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Events & More

Upcoming Libraries Events in the Fall
• **Dissertation Writers Retreat** – August 22, 9AM-4PM, McWherter 2nd Floor Commons
  - Registration and an updated DWR webpage will be available soon!

• **Libraries Welcome Carnival** – August 28, 10:30AM-1PM, and August 29, 1-3:30PM, McWherter Rotunda
  - More details, as well as the opportunity to sign up for your department's table, are coming soon!

• **Voter Registration Drive** – August 30, 10AM-2PM, McWherter Entrance & UC Atrium
  - This is a Government Publications & Shelby County Election Commission event.
  - [Sign up to represent the library at either of the two registration tables.](#)

• **University Libraries Colloquium** – September 15, 10-11:30AM, McWherter 2nd Floor Commons
  - Shelia Gaines will present; topic TBA.

• **Libraries Panel Event on a Voting Topic** (Government Publications Event) – September 19, McWherter 2nd Floor Commons

• **Dissertation Writers Retreat** – October 17, 9AM-4PM, McWherter 2nd Floor Commons

• **NEDtalks Faculty Research Forum** – October 25-26 or November 1-2

• **University Libraries Colloquium** – November 17, 10-11:30AM, McWherter 2nd Floor Commons
  - Dr. Kenneth Haggerty will present; topic TBA.

• **Exam Week Stressbuster: Squish Away Stress** – December 5, 11AM-1PM, McWherter Rotunda

• **Exam Week Stressbuster: West Tennessee Therapy Dog Visit** – December 7 (tentative)
Upcoming Campus-Wide Student Events & Fairs

- **Weeks of Welcome Events** – August 23 through September 1
  - The Libraries will be represented at the First Year Picnic on August 24 and at the Coffee with the College on August 25.
  - McWherter Library will also be included in the campus wide scavenger hunt on August 25, 1-3PM.
  - [Learn more about Weeks of Welcome](#)

- **International Student Fair** – August 25, 1-3PM, International Center
  - Signup to volunteer at the Libraries table is already full. Thank you to our volunteers!

- **Student Involvement Fair** – August 28, 1-4PM, UC Lawn
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**Upcoming Events Hosted by the Libraries**

*The events below are organized by other UofM departments, but will be hosted at McWherter Library. They are free and open to all.*

- **No Stress Success Series: Stress Management 101** (SHCS Event) – September 20, 3-4PM, McWherter 2nd Floor Commons
- **An Evening with Christopher Priest** (Honors College Event) – September 22, 4-5:50PM, McWherter 2nd Floor Commons
- **No Stress Success Series: Healthy Relationships** (SHCS Event) – October 18, 3-4PM, McWherter 2nd Floor Commons
- **No Stress Success Series: Conflict & Convos** (SHCS Event) – November 15, 3-4PM, McWherter 2nd Floor Commons
- **No Stress Success Series: Dare to Self Care** (SHCS Event) – November 29, 3-4PM, McWherter 2nd Floor Commons
Donate to the UofM Career Closet

The Office of First-Generation Student Success and the Office of Career Services are accepting lightly used or new business attire for their career closet.

Donations made by August 25 will count toward a campus competition between departments and colleges, with the winning department being announced at the annual Sapphire Awards, (learn more>).

As of Monday, July 31, we are in third place! We have partnered with the Center for Writing and Communication (CWC), which is on the first floor of McWherter.

Preferred donations:

- ties/bowties
- accessories (earrings, bracelets, necklaces, etc.)
• blouses, blazers, dress pants, and suits

While the final date to donate is September 6, the coordinating offices would prefer to have campus partner donations in by August 25 so that clothing can be steamed and ready before classes start on August 28. The All Majors Career Fair is September 11, and the donations will allow students to have access to professional clothing for that event.

Please email firstgen@memphis.edu with any questions you may have about the drive.

Your donated items can be dropped off at the Libraries’ Administration Office, room 204. We have a marked box set up.

This is a great opportunity to open up some space in your closets while helping our First Generation Students.

Thank you to everyone who has donated!

UM3D Training

UM3D will have Canvas trainings available every week. To view the full Canvas training schedule, visit their events calendar>
• Dr. Katie Sharpe is no longer at the Libraries as of July 31. She will be missed!

• Libraries Hours
  – During the summer interim, August 5-27, McWherter Library will be open Monday-Friday, 8AM-5PM, and closed weekends. Regular hours will resume on the first day of classes, Monday, August 28.
  – All Libraries locations will be closed Saturday, September 2, through Monday, September 4, for the Labor Day weekend.
  – View all Libraries hours>

• The Music Library hopes to reopen by August 7 after its summer renovations. Email @Joel Collin Roberts (jcrberths) with any requests for Music Library materials. If you’re looking for anyone from the Music Library team, Sean Denby, Caroline Kelley, or Joel Roberts, they are temporarily located in the RIS department.

• The sandbox creatorspace will reopen once internet wiring has been restored. We do not have an opening date yet.
• If you have recently been published or have presented at a conference, email lib_marketing@memphis.edu with details and photos to have them showcased on our social media platforms and in the Monday & monthly newsletters.

• New Student Orientation Academic Advising Sessions will take place in McWherter Library (1st Floor Learning Commons & Government Publications) through August 22.

Accessibility Committee Column

Introducing SensusAccess
By Carl Hess

Interview with Amanda Rodino, Associate Director of Disability Resources for Students (DRS)

1. **What is SensusAccess?**
   a. SensusAccess is a one-stop, self-service, alternate media and document remediation service. It allows students, faculty, staff, and alumni to automatically convert documents into a range of alternate media. SensusAccess can also remediate inaccessible documents and deliver them into more accessible and less tricky formats.

2. **How does SensusAccess work?**
a. Obtaining a converted file through SensusAccess is a simple process. Visit University of Memphis' SensusAccess Conversion Form or use SensusAccess within your courses in Canvas. Choose the type of file you wish to convert, upload it, select your output format, and enter your University of Memphis email address. SensusAccess will run the conversion and email you the desired output. The amount of time to get it returned will depend on the size of the file.

3. **What are the limitations of SensusAccess?**

   a. Although SensusAccess can convert files into more accessible versions, it is not able to fully remediate all issues.

4. **How does DRS use SensusAccess?**

   a. DRS encourages use of SensusAccess to allow students to independently convert their course materials into those formats which work best for them. It is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week, so students receive a timelier alternate format than if they waited for DRS staff to complete the conversion.

5. **Where can I learn more about SensusAccess?**

   a. The University of Memphis SensusAccess website is coming soon. In the meantime, please contact Disability Resources for Students at drsbooks@memphis.edu with any questions or requests for training.

**Upcoming Accessibility Trainings**

- **Nothing Without Us: Leadership, Disability & the Importance of Visibility**
  - CAST webinar
  - August 1 at 4:30 PM CT

- **Making Digital Services More Accessible**
  - GovLoop webinar
  - August 16 at 1:00 PM CT

**Contact & Follow Us**

- Planning **events** for the fall semester? Plan at least a month ahead! We have a new Marketing Resources page on the Libraries intranet site. Be sure to review this page for your event and marketing requests. It contains many FAQs.

- Want something included in the weekly **email**, monthly **newsletter**, or on **social media**? Email the Libraries marketing team at lib_marketing@memphis.edu.

- Don't forget to follow @UofMLibraries on Facebook, X (formerly known as Twitter), Instagram or YouTube to learn about upcoming events, interesting resources & more! Highlighted events can also be found on the Libraries homepage.