

# Book Marks

A publication of the Mary Kintz Bevevino Library

## From the Director's Desk

By Jennifer Luksa, Director of Library Services



Welcome to your library! As we approach the middle of the fall semester, I hope that you have found your way to the library and discovered or re-discovered our resources and services. The library staff has worked hard to

accommodate changes that have been necessary due to Covid-19, but we take pride in our ability to continue to serve our Misericordia community.

You will notice that the library furniture has been arranged for social distancing purposes, and we ask that you please do not rearrange the furniture. Also, cleaning supplies are located on each floor of the library to allow everyone to clean and disinfect high touch surfaces before and after use. You will find hand sanitizer throughout the library, but especially at the printing station on the first floor.

## Study Rooms

By Jennifer Luksa, Director of Library Services

The library has 10 study rooms available to reserve for student use. On the second floor, students can choose from the Center for Nursing History or one of the eight rooms around the perimeter of the second floor. Due to Covid-19 and social distancing requirements, the multimedia room on the first floor has also been converted to a study room.

All 10 study rooms can be reserved for two-hour blocks of time. Due to Covid-19, each study room now has a capacity limit, and the furniture has been arranged in each room to accommodate the capacity numbers. Students are asked to not rearrange the furniture in each room. Room capacities are listed on the outside of each room and noted on the room reservation system on the library's webpage. Students are asked to please follow these guidelines.

Whiteboard markers and erasers are available for check out at the Circulation Desk on the first floor for use in the rooms with whiteboard walls.

Look for virtual library programming announcements on the portal. Our Roving Reference program has been redesigned as a Library and Writing Center Virtual Café. More information on the virtual café can be found posted in the library and around campus or send an email to Liz Kavanaugh at [ekavanaugh@misericordia.edu](mailto:ekavanaugh@misericordia.edu).

Finally, it is so important to remember to wear your mask when you are in the library. The only exception to this rule that we can allow is if you are alone in one of the study rooms with the door closed. Otherwise, masks are required. Your mask protects me, and my mask protects you.

If you have any ideas or suggestions for virtual library programs or socially distanced library programs, please share your thoughts and ideas with one of the library staff or contact me directly at [jluksa@misericordia.edu](mailto:jluksa@misericordia.edu). The library staff looks forward to seeing you at the library!

These items are thoroughly cleaned and disinfected after each circulation.

To reserve a room, simply click on the "Reserve a Room" link on the library's webpage. You will need to have a Misericordia email address to make the reservation. The rules and capacity limits are also listed on the reservation page. If you have any questions, please stop by the Circulation Desk on the first floor.

There is an additional study room located on the third floor of the library that is not listed on the library's study room reservation system. The Heritage Room is located in the area of the McGowan Room. This room has a capacity of four people. Use of this room is first come, first served, and there are no time limits.

Until further notice, the McGowan Room on the third floor has been converted to a classroom. Unfortunately, when classes are not in session in this room, the room will be locked and not available for student use.

## Meet the Library Liaisons



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# Student Posters Debut in Misericordia Digital Commons

By Maureen Cech, University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian

**STUDENT RESEARCH POSTER PRESENTATIONS 2020**



**The Effects of Medical Marijuana on Common Symptoms Seen in Individuals with Multiple Sclerosis: A Systematic Review**

Kaliec Crockett  
Rebecca Fiorillo  
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**Abstract**  
**Background:** Due to Multiple Sclerosis (MS) being one of the most common neurological disorders in young adults, it is essential that as future health care professionals, we are educated on different types of alternative treatments. Recent research has shown that individuals with MS are open to considering medical marijuana as a treatment for common symptoms associated with this disease. This population, among others, would benefit from continued research on this topic to further prove its effectiveness for symptom relief.  
**Purpose:** The purpose of this study was to systematically review the existing literature regarding the effectiveness of medical cannabis in treating common symptoms experienced by individuals with MS.  
**Methods:** A literature search on electronic databases was conducted in September 2019 and updated in January 2020. The search terms used were medical marijuana, cannabis, randomized controlled trial, and multiple sclerosis. The search was limited to years 2003-2020.

Student Research Poster Day is a spring tradition at Misericordia when (primarily) graduating seniors from each college share the results of semester- and year-long research projects with the campus community. Students—many assisting their faculty mentors—have the opportunity to explain their findings and describe research challenges and surprises in a conference-like poster session.

In an effort to maintain the spirit of the Poster

Day during the challenging Spring 2020 semester, Vice President of Academic Affairs Dr. David Rehm sought a virtual solution: place the posters into Misericordia Digital Commons, the University's open-access institutional repository (IR).

Depositing work into an institutional repository offers several advantages to students. Institutional repositories provide a stable digital environment from which students and new graduates can share their research with graduate schools and potential employers. Student work in IRs demonstrates an institution's commitment to student scholarship and high-

light the opportunities available to students to work alongside faculty researchers.

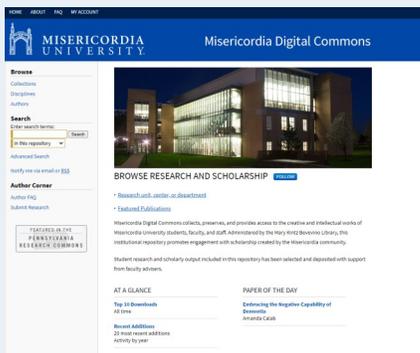
With 79 posters from 6 departments submitted in Spring 2020, the Student Research Poster Presentations series in Misericordia Digital Commons offers a glimpse into the community of scholarship of which Misericordia is proud. Now that community has global exposure. The IR is crawled by Google and other search engines. Users have reached Misericordia Digital Commons through Google and Google Scholar more than any other source.

Items from the Student Posters series have been downloaded over 3350 times in 78 countries, by individuals and 228 institutions, including the Department of Veterans Affairs, Halliburton Company, and several hospital systems.

Student scholarship is visible alongside faculty and staff scholarship in Misericordia Digital Commons. Posters have their own series, but are also archived in department and program series.

Current students and recent alumni can deposit their work into Misericordia Digital Commons with faculty approval. For more information, visit <https://digitalcommons.misericordia.edu> or contact Maureen Cech, University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian at [mcech@misericordia.edu](mailto:mcech@misericordia.edu).

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2. Data as of 28 September 2020.



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Misericordia Digital Commons collects, preserves, and provides access to the research and intellectual works of Misericordia University students, faculty, and staff. Administered by the Mary Reid Bevoise Library, this institutional repository promotes engagement with scholarship created by the Misericordia community.

Student research and scholarly output included in this repository has been selected and deposited with support from faculty advisors.

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Exploring the Negative Capability of Elizabeth Barrett



Readership distribution map of Student Research Poster Presentations series in Misericordia Digital Commons (as of September 28, 2020)

STUDENT RESEARCH POSTER PRESENTATIONS 2020

Student Research Poster Presentations showcases innovative research by Misericordia students across all disciplines.

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**Does Water Boil Faster with Salt?**  
Soumyodip Acharye  
Whether water boils faster with salt is perhaps a never-ending question. My study has addressed this topic from a statistical perspective. Additionally, I have also investigated whether the water quantity affects the boiling time. I used the two-way Analysis of variance (ANOVA) to analyze and interpret the data.

**Breast Density Awareness**  
Alyssa Acker  
Breast density refers to the amount of fibrous and glandular tissue in comparison to fatty tissue demonstrated on a mammogram. A woman's breast density is significant because as the density of the tissue increases, the woman's risk for developing breast cancer increases and the more challenging for microcalcifications or lesions to be seen on mammography images. The Mammography Quality Standards Act, requires radiologists or imaging facilities to

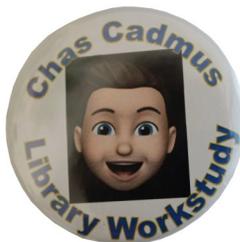
## New faces in the Library

By Colleen Newhart, Access Services Manager

Nick Szczerba from DuBois, PA. is the library's new graduate assistant this semester. Nick graduated Magna Cum Laude from Misericordia in 2019, with a dual major in Philosophy and Healthcare Management. He was captain of last year's soccer team and served on the team's Leadership Council as well as the Student Athlete Advisory Committee. Nick still finds time to play soccer, but this year, he is in the MBA program and can be found Sunday through Thursday nights manning the library's Circulation Desk.

Other new additions to the library's team are sophomores, Madison Finley (Physical Therapy), Chas Cadmus (Sports Management), and Ryan Krisiak (Government, Law and National Security).

Returning workstudy students seniors Anna Fostik (Occupational Therapy), Rich Dorsainvil (Biology), junior, Eric Jeffries (Physical Therapy), and sophomores Kendall Williams (History), Jordan Bennett (Occupational Therapy), Zoe Chekan (Speech Language), and Jenna Potter (Physical Therapy) are all here at various times throughout the week, to assist fellow students with printing, searching for materials and answering questions at the Circulation Desk. Since masks are required by all in the library, staff and students, all workstudies can be seen wearing Bitmoji buttons, made by librarian Elizabeth Kavanaugh so everyone can recognize their smiling faces!



Rich, Zoe, Madison, Jenna, Jordan



Ryan and Kendal



Graduate Assistant, Nick



Nick, Eric, and Anna



Chas and Kendall

## Let's Chat It Out!

Liz Kavanaugh, Information Literacy and Assessment Librarian

Returning to a semester like none other, Fall 2020 also welcomed the return of the library's chat service. The chat service is just one of the library's many virtual services that have been highlighted since March and the onset of COVID-19 precautions. Meeting the campus community where they are (in many cases, online) in order to provide research assistance has been key in ensuring the continuity of library services regardless of where the researcher and the library staff member are physically located.

The "Click Here to Chat!" slide-out is featured prominently in the upper right corner, and is available Monday-Friday from noon until 4:00 p.m. As the semester rolls along and its popularity increases, additional hours may be added. Currently staffed by a team of librarians and library staff members, opportunities to chat can be found on every main page of the library's new website. Chat services are ideal for questions that require shorter responses, such as those that are typically found when socially chatting via text or instant messenger on a mobile device. Recently, chat questions have included:

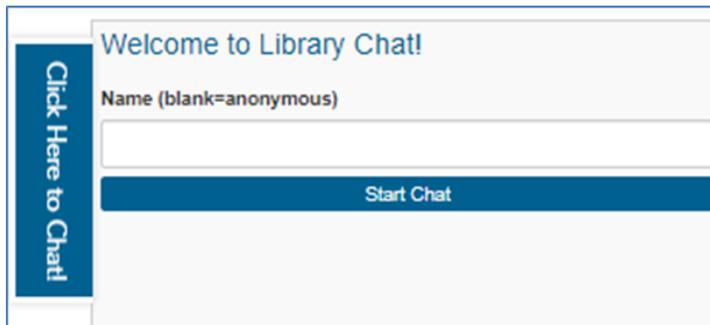
What are your hours today?

Do you have a PDF of the article I'm looking for?

How can I find the database, MLA International Bibliography?

In addition to live chat services, researchers are encouraged to submit a ticket or reach out to [reference@misericordia.edu](mailto:reference@misericordia.edu) if the chat is unavailable. The library's FAQ page located at <https://misericordia.libanswers.com/> offers answers to a number of the most common questions the library receives online and in-person, and may be just have the information for which you are looking. Don't forget to use the "Ask" tab to submit your own question if you do not see it already listed.

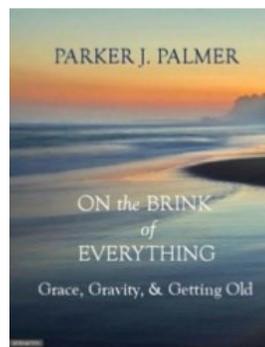
Chat soon!



## Memorial Books

By Cathy DePasquale, Cataloging Specialist

*On the Brink of Everything: Grace, Gravity & Getting Old*  
Title was donated by Colleen Garrison, Women with Children Graduate, Class of 2015, in honor of Sister Jean Messaros



## Library Hours

**Monday–Thursday**

7:45 a.m.–12:00 a.m.

**Friday**

7:45 a.m.–6:00 p.m.

**Saturday**

10:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.

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11:00 a.m.–12:00 a.m.

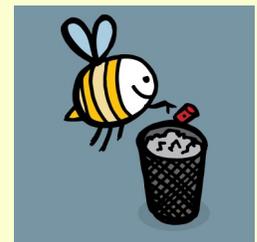


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## Food and Drink in the Library

The staff works hard to make the library a hospitable place where students can study, work together, or just relax. Our housekeeping staff is tireless in its upkeep of the building. To read the policies regarding food please go to the library web page, the about tab, then food and drink policy.