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[UW-Stout Library](#)

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Director's Update

Although the library looks different this year, we are proud to be open and safely continuing to provide services to UW-Stout students, faculty, and staff. Whether you need a place to study, would like to reserve materials for contactless pickup, or want to chat with a librarian to find resources for a paper, we are still here for you! We would like to thank UW-Stout Chancellor Katherine Frank for visiting the library on February 22nd for a tour. We enjoyed showing her how we have adjusted space and services as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic. As we look to the future, we will reflect on how we can continue to evolve to meet the needs of our stakeholders.



Women's History Month

Women's History Month is now officially here. It is a time to recognize the accomplishments of women all across the nation and here at Stout, it is no different. Learn more about the history of women here on our own campus in this [book](#), written in 1990! Get a better understanding of the hard work that went

into taking our campus towards a more inclusive space. This is now the time to learn new things about the people and the history of your environment.

We will also have a display up in the lobby for more materials to check out.



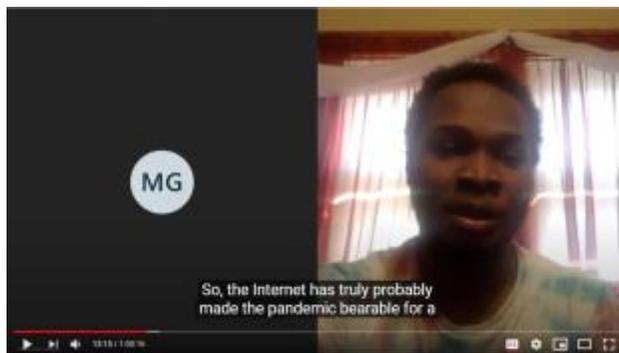




Reflecting on the Past Year

On March 17, 2020, our campus closed to the public in an effort to slow the spread of the COVID pandemic. On Stout's first COVIDversary, join the UW-Stout Archives to view recordings from its June 2020 COVID oral history project and learn more about how some members of the Stout community coped with the Spring 2020 closure. We'll leave time for meeting participants to share their thoughts and stories. Sign up at archives@uwstout.edu to register for the session and receive the meeting link.

March 17, 2021 at 12 noon.



Barnard Award Nominations

The Barnard Award came into fruition to recognize the outstanding work that library staff members have achieved for the library community. The award is now open to nominations. Anyone from Faculty, staff, and students are welcome to nominate a UW-Stout library staff member whom they felt has done an outstanding job in helping them.

Candidates must demonstrate one or more of the following:

- Substantive and continuing effort to improve library services/resources for the UW-Stout community

- Innovative and leading-edge efforts that benefit UW-Stout and/or the library information profession as a whole
- Work that has led to enhanced library services/resources
- Outstanding customer service efforts

Use the online form to [nominate](#) your candidate.

All nominations are due Monday, March 15.

Circulation

There has been a change in equipment return and checkout. Previously, equipment could not be returned the last hour before closing otherwise it would be late. Equipment can now be returned to the circulation desk at any time on the date due. Equipment returned after the due date will still incur a fine of \$15/day.

Equipment cannot be checked out during the last 15 minutes before we close. Previously, equipment could not be checked out during the last hour before closing.

Coming soon: We purchased two GoPro cameras, a Hero8 and a Max. They still need to be cataloged and then will be available for checkout.



Is there any equipment you would like the library to purchase? Send an email to circulation@uwstout.edu and let us know!

Library Second Floor Evolution

University Library is always evolving to improve its spaces for you. This semester, Acquisitions Specialist Paul Wendt leads a team of library staff members to improve the accessibility and excitement over Second Floor materials.

Some of the changes are mainly practical. Shelving will move to better utilize the space while celebrating the vibrant artwork by Arts Integration Menomonie. The team will also build and add more shelves to

the growing Comics and Graphic Novels Collection. This collection will also be shifted to be easier for you to find!

Many of the shelf shifts and material moves will take place in the Educational Materials Center (EMC), where EMC Librarian Tanya Gunkel leads the project.

“We want to make our collections as accessible and user-friendly as possible. Adaptability and a focus on student success are driving these changes and we're excited to make improvements for our Stout community,” Gunkel said.

The project team will move Young Adult Fiction and Non-Fiction to a more open and visible space on the second floor. Puppets shift to a more practical spot and make room for the educational kit section. Gunkel said the extension of the kit section will improve accessibility of the materials.

These changes are part of University Library’s mission to support Stout students, staff, and faculty. Gunkel said these changes are part of focused assessments on library space and collections use.

Keep an eye out for these changes as they progress over the course of the Spring 2021 semester! If you have any questions about the space evolution or finding materials during the shift, contact a librarian at reference@uwstout.edu.



Library Instruction Team Develops New Policy

The Instruction Leadership Group (ILG) completed and submitted its Library Instruction Policy to Library Staff for feedback. ILG utilized its instruction goals and University Library’s mission to develop the policy.

ILG agrees the development of the policy will strengthen the library instruction process and streamline scheduling.

“As we assess our instruction practices and develop new one, it’s exciting to create policies like this to foster better structural support for library instruction. We hope this policy facilitates more awareness and accessibility for library instruction services and the level of expertise librarians provide,” said University Librarian Aubrey Huff.

ILG was excited to share the policy with library staff in mid-February after months of intense discussions, edits, and development. Library staff received an opportunity to provide feedback and now, we see the policy moving forward to publication on the website

“Expect to see the new instruction policy on the library website soon,” said Huff. “It will blow your mind.”

Athletics Update

The Archives and Area Research Center has continually been working on digitizing our athletics materials, including our collection of [Blue Devil Athletics Programs](#). Thanks to the hard work of a previous intern from UW-Eau Claire who scanned most of this collection, the library now has the collection accessible and keyword searchable on the Preservica website. These materials, which include statistics, schedules, rosters, and so much more, are available to students, faculty, and the broader public! The athletic programs show the evolution of Blue Devil Athletics and all the different sports that UW-Stout had, from wrestling to men’s swimming. We think this collection is especially exciting to promote now because for the first time in a long time our athletes are able to compete!



50 New Nintendo Switch Games Added!

Did you know the University Library has video games you can checkout for 2 weeks for free? We’ve just added 50 new Switch games to the collection and new PS4 and Xbox One games are coming soon. Video games can be found in the middle 1st floor of the library. Don’t forget to check into the

Game and Digital Innovation Lab also on the 1st floor where you will find consoles to play Xbox, PlayStation, and vintage video games! Have you tried PlayStation VR? The library has a few VR games and a VR Headset is available to use in the Game Lab. More info here: <https://library.uwstout.edu/gdiLab> and ask at the library front desk.



Self-Care With Peer Health Educators

In case you have missed it, a self-care display was put up by Peer Health Educators last month. This display served as a reminder that taking time to focus on your own well being is just as important as your educational goals. Being aware of your own mental health and taking the necessary steps to ensure a happy mindset can do wonders in improving your day. Something as simple as listening to music, journaling, or talking to friends are a few examples that anyone can do to improve their own mental well-being. The UW-Stout Library also has a few [online activities](#) that you can take advantage of as well if you are looking for something stress free to do.

Visit the [Counseling Center](#) if you or someone you know may need some guidance.





Student Support Services Display

The Student Support Services is a great resource for first-generation students who need assistance in their educational goals here at Stout. Get access to help in preparation for Graduate school, tutoring, a financial literacy coach, and so much more. For more information, visit the display put up on the first floor. Pick up a brochure and see if this is a resource that you can take advantage of.





Librarian Marches with Stout Students

University Librarian Aubrey Huff marched with students, staff, and faculty at UW-Stout's 5th Annual Peace March.

"Stout students deserve respect, equity, and access, and it's important to remind them that the University Library stands with all of them," said Huff after the march.

When the march started after student speeches Huff described as "awe-inspiring" and "the call I needed to answer," she walked with marchers up to the pedestrian bridge on the edge of town where they raised their signs to passing traffic. The signs included artfully designed peace signs, "Black Lives Matter" signs, "Your turn, Stout," and so much more. Huff expected to see and hear many displays of community support during the march.

"We did receive some honks and waves, which were met with cheers and more waving, but there were far fewer honks than I hoped. Drivers and passengers dismissively waved us away. Many flipped us off. On more than one occasion, billowing plumes of exhaust were purposefully belched from passing pickup trucks into our noses and mouths. It's upsetting to see these kinds of reactions to a peace march," said Huff.

Huff hopes the peace march will continue to grow and result in real changes on campus and the community.

“It’s our turn, Stout. It’s my turn.”

Find the full story at [WEAU](#) and join the movement on the "Your turn, Stout" [Instagram](#).



1 - Huff marches with 'Black Lives Matter' sign.

Photo Credit: WEAU

Get Involved!

The UW-Stout recently published an "[Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion](#)" guide to bring awareness to the issues of racism that our minority students so often face. This guide contains materials that can help you understand how to be a better ally with an ever evolving list of books and videos. Another great way to be an ally is to get involved! Besides the amazing "Your turn, Stout" movement, you can connect to the [Multicultural Student Services](#) and meet lots of amazing people. Connecting with the student organizations here on campus that explore the different experiences of culture is also a great way to be an ally! For more information on these organizations, use the following links.

[Black Student Union](#)

[Hmong Stout Student Organization](#)

[Latinos Unidos](#)

[Native American Student Organization](#)

Thank You For Reading!