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**Between the Stacks, 02-2024**

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• **Dissertation Writers Retreat Sprint: Pomodoro** – **Saturday, February 10,** 10 AM-2:30 PM, via Zoom (passcode: 678539). Struggling to find the time to write? Not productive enough when you do find time? Join us for our first Dissertation Writers Retreat (DWR) event of the spring semester where we will be writing using the Pomodoro time-management technique. The Pomodoro technique is built on stretches of focused work that are broken up by short breaks. Longer breaks are taken after four consecutive work intervals. For this event, we will be doing 25-minute work periods, 5-minute short breaks, and a 30-minute longer break. Structured to allow you to come and go as needed, this event is open to all graduate students. It is sponsored by the University Libraries, Graduate School, and Center for Writing and Communication. [Learn more>](#)

• **NEDxStudents Research Forum 2024 Submission Deadline** – Calling UofM undergraduate and graduate students of any discipline to submit for a chance to share recent research and win a cash prize! NEDxStudents Research Forum 2024, where selected UofM students will present their research in the TEDtalks style, will be held Wednesday, March 13, and Thursday, March 14, 3-5 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Commons of Ned R. McWherter Library. Wednesday will feature graduate student presenters and Thursday will feature undergraduate student presenters. Presentations will be judged by a panel of judges and a prize of $500 (provided by the Helen Hardin Honors College and the Graduate School) will be awarded to each day's highest scoring presenter. To be considered, students must complete the [NEDxStudents survey](#) by Sunday, February 11, 2024. [Learn more>](#)

• **Air Force Aviation Inspiration/ROTC Cadet Mentoring** - **Friday, February 9,** 11:30 AM - 2:30 PM, Ellipse. AFROTC is coordinating with a helicopter flying unit from Malmstrom Air Force Base, MT
to conduct a helicopter demonstration and landing/take-off at the University of Memphis, weather contingent. As part of the Aviation Inspiration Mentorship program, students from schools, including high schools in the area, are being presented with a potential career path in aviation and the opportunity to find out more information and get connected with the contacts that can help guide their career decisions to fulfill the goals they are pursuing. UofM Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps

- **No Stress Success Series** – **Wednesday, February 7**, 3-4 PM, 2nd Floor Commons. This weekly workshop series, presented by UofM Student Health & Counseling Services, covers various mental health and wellness topics.

- **Tiger Pantry Drive: February 12 - 16** – Share the love with your fellow tigers and donate food and toiletries to the UofM Tiger Pantry. The drop-off box will be in the McWherter Library lobby. Learn about Tiger Pantry or find out what items are needed most

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- **University Libraries Colloquium** – **Friday, February 16**, 10-11:30 AM, McWherter 2nd Floor Commons & via Zoom (password: 798183). Jessica McClure, Virtual Instruction Librarian, and Bess Robinson, Head of Research & Instructional Services, will present "Joining Forces: How Librarians and Instructional Designers Partnered to Develop an LMS Module to Support Undergraduate Research." In a recent initiative to support first-year students new to college-level research, the UofM librarians and our UM3D colleagues created an engaging, interactive module in Canvas (the campus' Learning Management System). Jessica and Bess will briefly describe the vision and process of the collaboration, demonstrate the final product, and discuss what they learned from the focus group that piloted the new module. All are welcome; coffee & light refreshments will be provided.

- **Graduate Student Association Meeting** – **Friday, February 16**, 2-3:30 PM, McWherter 2nd floor Commons.

- **No Stress Success Series** – **Wednesday, February 21**, 3-4 PM, 2nd Floor Commons. This weekly workshop series, presented by UofM Student Health & Counseling Services, covers various mental health and wellness topics.

- **The UM3D Winter Summit** – **Thursday, February 22 & Friday, February 23**, 1-4 PM, in McWherter Library's 2nd Floor Commons & via Zoom. Each year, the Summit showcases UofM faculty’s innovative teaching strategies and identifies a specific trend, technology, or pedagogical concept to spotlight. This year’s Summit will spotlight UofM faculty's response to the recent increase in the availability and use of AI tools like ChatGPT and Bard. On Thursday, February 22, the Summit will take place in-person in McWherter Library's 2nd Floor Commons where light refreshments will be provided, and will feature presentations demonstrating innovative approaches to hybrid, online, and in-person instructional programs, courses, and projects. On Friday, February 23, the Summit will be held via Zoom and feature two panel discussions
affording the opportunity to learn from and engage with other faculty who are creating pathways for student success and instructional innovation.

- **Marcus Orr Center for the Humanities (MOCH) Lecture:** Carl Fisher, Ph.D., of Fordham University: "The Case of Colonia Dignidad: Fascist Aesthetics in Latin America's Southern Cone" – **Thursday, February 22**, 5:30-7:30 PM, 2nd Floor Commons. The first lecture of the series is jointly sponsored by the Department of World Languages and Literatures and MOCH. The reception begins at 5:30 with the lecture starting at 6 PM. [Learn more>](#)

- **Dissertation Writers Retreat: Formatting for Submission Workshop** – **Thursday, February 22**, 6 PM, via Zoom ([https://bit.ly/DWRformat24](https://bit.ly/DWRformat24), passcode: 299113) and **Friday, February 23**, 10 AM, McWherter Library 2nd Floor Commons. This event is for UofM students who are currently past their comprehensive exam stage and are working on their dissertation prospectus or final document. The event is sponsored by the University Libraries, Graduate School, and Center for Writing and Communication (CWC). Join us for a workshop on how best to format your dissertation with Mrs. Peggy Callahan from the Graduate School! We will also have the CWC on hand to talk about how they can best prepare you, in addition to Mrs. Elizabeth McDonald from University Libraries, who will be discussing how to navigate embargoes when submitting to ProQuest Dissertations and Theses. [Learn more>](#)

- **Tigers Write** – **Wednesday, February 28**, 11 AM-1 PM, Patterson Hall Café. Get help on your paper at Tigers Write! Writing and research experts from the Center for Writing and Communication and the University Libraries will be available to work with you on your writing. Get help with brainstorming outlining, finding sources, developing your argument, citing, revisions, and more! [Learn more>](#)

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Announcements

Employee Spotlights

- The UofM will have a Career Milestone Awards Ceremony, Wednesday, February 7, 9:30am, in the UC Ballroom. Congratulations to all our amazing Libraries recipients!
  - 40 years: Sharon Tucker
  - 35 years: Connie Carlin
  - 30 years: Frankie Perry
  - 25 years: Gloria Fitzgerald, Paula Phillips, James Singleton
  - 20 years: Yolanda Hawkins, Elizabeth McDonald
  - 10 years: Gerald Chaudron, Helen Dodd-Rodgers, Brandon Maas
  - 5 years: Sean Denby, Michelle Duerr, Caroline Kelley

- Joel Roberts, our Music Librarian, along with Josef Hanson (School of Music), Dawl Kimble (Crews Center for Entrepreneurship), Jenny Davis (Director of Music Programming of Crosstown Arts), was awarded funding through the University of Memphis’ Communities of Research Scholars (CoRS) for an Arts Entrepreneurship Research Lab. Congrats! Learn more>
Contact & Follow Us

- Planning events for the spring semester? Plan at least a month ahead! We have a 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.