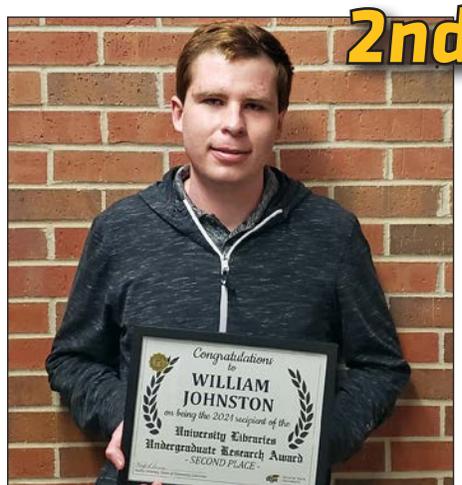




Andrea Martinez



William Johnston



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University Libraries Undergraduate Research Award winners announced



Ginger Williams, University Libraries Associate Dean for Academic Engagement and Public Services, announces the Libraries' Undergraduate Research Awards April 13, 2021 via Zoom during the Wichita State URCAF Virtual Awards

University Libraries would like to congratulate the winners of the inaugural University Libraries Undergraduate Research Award competition. They are as follows:

First Prize: Andrea Martinez, Biomedical Engineering senior - \$250

Second Prize: William Johnston, Aerospace Engineering senior - \$200

Third Prize: Barrett Houchen, Biological Sciences senior - \$150

Winners attended research workshops and made excellent use of the Libraries' online databases, research guides, EndNote citation manager, and study spaces.

Two named Open Access Textbook Faculty Fellows

University Libraries faculty Victoria Koger and Maria Sclafani will serve as 2021-22 OAT Faculty Fellows starting this May - designated by Academic Affairs in April.

Koger, the Libraries' Coordinator of Collection Acquisition/Asst. Prof., and Sclafani, Coordinator of Library Instructional Services/Asst. Prof., will work as ambassadors to educate, engage, and increase usage of OER through discussing and developing plans with other faculty. They will be integral in the University's mission to double the number of current classes with an OAT designation, in collaboration with other WSU faculty.



Victoria Koger



Maria Sclafani

Short Stories

THIRD FLOOR REOPENED, MAPS MOVED

The third floor of Ablah Library was reopened to patrons at the beginning of April, returning as the Libraries' "Quiet Zone" for limited noise studying.

In addition, the University Libraries' map collection has been moved from the first floor to the third floor.

With the reopening, the first, second, and third floors are now completely open, with the basement the lone floor still closed to all except library faculty/staff.

DOCK PROJECT PLANNED FOR THIS SUMMER

Improvements to the dock on the east side of Ablah Library have been approved.

Work is set to begin July 2021.



"That's A Shocker" official graphic.

"THAT'S A SHOCKER" PODCAST DRAWING LISTENS

Two episodes in, and the Libraries' new podcast is gaining online traction.

"That's A Shocker" debuted March 23 on multiple listening formats, as well as the Libraries' YouTube channel. Since the posting of the second Episode on April 21, the monthly podcast has

reached more than 60 listens.

"That's A Shocker" is an infotainment podcast hosted by Sara Rue, Jessica Cerri, Ginger Williams, and Clinton Dick, focused on deep dives into a wide array of subjects utilizing only library resources. Visit the LibGuide at libraries.wichita.edu/thatsashocker for ways to listen.

"WALK WITH WU" A SUCCESS

University Libraries hosted "A Walk With Wu: The Making of a Graphic Novel" virtually April 22. The panel discussion with the graphic novel authors and illustrators Genna Pennington, Darren Defrain, Jay Price, and Jessica Cerri had more than 20 online attendees.

The event was recorded and work is being done on making the video accessible.

Librarian, digital resource specialist highlight newest library members in 2021

Nicholas Wyant



Wyant

Nicholas Wyant became the Libraries' newest faculty member in late February. He joined the Libraries as Engineering, Patents & Trademark Librarian and Assistant Professor—a position that works directly with the College of Engineering and coordinates the Patent and Trademark Resource Center.

Wyant previously worked as the Social Sciences Librarian at Indiana University-Bloomington. He also held positions at the University of Iowa and Wichita State University. He has completed coursework towards a PhD in Information Science from Indiana University-Bloomington, has earned a Master of Information Science from Indiana University-Bloomington, a Master of Arts in U.S. History from Wichita State University, and a Master of Arts in Library and Information Science from the University of Iowa.

Rachel Mapel



Mapel

One of the newest members of the University Libraries team is a familiar face. Wichita State grad Rachel Mapel joined the library staff in January as the digital resources specialist aiding with growing electronic and digital resource collections.

Mapel brings experience as a data analyst and execution buyer at Spirit Aerosystems after previously working as the Libraries' senior administrative assistant in the Dean's Office from 2013-2019. She graduated from Wichita State in 2013 with a Bachelor's in Psychology. She was a student worker in the library during her undergrad.

The Libraries' digital resource specialist will be key in managing important electronic resources used by library patrons. Responsibilities include data importing/loading, troubleshooting, collection statistics gathering and assessment, and maintaining records related to library vendor activities.

Focus room project progresses

Ablah Library's second floor focus rooms are getting a face-lift.

An ongoing project to update seven of the popular rooms on the south side of the library made new headway in March with fresh coats of paint complete following the removal of old desks and furniture, and again in April when new windows were installed on the doors. New desks, chairs, and lamps are planned to adorn the rooms in the final stages of the project.

The rooms are one of the most frequented study areas in the library. They are single-occupancy rooms that can be booked for four hours at a time on the Libraries' website. The rooms are planned to re-open once the revitalization project is complete.



New windows are installed April 14, 2021 on the doors of the Libraries' second floor focus rooms.

Edible Book Festival showcases creativity



AWARD WINNERS!



WICHITA STATE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES



First Place & People's Choice
Kerry Mahjer - "The Hobbit"



Second Place
Rocio del Aguila - "The Very Hungry Caterpillar"



Third Place
Kaitlyn Inglis & Lauren Rust - "If You Give a Mouse a Cookie"



Library Staff Award
Jessica Cerri - "Humpty Dumpty"

The Third Annual Edible Book Festival took place April 5-8 with prize winners above announced April 9, 2021. This year's virtual festival had 12 entrants and more than 100 online votes. Celebrity judges - including Teri Hall, Vice President for Student Affairs; Collen Pugh, Dean of the Graduate School/Associate VP for Research; Kathy Downes, Dean of University Libraries; and Mackenzie Haas, Study Body Vice President - chose the grand prize. Edible Book Festival Committee members voted on second and third place, and online voters chose the People's Choice and Library Staff awards.