

Priddy Library Annual Report

July 2016 – June 2017

Library

Library Webpage

The Priddy Library's webpage was re-designed as a part of the Universities at Shady Grove (USG) website re-design in Fall 2016. Content was merged, revised, and migrated from the previous library website to the current library website over the span of several months, with the launch of the new website in December. The new website is mobile friendly and has features that include a photo gallery, user testimonials, and links to home institution libraries.

LibGuide Migration

With the release of LibGuide 2.0, we started planning the migration from LibGuide 1.0 to LibGuide 2.0. Given the new features, the librarians took some time to discuss how to update content without disrupting the use of the guides for the students. Since 2009, we have been using the LibGuide's either as course or subject guides.

Course Reserves

Priddy Library launched an open course reserves pilot in summer 2016, which is ongoing. This pilot provides open and barrier-free access to course reserves by eliminating the need for checking out and renewing items. This pilot is a result of an assessment of the circulation and reference activities in an effort to improve services to students, which included the merging of our circulation and reference desks.

Repurposed Library Space

The continuing initiative to improve and repurpose spaces included the addition of new furniture, whiteboards, carpeting and installation of a power grid throughout the library's central core area. Movable tables of varying configuration and chairs provide flexibility for collaboration and group work and an increase in seating capacity. Installation of the Thread grid under the new carpet brings power outlets close to work and study space in the area.

Workshops

Priddy Library hosted the following workshops over the past year: ArcGIS & Story Maps, Excel, Infographics, PowerPoint, Research Posters, Tableau, Word and Zotero. In an effort to anticipate student needs and interests, we introduced new workshops in the spring of 2017 to include Augmented Reality and Filtering Fake News.

Social Media

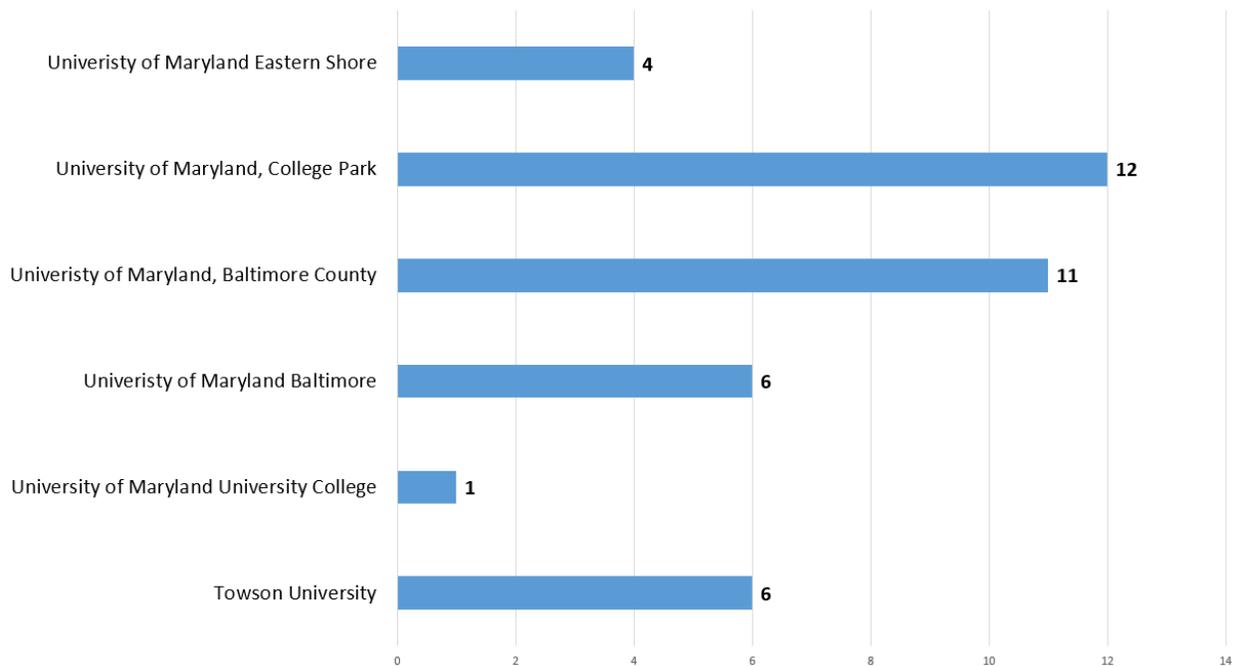
Priddy Library has increased our social media presence to create a distinct personality. The goal is to connect more with the USG student body by reaching them through the social media platforms that they utilize, beginning with Instagram (@priddy_library). Our social media team creates content relating to events and activities in the library, as well as creating fun and interesting posts.

New Staff: Emily Spangler

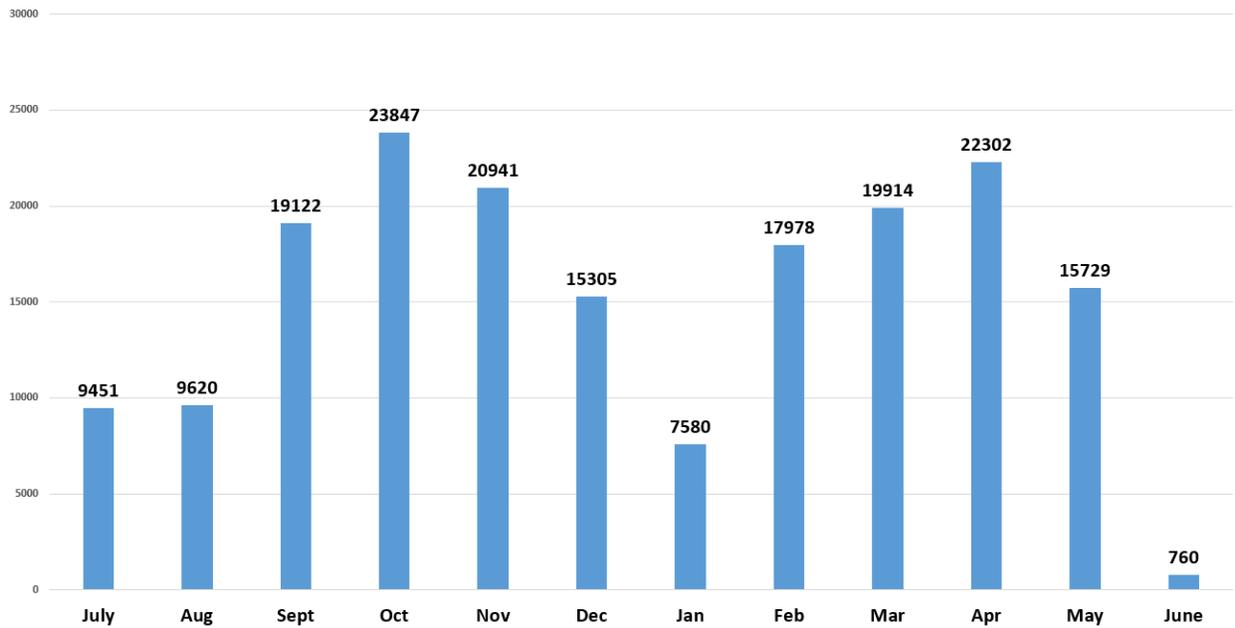
Emily Spangler joined the library staff as a Library Services Specialist in 2016. Emily formerly worked at the Library of Congress in Washington D.C. and Scarborough Library at Shepherd University in West Virginia. Her Bachelor of Arts degree is in English, with a concentration in creative writing, from Shepherd University. She is currently earning a Master of Library and Information Science at the University of Maryland, College Park. She likes Sudoku puzzles, reading outside, and anything related to Game of Thrones.

Statistics

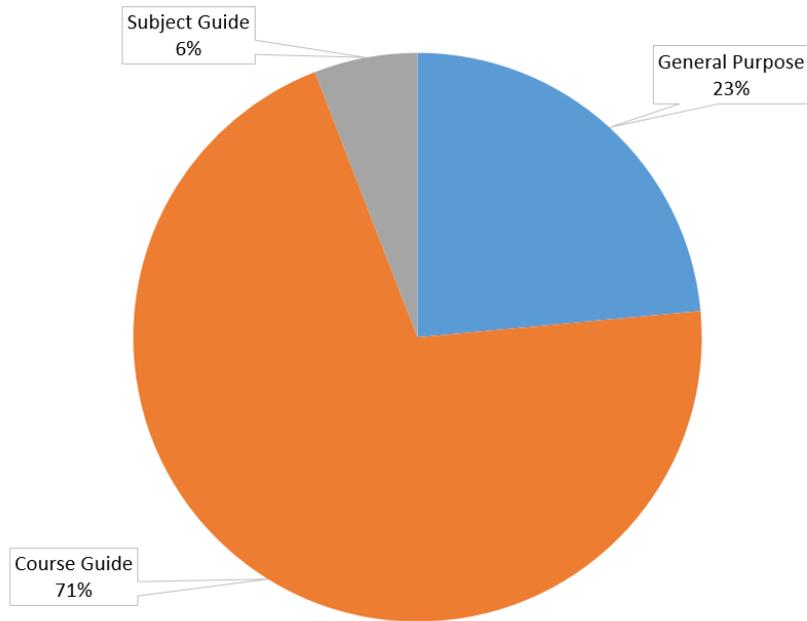
Library Instruction by Institution



People Visiting the Library FY 2017



Libguides Published



Scholarship

Articles:

Munster, Irene, Harrington, Eileen G., and Toni Negro. "It's Fun to Partner: Expanding Library Collaborations." *Library Leadership & Management* 31, no. 3 (2017).
<https://journals.tdl.org/llm/index.php/llm/article/view/7242>.

Harrington, Eileen G., and C. Steven Douglas. "Collaborative Collection Building: Health Sciences Librarians and a Consortial Ebook DDA Program." *Doody's Core Titles Newsletter*, July 2016.
<http://www.doody.com/dct/PublicFeaturedArticle.asp?SiteContentID=206&SID={873DDA25-DB69-4311-944E-3F83DCA84C1A}>

Münster, Irene. "A Tale of Two Libraries: A Merger and Its Challenges. A Case Study". *Journal of Library Administration* 57 no.2 (2017): 174-193.
<http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/01930826.2016.1222119>

Presentations:

Madhu Singh, "Kahoot!", presented at annual University System of Maryland and Affiliated Institutions (USMAI) Circulation Meeting. Rockville, MD, April 28, 2017.

Emily Spangler, "Canva and Piktochart", presented at annual University System of Maryland and Affiliated Institutions (USMAI) Circulation Meeting. Rockville, MD, April 28, 2017.

Irene Münster and Toni Negro, "A Collaborative Conversation on Revamping the Library", presented at CALD/MDL Joint Annual Meeting. Salisbury, MD, April 21, 2017.

Eileen Harrington, "Digital Mapping" and "Action Camp" at MD Tech Connect 2016, Rockville, MD, December 2, 2016.

Nickolas Falk, "Infographics", at MD Tech Connect 2016. Rockville, MD, December 2, 2016.

Nickolas Falk, "Visualizing Library Outreach and Partnerships using ArcGIS & Story Maps", at ARLIS/SE Annual Conference. Sarasota, FL, November 2016.

Madhu Singh, "Knocking Down Barriers to Access Services with Innovative Collaborative Solutions" at the Towson Conference for Academic Libraries Collaborating Across the Library, Towson, MD, August 16, 2016.

Irene Münster. "Spreading the roots: origin of Jewish Libraries in Argentina" paper presented at the 82nd IFLA World Library and Information Congress, Columbus, OH, August 13-19, 2016.
<http://library.ifla.org/1348/1/192-munster-en.pdf>

Poster Presentation:

Madhu Singh and Emily Spangler: "Reserves Unreserved." Poster presented at the UMD Libraries Research and Innovative Practice Forum, College Park, MD June 8, 2017

Eileen Harrington, Betsy Williams (Grand Valley State University), Diane Kearney (Northern Virginia Community College), Lea Leininger (University of North Carolina at Greensboro),

Michelle Rachal (University of Nevada, Reno), Ansley Stuart (Augusta University), and Jill Turner (University of Detroit Mercy): “NAHRS Selected List of Physical Therapy Journals 2017.” Poster presented at the Medical Library Association Annual Meeting, Seattle, WA May 26 – 31, 2017.

Madhu Singh, Toni Negro and Emily Spangler: “Reserves Unreserved.” Poster presented at the ACRL 2017 conference, Baltimore, MD March 26, 2017.

Partnerships

UMBC Internship

With the successful mentoring of interns, we continued our partnership with the University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) History Program at USG and have extended the program to a one-year term. Our interns have had the opportunity to work in Omeka, an online software, to further their professional development skills in online archiving of historical documents and images, while also gaining skills in the production of public exhibits.

NLM Virtual Internships

One student from the UMD College of Information Studies (iSchool) interned at the National Library of Medicine (NLM) during the summer 2016 semester. His project consisted of the conception, planning and development of a social media campaign for use on two NLM social media platforms: @medlineplus Twitter and MedlinePlus on Facebook in English. He created content to promote the Vitamin and Supplements information hosted on MedlinePlus, which has gained national attention from healthcare professionals and academic institutions such as the University of California, Los Angeles. During the project, interest grew and led to the inclusion and collaboration with two additional government agencies, the Office of Dietary Supplements and the National Center for Complementary and Integrative Health, as well as a request to create Spanish versions of the content (translations provided by Spanish MedlinePlus team).

An alumna of the internship program from the fall 2015 semester was selected as an Associate Fellow at NLM for 2016-17. The Associate Fellows program is a competitive one-year postgraduate training fellowship.

The NLM Virtual Internships grew out of a Memorandum of Understanding between USG, the UMD iSchool and Libraries, the Health Sciences and Human Services Library at the University of Maryland, Baltimore and NLM. These semester-long virtual internships allow students to work for the world’s largest biomedical library, while also fitting in their other classes, work and family obligations.

MDTech Connect Conference

Working with staff from the Division of Library Services & Development (the State Library) in the MD Department of Education, the chair of MD Lib Tech (a community of practice around library

technology in Maryland) Nickolas Falk and Eileen Harrington planned the second annual MD Tech Connect held on December 2, 2016 at USG. This event brought together library staff and technologists from all types of libraries throughout Maryland, as well as State Library staff from Delaware and New Jersey. One hundred and seventy-nine participants shared their experiences, learned from each other, and left with tools and knowledge to convert their “ideas into impact” (the theme of the conference). Activities at the event included affinity group presentations, a tech expo and a keynote address by Trevor Owens from the Institute of Museum & Library Services. (<http://mdtechconnect.weebly.com/>)

Loyola Notre Dame Library (LNDL)

Madhu Singh and Emily Spangler provided online and in-person training to LNDL librarians and staff on how to effectively use the Library Management System, ExLibris-Aleph in September, November, and January. They also shared Circulation and Course Reserve Guides they had created once LNDL joined USMAI.

Graduate Research & Writing Bootcamp

Staff from the Priddy Library and USG’s Center for Academic Success created and delivered a new workshop, Graduate Research & Writing Bootcamp on January 14, 2017. Despite inclement weather, sixteen graduate students attended from a variety of programs. This interactive workshop provided students with tools to find and manage sources for their research and for strategically reading at the graduate level. They also developed skills in technical and scholarly writing. The Library and CAS hope to hold these workshops more regularly throughout the academic year.

Writing Tutor in Library

Through collaboration with the Center for Academic Success, a writing tutor was scheduled in the library to provide assistance to students needing help with writing and editing papers. Tutoring was available by drop-in or by appointment four days a week during the spring 2017 semester.

USMAI Access Services Annual Meeting

Madhu Singh organized the 2017 USMAI Access Services Annual Meeting on April 28, 2017 at USG. Members from all University System of Maryland schools and LNDL met to review USMAI circulation policies, discussed issues and shared information. Staff from the University of Maryland, Baltimore and USG presented on new technology in libraries. A hands-on video creation workshop was provided for the attendees in the afternoon session by Lealin Queen from the University of Maryland College Park (UMD) Libraries.

Gaithersburg Book Festival

This is the third year the Library successfully participated in the Multicultural Storytime at the Gaithersburg Book Festival, on Saturday, May 20, 2017. USG students read to children in

Spanish, French, Amharic, Farsi, Arabic, and this year we had the debut of one of USG's staff members teaching Sign language to children and adults alike.

ACES Fair

The Library once again participated in the ACES (Achieving Collegiate Excellence and Success) Summer Bridge Program. The program provides high school seniors with the opportunity to explore various careers, and even if it is one they might not be interested in (or think they're not interested in), still leave having gained a skill that can be useful in other career pathways. Two staff members delivered a workshop on using Adobe Spark, a suite of tools that allow you to easily create social media posts, webpages and short videos, while also introducing the students to the field of librarianship.

Library Student Advisory Board

A Library Student Advisory Board was launched in Fall 2016. The purpose of this board to facilitate open communication between the USG student community and the library. We gather feedback to assess user satisfaction and look for new ideas and ways to bring about change to the Priddy Library.

Cultural Events

Keep Calm & Color May 2017

In collaboration with the Center for Academic Success, we hosted the return of the coloring activity and exhibit, promoting the benefits of taking a break during times of academic stress. [Nickolas Falk and Rachel Carstens, Center for Academic Success]

Women on the Money January - February 2017

Working with our University of Maryland, Baltimore County (UMBC) intern, we created this exhibit to present a representation of the diversity and regularity of women as the face on a unit of currency in their respective countries. Women on the countries' national currency signifies a progressive step toward gender equality and highlights the vital roles that women play in making the world a better place. [Nickolas Falk and Ethan Falk, UMBC Intern]

Multicultural Themes in the Juvenile Collection January - February 2017

An exhibition that highlighted children's literature that narrates the most common experiences of new arrivals in our communities and of children with special needs and cultural challenges. [Toni Negro and Nickolas Falk]

The Era of the Holocaust November-December 2016

Continuing with our series of Genocide, we created this exhibit with the collaboration of UMBC's history students that focuses on the classification used by the Nazis in the concentration camps. [Irene Münster, Prof. Kiera Crago-Schneider, Nickolas Falk and UMBC history students]

Voting and Civil Rights October - November 2016

An exhibition that chronicles the history of voting and civil rights in the US. [Nickolas Falk, Leah Rufus and Ethan Falk, UMBC intern]