

LIBRARY NEWS

Douglas and Judith Krupp Library - George E Bello Center for Information Technology

WELCOME EMELY CORTEZ, OUR NEW LIBRARY

ASSISTANT!

Written by Lynn Perri with contributions from Emely Cortez

We are thrilled to welcome Emely Cortez (she/her/hers) to the Krupp Library as our new part-time Research and Instruction Library Assistant. Emely is a Rhode Island native, born and raised in Providence. She has a strong background in education, earning her B.A. and M.A. degrees in English from Rhode Island College, and working as a substitute teacher for Adventure Academy, a charter school in the greater Providence Area.



Emely has a unique history in Folkloric dancing. In college, she was a part of a Mexican dancing troupe, and danced Jarabe Tapatio and Danza Azteca, traditional dances practiced in Jalisco Mexico and Mexico city respectively. Recently, Emely channels her creativity into cooking and photography. She also enjoys watching films and reading sci-fi novels. When asked about her dream vacation, Emely stated that she holds a personal connection with Berlin, having been gifted a piece of the Berlin Wall by a friend and hoping she can see where the piece she has is from. She also remarked on the city's vibrant art scene.

Emely was drawn to Bryant due to its strong sense of community and she looks forward to making meaningful contributions to the library, and becoming involved in the Bryant community. We are excited to see the positive impact she'll have on the library and the Bryant community. Stop by the Research & Instruction desk to join us in welcoming her to Bryant!

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WELCOME PIPPIN MACDONALD, OUR NEW LIBRARIAN!

Written by Lynn Perri with contributions from Pippin Macdonald



We are exceedingly pleased to welcome Pippin Macdonald (she/her/hers) to the Krupp library team as our new Research and Instruction librarian. Pippin was born and raised in a remote area of northern New Hampshire, of which she says, "there are more moose than people and the closest traffic light was over an hour away." She has her MLIS from Rutgers University and an undergraduate degree in English Literature from Simmons University. She comes to us from Antioch University in Keene, New Hampshire where she worked since 2019.

Pippin says she's a homebody and in her spare time, she enjoys watching tv, playing video games, cross stitching, and reading all kinds of genres as long as it has a good story. When asked to share some fun facts about herself, she told us that she has a twin brother, humorously self-proclaimed as "the good twin." Her name, surprisingly isn't derived from the Lord of the Rings' hobbit, and it instead has a nerdier origin—inspired by her mother's best friend from grad school, Melissa, who went by Peregrynne Wyndrider in the Society of Creative Anachronism.

When asked what drew her to Bryant, Pippin remarked that she appreciated how dedicated the library staff is to prioritizing the needs of the student population and that she's looking forward to contributing to and learning from the Krupp Library team as she continuously grows as a librarian.

We are lucky to have such a passionate librarian who is eager to make a positive impact on our patrons and the Bryant community as a whole. Stop by the Research and Instruction desk to join us in welcoming her to the Bryant community, and to ask her your research questions.

WELCOME ABBY WALKER, OUR NEW LIBRARY ASSISTANT!

Written by Lynn Perri with contributions from Abby Walker

We are delighted to welcome Abby Walker (She/her/hers) to the Krupp library as our new evening Borrower Services Library Assistant.

Abby is a recent college graduate, having earned a B.A. from Colby-Sawyer College in Creative Writing and Literature as well as Communications Studies. There she worked as a student employee in the library and the opportunity to return to an academic library is what drew her to Bryant University. That, and the university's proximity to Asia Grille, one of her favorite places to eat!

In her spare time, Abby is an avid birdwatcher and bird fan in general. With several bird feeders in her yard, she finds joy in observing and counting different bird species. When asked for a fun fact, she shared this piece of trivia:

"Kiwis, birds endemic to New Zealand, lay the largest egg of any bird (when compared to their own body size). During development, the egg takes up 30% of the kiwi's body mass!"

Alongside bird watching and learning bird facts, Abby has several creative pursuits that she enjoys including photography, cooking, drawing and reading narrative non-fiction and poetry. Lastly, she enjoys playing videogames. Currently, her favorites include the Uncharted series, Stardew Valley and the Fallout games.

Abby is excited to learn new skills and grow as she becomes a part of the library team, and the Bryant community at large, and we couldn't be happier to have her! Stop by the Borrower Services desk after 5:30pm to meet her.



CONGRATS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS!

Written by Marla Cipriano

The Krupp Library staff would like to congratulate Bryant's Class of 2024. It has been an awesome experience to watch you all these last 4 years. We would especially like to dedicate a special congratulations to our own student workers.

Congrats to our Spring 2024 graduating students from our Borrower Services department: Acadia Joniec, Casey Godin and Jill McNeil.

Congrats to our Spring 2024 graduating students from our Research and Instruction department: Charlotte Christo, Jett DuVall and Samantha Mendez

Thank you all for your dedication to the library work environment and for all the time spent working along with us. We will miss you all and wish you so much success in your future endeavors.

New Recommended Books Display by Library Student Workers



Written by Lynn Perri with contributions from Cassandra Heirl



The Krupp Library recently introduced a new display featuring leisure reading books handpicked by our library student workers. The student workers curate the collection, handling the entire process from selection to presentation. They choose their books, create decor and organize the look of their display. They also craft social media posts that showcase their recommended books, providing annotations and reasons behind their picks. When asked for a statement about her display, Cassandra Heirl, the first student worker to contribute to the display, shared,

"I curated a collection of some of my favorite books that I've recently read. Having been an avid reader (my whole life) and a part of the Douglas and Judith Krupp Library for two years, I aimed for a broad spectrum of genres, from fantasy to biographies, showcasing the library's rich book offerings. My selection includes both the Throne of Glass and A Court of Thorns and Roses series by Sarah J Maas, high fantasy novels featuring strong female heroines, magic, and intricately built worlds. Sarah J Maas, with her detailed and imaginative writing, has become one of my and the world's favorite authors. Additionally, I included a variety of realistic fiction books like Daisy Jones and the Six, We Were Liars, and The Impossible Knife of Memory. These offer a more casual reading experience, allowing for a quick escape without the depth required by an epic fantasy series."

Cassandra and all our student workers are such an important part of the Krupp library team, and their input is vital to us. This new display provides a unique perspective on reading choices, allowing patrons to discover books that align with the diverse interests and preferences of their fellow students. Stop by the first floor of the Krupp library, and head over to our Leisure Reading section to see what books our student workers are loving!



Introducing the Bryant Research Association



Written by Lucie Castagne

The Krupp library is committed to supporting all facets of research, and we are dedicated to cultivating an environment where students can freely learn to conduct research. This is why we are in full support of the newly founded club, the Bryant Research Association. The following is a summary of the Bryant Research Association and its goals written by club founder, Lucie Castagne.

The Bryant Research Association aims to build, support and expose the interdisciplinary research community. We believe that implementing more research would benefit both students and the institution.

Our mission consists of three main goals:

- Build a diverse and inclusive network for students and faculty passionate about interdisciplinary research. We wish to take advantage of Bryant's cross-disciplinary education to improve one's research through effective collaboration. We would be thrilled to see students co-writing papers and benefiting from one another's expertise.
- Support students with workshops, mentorship, peer-evaluation, and valuable resources
 throughout their research journey. Most students come to college with no to little experience in
 conducting research. We shall encourage students to engage in research while pursuing their
 undergraduate degree. Financial support is also part of the conversation as we would like to
 grant students the opportunity to attend conferences, or access superior datasets.
- Expose Bryant students through various mediatic tools to build record and facilitate
 collaboration between current students, alumni, and faculty. Bryant students work on a wide
 variety of projects in the context of courses, which involves research in one shape or another.
 While the Bryant Library provides a powerful tool for published research, non-published Bryant
 researchers could benefit from group project exposure, in collaboration with faculty.

The Bryant Research Association extends a warm invitation to all students, alumni, and faculty members to actively engage with our organization. Whether you are an entrepreneur's exploring markets, a business students seeking collaboration with data science majors, a writing specialist eager to partner with researchers, a biology major looking to do research for a professor, or anyone with a passion for innovative research, the doors of the association are wide open. We are happy to connect and don't hesitate to reach out to us via email (lcastagne@bryant.edu), or through Instagram (bryant.reseach).



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