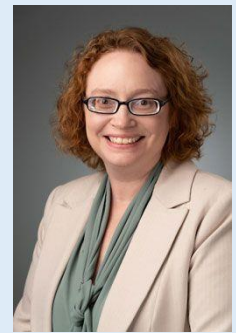




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Drake Welcomes Library Director

Approaching her first year anniversary at Brockport, Bonnie Swoger is excited to be working with the Drake Memorial Library team, collaborating with students, faculty, and staff. Before Brockport, Bonnie served as the Associate Director of RIT Libraries where she managed large library projects, led cross-functional teams, and managed interlibrary loan operations. Prior to RIT, she spent 12 years working at SUNY Geneseo’s Milne Library as a Science Librarian and, later, the Head of Reference and Access Services. At Geneseo she worked closely with faculty to incorporate information literacy skills into classes and assignments and led library efforts to understand how faculty publishing practices vary across disciplines. She holds a BS in Geology from St. Lawrence University, an MS in Geology from Kent State University, and an MLS from the University at Buffalo.



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Successful Paint and Take Event



A blue sky provided the perfect backdrop for budding artists to express their inner Monet while painting Brockport's "Joy and Happiness to All the Children of the World" Fountain. Painters completed vibrant acrylic 9" x 12" renderings of the fountain during a relaxed and fun-filled art lesson, Sunday, May 21, 2023.

Creating Colorful Canvases

A pop-up table of items from the Rose College Archives provided additional inspiration, displaying art books by [Zurab Tsereteli](#), the artist who created the fountain for Brockport's 1979 Special Olympics. Special thanks to Brockport instructor, [Andrea Newman](#) who led the session, and Library Director Bonnie Swoger, as well as all who worked to ensure a successful event. Proceeds will be used to support Drake Library.



Focus on the Fountain



Making Masterpieces with Friends



Save the Date for Antique Appraisers Roadshow

The Antique Appraisers Roadshow is returning to Brockport! Dust off those hidden treasures and unique keepsakes. The Friends of Drake Library are bringing back one of their most successful events. The Antique Appraisers Roadshow with Brockport Alum, Robert Meringolo is planning a return visit to campus on Saturday, October 14. This is a great opportunity to have those prized items evaluated by respected appraisers and benefit Drake Library. Details coming soon. Please plan to join us on Saturday, October 14.



Brockport Eagles & Drake Library Restart the Giant Read Program

On March 31, 2023, a bus full of Brockport scholar athletes participated in the Giant Read, a signature event of the “Read: Hope in Action” program which was initiated in 2007. After a two year hiatus due to the pandemic, Brockport students and library volunteers visited a Rochester elementary school to encourage young readers. This year, Brockport’s student volunteers “adopted” the Helen Barrett Montgomery School for the Giant Read.



The student athletes read *Pete the Cat: Play Ball!* by James Dean with three classes of the school’s first graders and played games in the gym. Each child received school supplies and their own copy of the book with a personalized bookplate autographed by an athlete. Thank you to Drake Memorial Library and the Friends of Drake Library for providing the books, bookbags, and school supplies. For more coverage, see The Stylus article, [The Next Chapter](#).

Kudos to Steve Pike (Brockport Assistant Athletic Director), Lakisha Taylor (School 50 Principal and Brockport alum), Michael Hall (PE teacher and Brockport alum), Julie Marciano (First Grade teacher and Brockport alum), Bonnie Swoger (Drake Library Director), Jennifer Kegler and Mary Jo Orzech (Librarians), as well all who contributed to making this year’s visit a memorable event.

Photo credit – J. Kegler
First Grader and Brockport Student Reading Together



2022-2023 Library Research Awards

Congratulations to the winners of this year's Library Research Awards, sponsored by the Friends of Drake Library! The winners, plus the titles of their papers are shown below. Awardees receive a monetary incentive and certificate, and their names will be included on a plaque in the library. Winners were recognized at a luncheon in the Library on May 10, 2023. Thank you to all who supported the contest, especially FODL volunteers who served as judges:

Jennifer Kegler (Research Award coordinator), Jill Campbell, and Joan Fenton. The judges noted the high quality of submissions that made decision-making a challenge. New submissions for the next round of awards will be accepted beginning in late fall.



S. Saputo, 1st Place Awardee A. Isereau, H. Macpherson

First Place: Allyson Isereau, "[*Rattus norvegicus* hypothetical protein LOC685762 classification with *in silico* bioinformatics computational tools](#)"



J. Rinchard, 2nd Place Awardee J. Ludwig, H. Macpherson

Second Place: Jarrod Ludwig, "[Insight into the salmonines of California](#)"

Melissa Curry photo not available.

Third Place: Melissa Curry, "[Caring for those with dementia: How can evidence-based care support healthcare to improve outcomes?](#)"

Student papers are available in Brockport's institutional repository, [SUNY SOAR](#).



Wells and Cornell Library Student Staff Awards

The Marion J. Wells and George W. Cornell Awards honor the memory of two of Drake's highly respected librarians. These recognitions are awarded to junior and senior students who serve as student assistants in the library for more than one year and have demonstrated exemplary promise. This year Emily Russell (senior) and Rebecca Ostrander (senior) received the Marion J. Wells Library Service Award. The George W. Cornell Library Service Administration Award was presented to Norah Janes (junior). The awards include \$600 and plaque recognition.



B. Swoger, Wells Awardees E. Russell and R. Ostrander, H. Macpherson

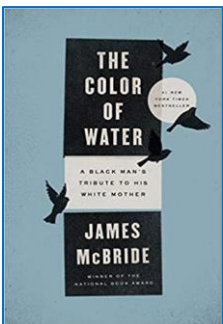


B. Swoger, Cornell Awardee N. Janes, H. Macpherson



'Tales & Talons' Book Club

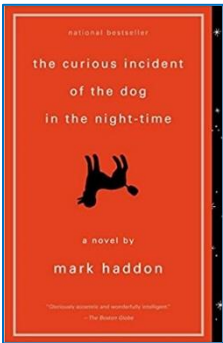
Once again, Brockport's Book Club "Tales and Talons" was in full flight this year. Drake hosted hybrid book discussions that provided a welcome opportunity to connect, share opinions, and enjoy camaraderie with others. The book club helps promote a love of literature, expand cultural awareness, and encourage meaningful engagement with new ideas and ways of thinking. Two sessions are currently planned for Fall 2023. The book club is migrating to an occasional schedule in Spring 2024.



The Color of Water by James McBride, September 21, 7 pm

"In *The Color of Water*, McBride retraces his mother's footsteps and, through her searing and spirited voice, recreates her remarkable story. *The Color of Water* touches readers of all colors as a vivid portrait of growing up, a haunting meditation on race and identity, and a lyrical valentine to a mother from her son."

'Tales & Talons' Book Club Continued...



The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time by Mark Haddon, November 16, 7 pm

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time is “both poignant and funny. The 2003 bestseller is about a boy with autism who sets out to solve the murder of a neighbor's dog and discovers unexpected truths about himself and the world.” Join us in discussing this “original and affecting novel...a triumph of empathy.”

Register for the book club discussions at:

<https://engage.brockport.edu/e/september-2023-theses-and-talons-book-club/>

Books are available at LiftBridge at a discount for Tales & Talons members. Book club members are looking forward to new and upcoming discussions!



Button Maker adds to Fannie Barrier Williams Building Dedication

The Friends of Drake Library purchased a button maker to create promotional buttons for the library and other events. It was first put to good use during the dedication of the Fannie Barrier Williams Building in October, 2022. The Liberal Arts Building was renamed to honor Brockport's first African American graduate who went on to become a noted national activist and leader. The Library provided a pop-up display of books related to Fannie Barrier Williams and her contemporaries along with the keepsake buttons that featured vintage photographs of the honoree.



Fannie Barrier Williams buttons

Textbooks on Reserve Update

Thank you to the Friends of Drake Library for continued support of the library's Textbooks on Reserve program. Through its sponsorship, more books were added to the collection. These were *Sociology in Action*, *Fundamentals of Financial Management*, and *Pharmacology: A Patient-Centered Nursing Process Approach*. Making these books available help reduce the overall costs of a college education. The Friends contributed \$500 each semester for Textbooks on Reserve. In addition, the library is currently exploring e-licensing and other affordable learning materials models.



Support for the Textbooks on Reserve at Drake Memorial Library is much appreciated by students. During Open Education Week, students were asked “If you didn’t have to spend money on textbooks, what would you spend it on?” Throughout the week, students left their responses on a display to make their impact visible. They left messages about how they would use the money that they did not need to spend on textbooks for things like rent, gas, and utility bills.



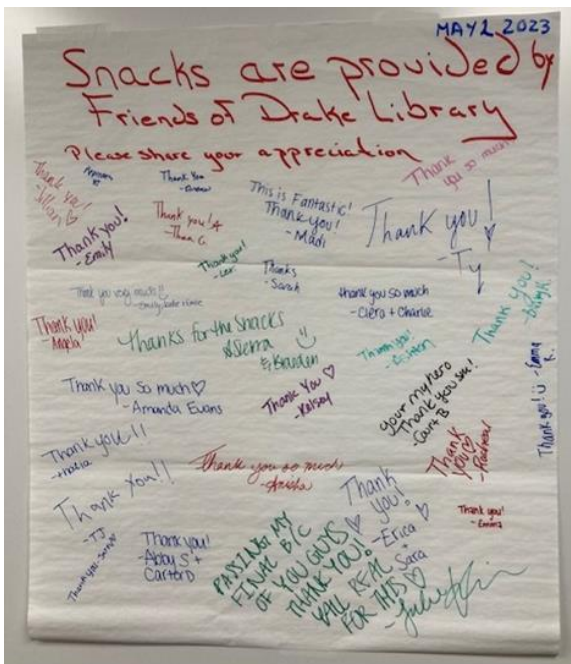
New Microwave for Student Use

There's a new microwave available for student use, courtesy of the Friends of Drake Library. Located in the Queen Room on the main floor, the microwave allows students the opportunity to warm up a cup of soup or hot chocolate when needed. The self-serve unit provides a convenient way for students to get re-energized without having to leave the library. The microwave is available for patron use when the library is open, regardless of Café hours.



Jill Verhay, Library Student Staff, Inspects New Microwave

Procrastination Prevention Nights



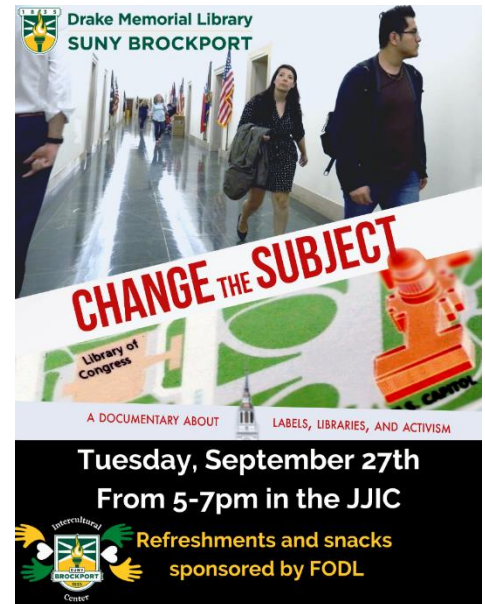
Procrastination Prevention Nights in Drake Library provided students some extra motivation to complete their end-of-semester projects. The Friends of Drake Library provided a variety of snacks to keep students sustained. Students appreciated the light refreshments and expressed their thanks to the Friends of Drake Library.



Thank-Yous from Students

'Change the Subject' Screening and Discussion

The Friends contributed refreshments for other campus events including a screening of the "Change the Subject" documentary and panel discussion in September 2022. The open access film is about college students raising awareness and lobbying the Library of Congress over the use of the term "illegal aliens" vs. "undocumented immigrants" in classifying materials. It spotlights the use of controlled vocabulary in library schema and how word choice is powerful and continues to be an important topic for ongoing discussion.



Change the Subject Poster

Amy Gendrou "Baggage" Art Exhibit

Local artist Amy Gendrou exhibited a new art installation titled "Baggage" in Drake Memorial Library during the fall semester. The work featured hand-sewn tissue panels of typewritten personal reflections, poetry and more. The floor-to-ceiling panels packed with meaning flowed to/from the suitcases. The Friends of Drake Library sponsored refreshments for the November 10, 2022 opening reception.



Amy Gendrou (Artist), 2nd from left, with Librarians Wendy Prince, Jamia Williams, and Mary Jo Orzech

Archives Activity

Victoria Greenfield earned her Masters of Arts in History at SUNY Brockport in May and spent spring semester working in the Rose College Archives. Victoria assisted with the Library's initiatives to promote the use of open educational resources on campus. She also drafted grant proposals and identified records for digitizing *The Stylus* in the New York State Historic Newspapers database. She helped locate and share records about alumni and worked with staff and students to survey the impact of open educational resources on campus. She is continuing her studies towards a PhD in History at Syracuse University.

Ryan DiBenedetto worked in the Archives this spring. He graduated from SUNY Albany with a MS in Information Science with a concentration in Archives and Records. He assisted Pam O'Sullivan in processing potential new records and cross-referencing the materials with those already in the Rose Archives. He assisted in determining what should be kept and added to the collection. Moving forward, Ryan hopes to find a professional position within the archiving field.

Summer 2023 Archives Students



Fiona Stockdale

New to the Rose College Archives is graduate student Fiona Stockdale. She completed her undergraduate degree in History with a concentration in secondary social studies education and is also an alum of the Brockport Women's Soccer Team. During the school year, Fiona works at the Health Promotion and Prevention Education/Center for Gender and Sexual Diversity.

Fiona was recently recognized in "From the Mayor's Desk," the Village of Brockport's Spring 2023 newsletter as she is also the new Village Historian and Director of the Emily L. Knapp Museum. Fiona is excited to expand her archival knowledge and increase communication and collaboration by increasing engagement with on-campus and off-campus partners.



Amanda Anderson

Amanda Anderson: Amanda is an archival intern for the summer of 2023, and a 2008 alumni of SUNY Brockport. She is currently completing her MS in Information and Library Science at the University at Buffalo and plans to graduate in 2024. Amanda was born and raised in the Rochester NY area, although she is currently based in Colorado. She looks forward to expanding her horizons and knowledge of archival work through her internship. We welcome the interest and energy Amanda brings to SUNY Brockport.

FODL Monthly Meetings

The [Friends of Drake Library](#) meet monthly during the academic year. We invite you to join us in person or online! Your input and suggestions make a difference, contributions and support are invaluable, and new ideas are always welcome. Contact Mary Jo Orzech (Morzech@brockport.edu) to join or for more information.



Photos from April 2023 FODL Meeting

Top L to R: Mary Ellen Post, Jeff Post, Jill Campbell, Frank Kuhn, Joan Fenton, Richard Fenton, Mary Jo Orzech, Bonnie Swoger Bottom L to R: Karen Owen, Ginny Campbell



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