddeo
PS3620.A288 A83 2021

Between Two Kingdoms: A Memoir of a Life Interrupted

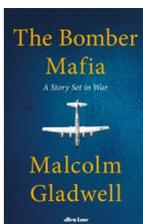
Suleika Jaouad
RC643 .J35 2021

Billy Summers: A Novel

Stephen King
PS3561.I483 B55 2021

The Bomber Mafia: A Dream, a Temptation, and the Longest Night of the Second World War

Malcolm Gladwell
D790 .G534 2021



Bridgerton: The Duke and I

Julia Quinn
PS3617.U57 D85 2020

Broken: (In the Best Possible Way)

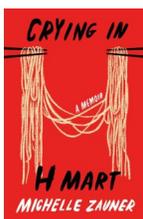
Jenny Lawson
PN4874.L285 A3 2021

The Children's Blizzard: A Novel

Melanie Benjamin
PS3608.A876 C48 2021

Crying in H Mart: A Memoir

Michelle Zauner
ML420.Z3913 A3 2021



Empire of Pain: The Secret History of the Sackler Dynasty

Patrick Radden Keefe
HD9666.94 .K444 2021

Facing the Mountain: A True Story of Japanese American Heroes in World War II

Daniel James Brown
D769.31 442nd .B76 2021

Fox and I: An Uncommon Friendship

Catherine Raven
QL737.C22 R3897 2021

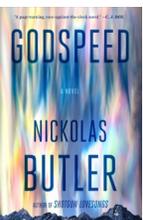


Godspeed: A Novel

Nickolas Butler
PS3602.U876 G63 2021

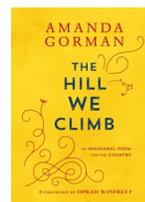
Great Circle

Maggie Shipstead
PS3619.H586 G74 2021



The Hill We Climb: An Inaugural Poem for the Country

Amanda Gorman
PS3607.O59774 H55 2021



¡Hola Papi!: How To Come out in a Walmart Parking Lot and Other Life Lessons

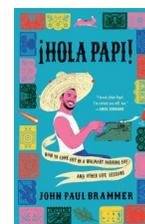
John Paul Brammer
HQ75.8.B7245 A3 2021

Hour of the Witch: A Novel

Chris Bohjalian
PS3552.O495 H68 2021

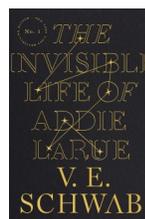
House of Sticks: A Memoir

Ly Tran
F128.9.V53 T73 2021



The Invisible Life of Addie LaRue

Victoria Schwab
PS3619.C4848 I58 2020



Klara and the Sun

Kazuo Ishiguro
PR6059.S5 K57 2021

The Lazy Genius Way: Embrace What Matters, Ditch What Doesn't, and Get Stuff Done

Kendra Adachi
BJ1496 .A33 2020

Life's Too Short

Abby Jimenez
PS3610.I47 L54 2021

The Lost Apothecary

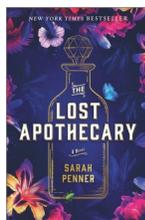
Sarah Penner
PS3616.E56477 L67 2021

The Maidens

Alex Michaelides
PR6113.I2645 M35 2021

Malibu Rising: A Novel

Taylor Jenkins Reid
PS3618.E5478 M35 2021



The Midnight Library

Matt Haig
PR6108.A39 M53 2020

The Nature of Fragile Things

Susan Meissner
PS3613.E435 N38 2021

Noise: A Flaw in Human Judgment

Daniel Kahneman
BF447 .K34 2021



Of Women and Salt

Gabriela Garcia
PS3607.A721833 O38 2021

**The Other Black Girl: A Novel**

Zakiya Dalila Harris
PS3608.A783293 O85 2021

Out of Many, One: Portraits of America's Immigrants

George W. Bush
ND1329.B865 A4 2021

The Paper Palace

Miranda Cowley Heller
PS3603.O88945 P37 2021

People We Meet on Vacation

Emily Henry
PS3608.E5715 P46 2021

**Piranesi**

Susanna Clarke
PR6103.L375 P57 2020

The Plague Year: America in the Time of COVID

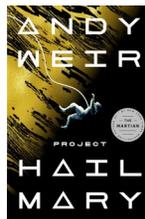
Lawrence Wright
RA644.C67 W75 2021

The Premonition: A Pandemic Story

Michael Lewis
RA644.C67 L49 2021

Project Hail Mary: A Novel

Andy Weir
PS3623.E4324494 P76 2021

**The Push: A Novel**

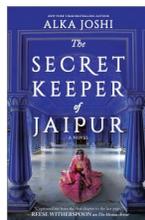
Ashley Audrain
PR9199.4.A9244 P87 2021

The Sanatorium: A Novel

Sarah Pearse
PR6116.E169 S26 2021

The Secret Keeper of Jaipur

Alka Joshi
PS3610.O6786 S43 2021

**Somebody's Daughter: A Memoir**

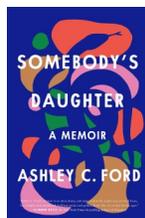
Ashley C. Ford
E185.97.F689 A3 2021

Sooley

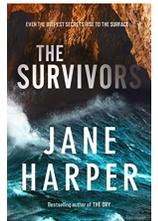
John Grisham
PS3557.R5355 S66 2021

Sunflower Sisters: A Novel

Martha Hall Kelly
PS3611.E452 S86 2021

**The Survivors**

Jane Harper
PR9619.4.H3645 S87 2021

**The Sweetness of Water: A Novel**

Nathan Harris
PS3608.A7832635 S94 2021

Think Again: The Power of Knowing What You Don't Know

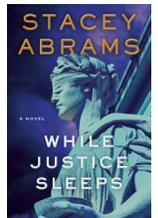
Adam Grant
BF441 .G693 2021

We Begin at the End

Chris Whitaker
PR6123.H556 W4 2021

While Justice Sleeps: A Novel

Stacey Abrams
PS3601.B746 W48 2021

**While We Were Dating**

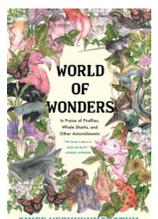
Jasmine Guillory
PS3607.U48553 W48 2021

The Woman They Could Not Silence: One Woman, Her Incredible Fight for Freedom, and the Men Who Tried To Make Her Disappear

Kate Moore
HN80.P23 M66 2021

World of Wonders: In Praise of Fireflies, Whale Sharks, and Other Astonishments

Aimee Nezhukumatathil
QL791 .N425 2020



Ebooks

Ebooks are available online at: uwec.ly/library

Search for the title in Library Search, then log in with your UWEC username and password for access.

Caste: The Origins of our Discontents (ebook)

Isabel Wilkerson

Evicted: Poverty and Profit in the American City (ebook)

Matthew Desmond

Know My Name (ebook)**Know My Name (audiobook)**

Chanel Miller

Tuesdays with Morrie (ebook)**Tuesdays with Morrie (audiobook)**

Mitch Albom

UPDATES FROM THE BLUGOLD MAKERSPACE

By **Jenna Vande Zande**, vandezjl@uvec.edu

“If you’ve got a hobby, you can find it in the Makerspace.”
- student testimonial

After a yearlong hiatus, we reopened the Blugold Makerspace with regular walk-in hours for fall 2021. Open Monday through Friday, Makerspace staff are working with students who are seeing the space for the first time, as well as many who have returned to continue their projects.

One such student began 3D printing pieces before the pandemic and has now also utilized our new Trotec laser cutter and engraver to create a fantastic art installation about pesticides and the impact on bee populations. This installation will soon be on display in the library’s 24-hour area on the first floor.

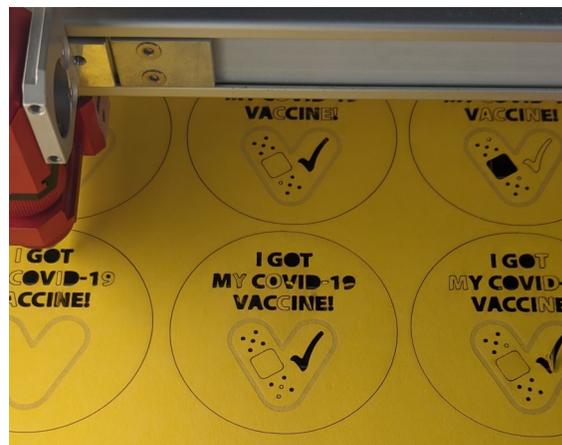
Since its arrival in fall 2020, we’ve learned a lot about the capabilities of our new laser cutter and are constantly testing new projects. Popular creations so far include intricate paper designs for our button maker, engraved acrylic ornaments, and custom light pieces. The laser cutter is also a useful tool for several art classes including sculpture and graphic design. But all UW-Eau Claire makers are welcome to schedule an appointment with Makerspace staff to learn how to use the equipment for their own classes or projects.

With the holiday season fast approaching, many students have also been stopping by to work on gifts for friends and family. Recently, a student used one of our reclaimed records to draw a design from a favorite album of a friend. On the back, they included the lyrics to the friend’s favorite song from the album. Heartwarming projects like these are a near daily occurrence in the Blugold Makerspace. ■

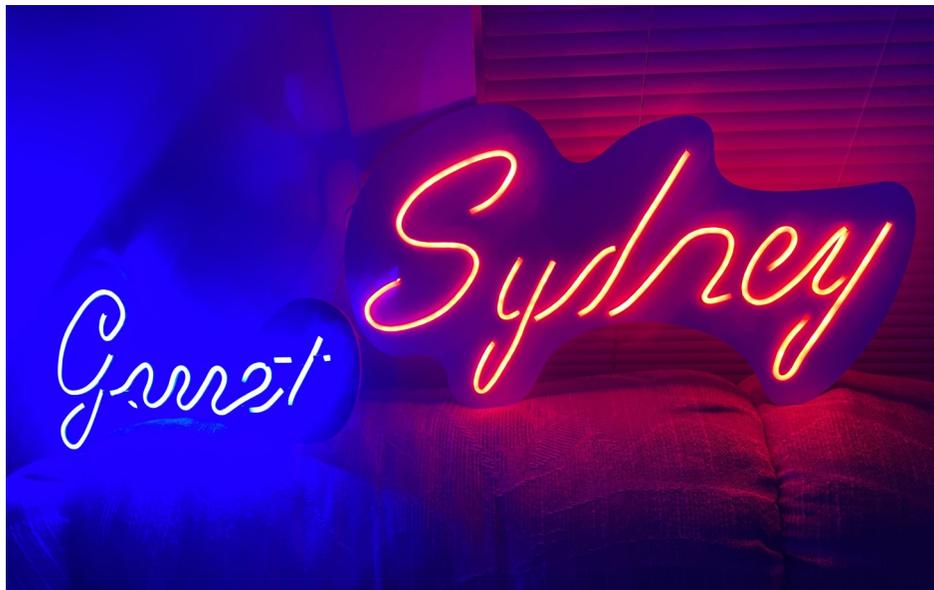
Since reopening, we have had nearly 500 visits by students and staff this semester! For more information, equipment specifications, and hours >> uvec.ly/makerspace



Students making custom buttons in the Makerspace



Laser cut “I Got My COVID-19 Vaccine” button inserts



Custom acrylic and LED signs made by a student using the laser cutter



3D printed trophies and ghosts, given as prizes for the library’s annual Halloween costume contest



This year's winners of the annual Halloween costume contest hosted by McIntyre Library

STUDY ROOMS ARE BACK!

By Jenna Vande Zande, vandezjl@uwec.edu

After a year of closure due to COVID safety concerns, fall 2021 marked the official reopening of the library's study rooms.

Over thirty rooms of various sizes are available and can accommodate anywhere from 1-10 students. Many of the rooms are equipped with computers, but some have been left "tech free" for those looking for digital detox space. Two staff and faculty study rooms are also available! Simply bring your Blugold card to the library's main desk to check one out. ■



One of the study rooms available for checkout at McIntyre Library



Blugolds (from left) Breida Torres Berumen, Lucy Hobbs, and Claire Ganschow are capturing and preserving stories shared by people in western Wisconsin about what life has been like during the COVID-19 pandemic

CONGRATS, ARCHIVISTS!

Greg Kocken, head of Special Collections and Archives, **Lark Keating-Hadlock**, assistant archivist, the Special Collections and Archives team, along with the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire history department and the Chippewa Valley Museum, were awarded the [Wisconsin Historical Society's 2021 Governor's Award for Archival Innovation](#).

Their collaborative archive "Chippewa Valley COVID-19 Archive Project" collected and published oral histories, personal reflections, webpages, photographs or other digital artifacts, and records relating to the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects in western Wisconsin.

Congratulations to our Special Collections and Archives colleagues and community partners!

>> Explore the "[Chippewa Valley COVID-19 Archive](#)" online

NEW RESTROOMS



We converted eight existing single-stall men's and women's restrooms to single-user, all gender restrooms.

The library's first all gender restrooms were converted in 2009, and with this conversion, we now have ten all gender restrooms throughout the library!

LIBRARY STAFF AND STUDENT NEWS: MARCH - OCTOBER 2021

Roxanne Backowski, assistant professor and electronic resources librarian, with UW-Eau Claire colleague, Avonlea Hanson, Learning & Technology Services, presented “Embracing Crisis-tunity: Cross-Departmental Collaborations with Librarians and Instructional Designers” at the UW System Learning Technology Development Council (LTDC) Virtual Conference in June.

Backowski also presented as part of a webcast panel with library colleagues Tamar Evangelestia-Dougherty, Cornell University, and Scarlet Galvan, Grand Valley State University, “[Cultures of Collecting: Sustaining Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Collection Development](#)” through the Association of College and Research Libraries in May.

Backowski had her article “[Collaborations between Libraries and Instructional Designers: A Lifeline for Supporting Streaming Video and COVID-19 Induced Changes on Campus](#)” published in the *Journal of Electronic Resources Librarianship* in June 2021.

Backowski, Liliana LaValle, digital learning librarian, and **Kate Hinnant**, head of communications and instruction, presented “Stop Sharing TMI: Applying Plain Language Principles to Database Descriptions” June 3 at the 2021 Council of University of Wisconsin Libraries Conference.

Brad Gehrke, library systems, and his girlfriend, Kristin, are celebrating their 10-year anniversary on October 31. Congratulations, Brad and Kristin!

Kate Hinnant presented “Disinformation and Librarians,” detailing conceptual and civic challenges librarians face in the context of current information disorder, at the [Lake Superior Libraries Symposium](#), June 11.

Liliana LaValle, digital learning librarian, had her chapter, titled “Virtual Reality at Your Campus’s Study Abroad Fair: Immersive Global Exploration Meets Library Outreach,” published in the book [32 Virtual, Augmented, and Mixed Reality Programs for Libraries](#), edited by Ellyssa Kroski, American Library Association, 2021.

Jill Markgraf, library director, and **Dan Hillis**, library systems and Makerspace coordinator, had their article “The ‘stone soup’ approach to creating a library makerspace” published in *College & Undergraduate Libraries*, DOI: 10.1080/10691316.2021.1880347

Markgraf was also elected vice president of the L.E. Phillips Memorial Library Board of Trustees and has been appointed to the Inspiring and Facilitating Library Success (IFLS) Library System Board of Trustees. Congratulations, Jill!

Kati Morley, education & instruction librarian, was married in a small lakeside ceremony this August. Congrats, Kati and Eric!

Jenna Vande Zande, user services and communications, purchased her first home in August. She is thoroughly enjoying homeownership and gardening!

Kong Yang, user services, and his wife, Betty, welcomed their second son, Bruce MeHer Yang, in July. His big brother, Clark, totally adores him. Congratulations, Kong and Betty!



CURRENT STUDENT EMPLOYEE NEWS

Julia Nelson, a new student employee in Special Collections & Archives, is also completing a public history internship with us this semester. For her internship, Julia is processing an addition to the [Tess Osonye Onwueme Papers](#), an archival collection focused on the literary career of UW-Eau Claire professor emerita, Dr. Tess Onwueme. Julia is interested in pursuing graduate education in public history and library and information studies following her anticipated graduation in spring 2022.

Alexis Polencheck, main desk student assistant, along with fellow Bugolds, Breida Torres Berumen and Wendy Villalva, presented “Rural Voices/Voces del Campo: COVID-19 Oral Histories, Public Health, and Latinx Immigrant Farmworkers in Rural Wisconsin” at the Northern Great Plains History Conference in Eau Claire this September. Congrats, Alexis!

THANK YOU!

**Your gift to McIntyre Library will enhance student learning experiences
and provide valuable library resources!**



Students holding paintings they made in the Blugold Makerspace.

There are many ways that you can support the library's outstanding learning environment, programs, and collections. For information about the library or our specific needs, email library.director@uwec.edu or call (715) 836-3715.

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