Between the Stacks: April 2024

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Events

NEDxStudents 2024
Korbyn Peebles, UofM Graduate Student in English, presenting Museums and Technology: Strategies for Informal Learning Spaces to Teach Digital Literacy, Online Rhetorical Genres, and AI

Madiha Syeda, UofM Undergraduate Student in Arts & Sciences, presenting Quantitative Analysis of Curcumin Released from Hydrogel Biomaterials

NEDxStudents Research Forum 2024, where selected UofM students presented their research in the TED Talks style, was held Wednesday, March 13, and Thursday, March 14, 3-5 p.m. in the 2nd Floor Commons of Ned R. McWherter Library. Wednesday featured graduate student presenters and Thursday featured undergraduate student presenters. A panel of judges evaluated and scored presentations. A prize of $500 (provided by the Helen Hardin Honors College and the Graduate School) was awarded to each day’s highest-scoring presenter: Korbyn Peebles (Graduate) and Madiha Syeda (Undergraduate).

Thank you to the NEDtalks Committee and Media Committee members who helped make the event a success: Michelle Dry, Anna Swearengen, Karen Brunsting, Ashley Roach-Freiman, April Hobbs, Casey Parkman, Drew Carmichael, and Ben Clanton!

Upcoming Events

- **No Stress Success Series: Time Management** - Wednesday, April 3, 3-4PM, McWherter 2nd Floor Commons. These interactive workshops, presented by UofM student Health & Counseling Services, will take place every Wednesday through April 24 and will cover a variety of mental health and wellness topics. [Learn more>]

- **No Stress Success Series: Healthy Relationships** - Wednesday, April 10, 3-4PM, McWherter 2nd Floor Commons.

- **Recital in the Rotunda** - Friday, April 14, 11:45AM-12:30PM, McWherter Rotunda. Stop by to hear UofM Music students perform chosen pieces on the library’s piano.

- **DWR Summer Prep Workshop** - Tuesday, April 16, 1:30-3PM, 2nd Floor Commons. UofM graduate or PhD students planning to work on their thesis or dissertation this summer can join us for this free workshop which will include presentations on time management skills and how to create a writing plan.

- **No Stress Success Series: Redesign Stress** - Wednesday, April 17, 3-4PM, McWherter 2nd Floor Commons.

- **University Libraries Colloquium** - Friday, April 19, 10-11:30AM, 2nd Floor Commons & via Zoom. [More details coming soon.]
• **UofM Mentorship Network: Mentoring Talk** *(CEPR Event)* - Wednesday, April 24, 11:30AM-12:30PM, 2nd Floor Commons. Dr. Kurt Kraiger will give a talk on mentoring students.

• **No Stress Success Series: Dare to Self Care** - Wednesday, April 24, 3-4PM, McWherter 2nd Floor Commons.

• **Exam Week Stressbusters: April 25-May 2**
  - **Vision Boarding** *(SHCS Event)* - Tuesday, April 23, 11AM-1PM, sandbox.
  - **West TN Therapy Dog Visit** - TENTATIVE, Thursday, April 25.
  - **More events TBA**

• **UofM Retirement Reception for Dr. John Evans** - Wednesday, April 24, 2-4PM, Admin Building 2nd Floor Atrium.
  - The University will send out information related to this.

• **Libraries Retirement Reception for Dr. John Evans** - Monday, April 29, 2-4PM, the sandbox.

**The Digital Commons**
You can now listen to episodes of **NEDcast** on the Digital Commons. NEDcast, a podcast produced by **Casey Parkman** and brought to you from Ned R. McWherter Library, features conversations with UofM scholars, faculty, and students about their research, projects, and services. Three episodes (linked below) are currently available but more are on the way. [Visit the homepage](#)

- **The Nedcast Episode One: Internet Piracy**, Casey Parkman and Drew Carmichael
- **The Nedcast Episode Two: Bob Miller and Old Newspapers**, Casey Parkman and Joel Roberts
- **The Nedcast Episode Three: The Center for Research in Educational Policy**, Casey Parkman, Cynthia Muzzi, and Todd Zoblotsky
The Sandbox

3 - Ben Clanton & Casey Parkman leading our first Glowforge Laser Cutter Workshop of the spring semester.
New Prusa MK4 3D Printers are coming soon! The sandbox creatorspace now has four new Prusa MK4 3D printers, which will be available for UofM employee and student use soon. Make sure to check out the video above of one printing in action.

The Glowforge laser cutter is now available to reserve. UofM employees and students must first attend a training workshop to be approved for use.

If UofM instructors would like to request private instruction on the 3D printers or Glowforge laser cutter, they can email thesandbox@memphis.edu.

Visit the sandbox main page for upcoming workshops and events>
Announcements

Employee Spotlights

- **Kelly Maust** is now the Interim Campus Librarian at Lambuth.
- **Dr. Barrett Schwarz** is the new UM3D Director of Academic Teaching and Learning Support as of March 11.
- **Denise Keeney** has retired from the University Libraries since the end of March. Best wishes, Denise!
- **Jessica McClure and Ashley Roach-Freiman** were published in Issue 75.1 of Tennessee Libraries.
  - “Letter from the Editor” by Ashley Roach-Freiman
  - “Fear and Loathing in Tennessee: Librarians Face Anxiety, Burnout, Job Threats, and Hate Speech Due to Book Challenges and Legislation” by Alex Sharp, Jessica McClure, and Cassandra Taylor
- **Rotating book displays** are available on McWherter’s 1st Floor rotunda and curated by Anna Kirby, Davy Marsicano, and Niki Nikmard Tehrani. Each display coincides with a [virtual book display]
- **Government Publications displays** are located in the elevator bank area of McWherter’s 1st Floor and are curated by Betsy Eckert.
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- Planning events for the semester or summer? 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](mailto:lib_marketing@memphis.edu).

- Don’t forget to follow @UofMLibraries on [Facebook](#), [X (formerly known as Twitter)](https://twitter.com), [Instagram](#) or [YouTube](#) to learn about upcoming events, interesting resources & more! Highlighted events can also be found on the [Libraries homepage](#).