

The Library as Connecting Point:
Bringing Students and Faculty Together



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Some Background



PRE-2022 ROBSON LIBRARY AND SOME OF MY BACKGROUND

- STAFFING IN ROBSON LIBRARY
- NO EVENTS
- CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION
- DAILY TRAFFIC 50-100

2022-2023

- STAFFING IN ROBSON LIBRARY-RESTRUCTURE
- AN EVENING WITH SERIES
- CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION INCREASED
- DAILY TRAFFIC 50-100

2023-2024

- STAFFING IN ROBSON LIBRARY-RESTRUCTURE
- AN EVENING WITH SERIES, PANEL DISCUSSIONS
- CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION INCREASED
- DAILY TRAFFIC 80-100

2024 SO FAR

- AN EVENING WITH SERIES, PANEL DISCUSSIONS
- CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION/CLASSES IN THE LIBRARY/CLASS VISITS TO THE LIBRARY
- COLLABORATION WITH ACADEMIC AFFAIRS AND STUDENT LIFE
- GETTING INVOLVED WITH 1ST YEAR ORIENTATION
- DAILY TRAFFIC 300-350

By the Numbers

Staff

- 2 Librarians
- 10 student workers (5 in 2022)

Program Budget

- \$0

Event Attendance

- 5-120



5 W's

WHO: WHO ARE THE STAKEHOLDERS?

- STUDENTS
- PROFESSORS
- ADMINISTRATORS

WHAT: WHAT IS YOUR MISSION WITH PROGRAMS?

- BUILD COMMUNITY
- HAVE HARD CONVERSATIONS
- ACADEMIC IN NATURE
- DON'T BE AFRAID TO ALSO HAVE FUN

WHEN: BE CONSISTENT

- WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 7:00PM
- NOTHING THE WEEK OF BREAKS/RIGHT BEFORE A BREAK
- WORKING WITH OTHER DEPARTMENTS

WHERE: CONSISTENCY/COMFORT/IN THE LIBRARY

- OVERLOOK
- FURNITURE
- ADAPTABLE-LARGE CROWD OR SMALL

WHY: BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS

- STUDENTS ARE MORE LIKELY TO COME BACK
- MORE LIKELY TO ASK FOR HELP
- MORE LIKELY TO BE SUCCESSFUL



Building Connections

PROFESSORS:

- ILL BORROWERS
- THOSE PUBLISHING AND PRESENTING
- DON'T FORGET YOUR ART/COMMUNICATIONS FOLKS!
- THOSE ASKING FOR CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION (PLUG EVENTS BEFORE YOU LEAVE)
- EXTRA CREDIT

ADMINISTRATORS:

- WHO DO YOU REPORT TO?
 - ARE THEY BUYING IN?
 - CAN YOU ARTICULATE HOW THESE EVENTS ARE BUILDING LIBRARY ENGAGEMENT?
- TIE IT TO ASSESSMENT
- INCLUDE NUMBERS/STORIES IN ANNUAL REPORT
- CO-CURRICULAR?



Building Connections-Continued



STUDENTS:

- REGULAR LIBRARY USERS?
 - LEARN THEIR NAMES
 - INVITE THEM PERSONALLY
- ATHLETES
 - GO TO GAMES
 - GET TO KNOW THEM OUTSIDE OF THE LIBRARY
 - HAVE REFERENCE HOURS IN THE COFFEE SHOP (OR SOMEWHERE NOT IN THE LIBRARY)

WHO IS MISSING FROM THE LIBRARY

- IF YOU DON'T KNOW A STUDENT INTRODUCE YOURSELF AND INVITE THEM TO COME ASK FOR ASSISTANCE

INVITE THEM

- PRINT SMALL VERSIONS OF A FLYER AND HAND THEM OUT AT THE CAFETERIA OR GAMES
- AS THE DAY APPROACHES STRIKE UP A CONVERSATION ABOUT THE EVENT
- USE INCENTIVES
 - GIFT CARD/ITEMS/BOOKS



Assessment

What are you assessing for?

- Annual Report
- Co-Curricular
- Something else?

What makes a program “successful”?

- Was the content supportive of your mission for events?
- Was the presenter able to “get through” to attendees?
 - Were they engaging?
 - Did people ask questions and engage with the presenter?
- Do you include crowd size as a measuring stick?

What are you assessing?

- Program Outcomes
- Library Objectives
- Program Mission

Don't Be Afraid to Fail



SOME FAILURES:

DISCUSSIONS GONE OFF THE RAILS

- PANEL DISCUSSION WITH NO MODERATOR

ADVANCED RESEARCH TUTORIALS WITH 0 PARTICIPANTS

- DO YOU KEEP TRYING OR COUNT IT AS A LOSS?

SCHEDULING PROBLEMS

- SCHEDULING MONTHS OUT ONLY TO HAVE “POPULAR” EVENTS SCHEDULE OVER YOU

WHAT CAN WE LEARN FROM THESE THINGS?

- HAVE A CLEAR POLICY
- KEEP COMMUNICATING ABOUT ISSUES
- GET OTHERS INVESTED SO YOU ARE NOT FIGHTING THE BATTLE ALONE

Robson Library Programs



Robson Library Presents

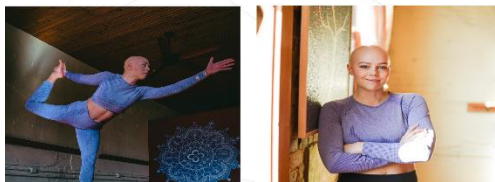


An Evening With the Author Dr. Chris Hall

Prepare your mind and body for
finals!

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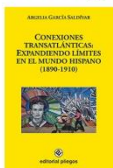
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Robson Library Presents Evening With the Author

Dr. Argelia García Saldivar

November 16, 2022
7pm



ACADEMIC INTEGRITY & AI PANEL

4/19/23

7 PM
EMCEE



Dr. Steve Oatis
Associate VP for
Academic Affairs
Professor of History



Dr. Christie Sampson
Assistant Professor of
Biology



Dr. Nathan Eric
Dickman
Assistant Professor of
Philosophy



Dr. Edward Ardenaux
Assistant Professor of
English

AI WEEK

PRESENTED BY ROBSON LIBRARY
SEP. 23-26

Ethics and AI
Sep. 23rd 6pm

AI Powered Job Search
and Resume
Enhancement
Sep. 24 6pm

AI in the Workplace
Sep. 25 6pm

AI in Academic Research
Sept. 26 6pm

Dr. Bill Gorton
Associate Professor of
Political Science and
Philosophy

Matt Bewley
Director of Career Service

Tina McCain
Academic Support
Coordinator

Krista Denne
Instruction and Outreach
Librarian



PREMIERE SHOWING BUGS TELL"

FEATURING PROF. SUSAN EDENS,
DR. DARRIN HUNT & DR. WHITNEY HUNT



Wednesday October 11th, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

An Evening With Dr. Daniel Fudge



Assistant Professor of Political



Robson Library Presents: AI in Academic Research

4/25/24 @ 6 pm



ChatGPT



Gemini



Copilot



Paper Digest



Research
Rabbit



Consensus



Ethics



Appropriate
Use



Citations



JOIN US FOR A DISCUSSION ON BANNED BOOKS



DOUGLAS DENNE
Director of Robson
Library
University of the Ozarks



JAMES RITCHIE
Branch Manager
Johnson County
Public Library



KRISTA DENNE
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SEP
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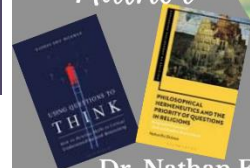
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PM

An Evening With Dr. William "Bill" Clary

Professor of Spanish and Latin American Culture



Robson Library Presents Evening With the Author



Dr. Nathan Eric Dickman
February 15, 2023

Robson Library Collaborative Programs



A CONVERSATION WITH FIRST GENERATION FACULTY, STAFF, AND STUDENTS

Wednesday November 6th, 2024 @ 6:00 pm

Duban Figueroa Palma
Senior
Fort Smith, Arkansas

Joey Hughes
Executive Director of Admissions

Dr. Doris Metz
Associate Professor of
Education

Dr. Janie Diehl
Vice President for Academic Affairs

Krista Denne
Instruction and Outreach Librarian
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THERE WILL BE RAFFLES FOR THOSE IN ATTENDANCE
T-SHIRT, TOTE BAG, MUG, AND MORE

THE ELECTORAL COLLEGE

2024 ELECTIONS AND THE TAYLOR
SWIFT PHENOMENON

FEB 20

ROBSON LIBRARY
7:00 P.M.

A PANEL DISCUSSION WITH DR. NISHIOKA,
DR. DICKMAN, AND DR. GORTON

In collaboration with the Ozarks Philosophical Symposium

OPS PRESENTS

ARTIFICIAL
INTELLIGENCE
&
Humanities

Speakers:
Dr. Filiz Cuneysu Atasoy
Dr. Murat Atasoy
Rev. Krista Denne
Dr. Samira Mueleh

ROBSON LIBRARY
MONDAY, APRIL 15TH
06:00 P.M.

NOV 2023
28
Robson Library
Second Floor
07:00
PM

PALESTINE AND ISRAEL: A NECESSARY CONVERSATION

Speakers:
Dr. Nathan E. Dickman
Dr. Chris Sarver
Dr. Bill Clary
Vasiriki Kone

Hosted by:
Interfaith Coterie, Muslim Students Association, Ozarks Philosophical
Symposium, and Ozarks Historical Association

**HALLOWEEN
MOVIE NIGHT**

ALL TREATS NO TRICKS

MONDAY, OCTOBER 28
8:00PM - 10:00PM
ROBSON LIBRARY
Presented by Robson Library and
the Office of Student Life

