



NEWSLETTER

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Monday - Thursday
8:00 am - 8:00 pm

Friday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

Saturday
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1:00 pm - 8:00 pm

*Librarians are available to assist remotely

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From the Desk of the Director of Library Services



Greetings ECSU Community,

I bring greetings on behalf of the G.R. Little Library staff as I am very excited about the new academic year and trust that you share my sentiments. As we move forward into a new academic year, many of us will be reminded of the challenging past year of the pandemic. As Vikings, we will continue to be resilient and move forward in a more strategic and excellent way. I hope this year will be an inspirational and rewarding experience for each of you.

As a safe space for collaboration and engagement with group and individual study areas that have desktop computer stations to study and print out materials, the G.R. Little Library is readily available for research activities that target to boost your academic success. Our core services consist of diverse print collections and over 77 scholarly research databases with a university archive and a satellite

music library. It also includes group and individual research instruction sessions from top-notch librarians.

In addition to the core services that we provide, I also invite you to join various extracurricular library activities that we plan to host throughout the year to support the social interaction, creativity, and learning within the campus community. Some of these activities are book exhibits, makerspace workshops, game nights, poetry or book reading sessions, and film nights.

As a result of library renovations, my team and I are pleased to welcome you to our more improved space with modern furniture. Finally, we ask that you take advantage of all that the library has to offer. Once again, I greet you and invite you to visit us to travel on the journey of knowledge together.

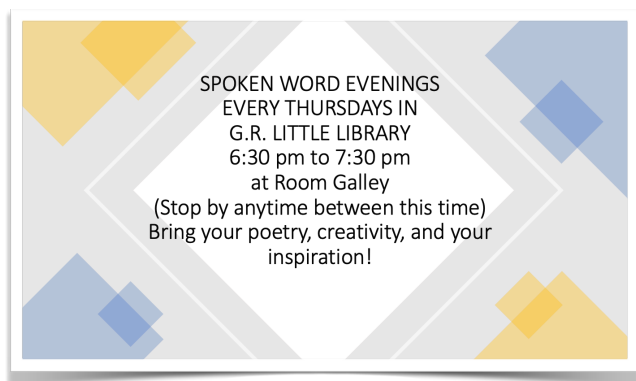
As I stated in our last library newsletter, the best is yet to come. There is much work to be done as we undertake the challenges that lie ahead, but the reward is great! Finally, I would like to ask each of you to support us by becoming a Friend of the G.R. Little Library. Please see the form located on the last page of the newsletter that shows you how to become a friend.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Juanita Midgette -Spence, Ed.D.

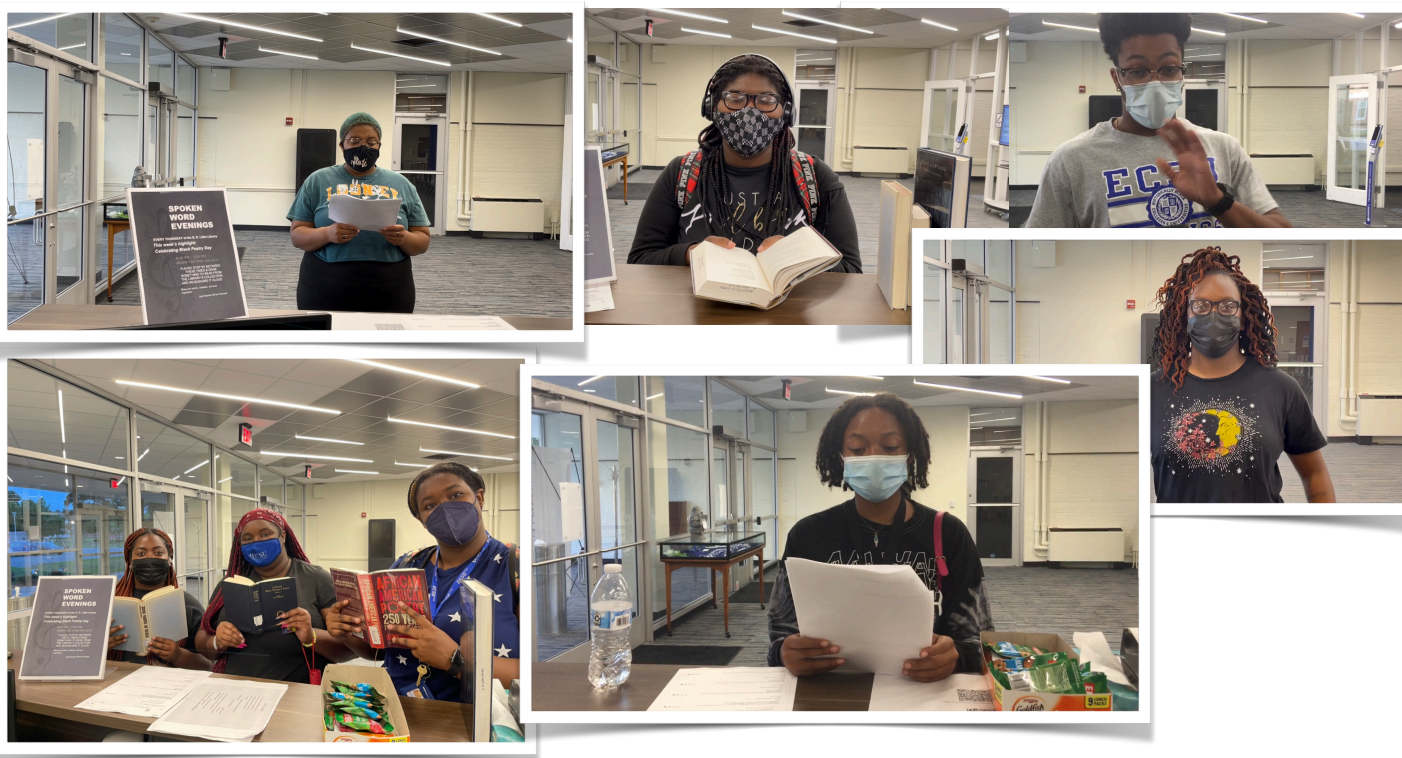
G. R. Little Library Presents Spoken Word Evenings!



This Fall, G.R. Little Library started hosting Spoken Word Evenings in G.R. Little Library every Thursday between 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm under the initiative of librarian Nurhak Tuncer. Light Snacks are provided while students stop by anytime between this time frame, bring their favorite poems or exploring the library's poetry collection. This event gives an excellent chance for students who wants a quick break between their studies. The motto of the evening is "Bring your spoken word,

creativity, and inspiration and get a snack break!" Below are some photographs of students from the spoken word evenings.

Spoken Word Evenings!



[Click Here](#) or Scan the QR code for Lane Hargraves' poem that she wrote.

Electronic Resources News

Electronic Resources & Serials, by David Dusto, Electronic Resources Librarian and Chiquita Mitchell, Library Technical Assistant

Several new online resources are now available through the [G.R. Little Library website](#). Links to all of these can also be found on the website's [A-Z List of Databases](#):



[Flipster Digital Magazines](#)

Read digital copies of magazines on your computer, smartphone, or tablet. Choose from a list of available titles, with no holds and no limits.

Mobile app:

Install the Flipster mobile app on your device ([Android](#) or [iOS](#)). For login and password information, please contact the Electronic Resources Librarian at dadusto@ecsu.edu.

If you are off campus, you will be prompted to enter your VikingOne username and password.



[Swank Digital Campus](#)

Streaming feature films licensed for academic use by the library. Instructors can request films from the Swank catalog to be added to the ECSU collection,

which can then be viewed online by all ECSU-affiliated users.

To access the Swank Digital Campus catalog:

Select '**Create Instructor Account**'. Use your ECSU email address.

Browse & search the catalog, and click the '**Request**' button on any films that you need for class. I will receive the requests and add the films to the ECSU online Swank collection. A limited number of film slots are available for the library, so please only Request films that you require for instructional or professional use.



Licensed films are visible for all ECSU users when you scan the QR code. Each film in the collection will have both a direct link for viewing, and a link code you can use in Blackboard.

The link to Swank can also be found on the [library website A-Z Database list](#).

Academic Video Online



A comprehensive video subscription with over 70,000 titles spanning the a range of subject areas including anthropology, business, counseling, film, health, history, music, and more.



ProQuest Black Historical Newspapers

Offers essential primary source content and editorial perspectives of the most distinguished African American newspapers in the U.S. Each of the ten Historical Black Newspapers provides researchers with unprecedented access to perspectives and information that was excluded or marginalized in mainstream sources.

LearningExpress Library Complete and PrepSTEP



Practice tests, interactive tutorials, and ebooks for students and adult learners. Includes practices tests such as GED, GRE, SAT, TEAS, and supports those looking to improve core academic skills, pass a high school equivalency test, prepare for college, join the military, obtain occupational

certification, find a job, change careers, become a U.S. citizen and much more.

Looking for the newspaper? The library subscribes to multiple local, state, and national papers, but we also offer access to full-color e-editions of **The Daily Advance** and **The News & Observer**. [Contact the Electronic Resources Librarian](#) for access information. Or browse the library's online [Access World News/NewsBank](#) database to read thousands of newspapers, Hot Topics, and Special Reports.

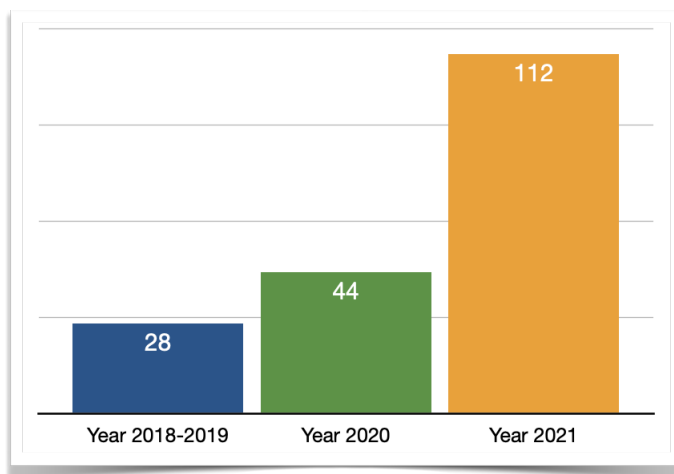


Hungry? Try our amazing guide to **Menus for the Local Eateries**, featuring menus from many Elizabeth City and area restaurants. Browse by cuisine, find someplace to visit or to order from, and try something new & delicious! Available now at the library service desk - just ask any library staff member.

All of these, along with all other online resources, can also be found on the library's [new A-Z list of databases](#). Let David Dusto and Ms. Mitchell know if you would like more information and/or training on using any of these or any other online resources available through the library, or if you experience any issues accessing them from on or off the campus. We hope that you find these new resources to be useful in your assignments, research, and beyond.

Library's Institutional Digital Repository – [NC DOCKS](#)

Since August 2018, with the vision of Director of Library Services, Dr. Juanita M. Spence, G. R. Little Library's open-access institutional repository *NC DOCKS* is continuing to increase the visibility of



ECSU while increasing the visibility of faculty/ staff and students' profiles. The number of items in the repository this year is more than double of last year. This is a great success! The number of items and profiles in the repository are gradually growing.

While *NC DOCKS* centralizes, preserves, and makes ECSU's intellectual capital accessible and carries it to the world, it also gives a new purpose to the modern library to provide a platform to its users to showcase their intellectual content. The materials that can be uploaded in *NC DOCKS* can be either published (research-related works) or

unpublished works (materials that are created for teaching purposes, slides, sound recordings, videos, music scores, thesis, research papers, photographs, pictures, student papers) from ECSU faculty/staff and students that represent their academic work.



If you are interested in contributing your works and want to have an *NC DOCKS* profile, please submit your list of publications to this e-mail address: ncdocks@ecs.uconn.edu

Scan the Website QR code to *NC DOCKS*.

For further questions, please contact Nurhak Tuncer at ntuncerbayramli@ecs.uconn.edu

Benefits of *NC DOCKS*

- ✦ **Maximize the impact of your publications**
- ✦ **Reach new audiences**
- ✦ **Appear in Google and other search engines**
- ✦ **Showcase the value of ECSU intellectual capital**
- ✦ **Archive with a stable server permanently**



Music Library Corner



Besides her music librarian duties, Nurhak Tuncer serves as the music cataloger and the coordinator of the library's digital repository NC DOCKS. She is also the liaison librarian to Arts and Natural Sciences, English & Digital Media departments.

On Thursdays, you will see her as the evening librarian and sometimes on the weekends at the main library, but most of the time, she can be found at the Music Library located at the Fine Arts Building, second floor, room 234.

The G. R. Little Music Library serves as a satellite location of the G. R. Little Library since April 2013 when it was first opened. Since the Fall of 2018, the new music librarian, Ms. Tuncer, continues to develop the

Music Library collection and serves as the instruction/liaison librarian to the Music and Visual Arts department. She is also working on developing the music collection by assessing the collection and adding new titles to the collection. Ms. Tuncer also has the responsibility of supervising and training student assistants, who are learning how to utilize the music library resources. Printing is free of charge for library users. Resources in the Music Library include music scores, the literature on music subjects (biographies, bibliographies, reference resources, etc.), CDs, DVDs, and print music magazines and journals. The music library is open for all ECSU students interested in exploring music-related subjects and the public in general.

Please check out the [Music Library Website](#) (located on the ECSU's main library page) for additional updates and hours. It is operating under ECSU's COVID19 guidelines.

The music librarian is available online via virtual platforms for library instruction and reference. Please also check out the [Music Library Guide](#) or scan the QR code .



More class library guides added and updated under this platform.

This year together with electronic resources librarian, Ms. Tuncer lead a library team-oriented faculty workshop on “Copyrights in the classroom for faculty” for faculty in support of online teaching during Covid-19. For this workshop, they collaborated with a copyright specialist librarian from ECU and

worked with the Teaching and Learning Center.



Ms. Tuncer created monthly exhibits to display the music library collection in various formats (print and online) on the bulletin board. Here are two exhibits from this year.

There are two e-book exhibits displayed here. First one is from the month of September that is celebrating Gospel Music Heritage, Classical Music & Hispanic Heritage Month.

Second one is from the month of February celebrating African-American History Month.

Student Corner

It has been a tradition to include a student corner in the library newsletter. For this issue, we chose a music student and interviewed Henry Harris from the Music and Visual Arts department, who is proud to be a Viking! Henry is a graduate of Varina High School in Henrico, VA. He is currently working towards his Bachelor of Arts degree in Music Education.

Tell us about yourself, your major, and how you came to ECSU, please?

- ◆ My name is Henry Harris, and I'm a second-semester sophomore who is also a music education major. I was impressed with what the director of bands was doing with the program, so I told myself I had to come.

What are your goals when you graduate from ECSU?

- ◆ I plan on going into a grad program to obtain a degree in jazz studies; If needed, I will teach while going through this journey.

How do you benefit from the library on campus?

- ◆ I visit the library on many occasions to print music and even find sheet music that might help me grow through my musical journey.

What are the things that you wish to see in the library?

- ◆ I like how we always have a librarian who is willing to help and assist us. I also find it convenient that we have music to pick from to help us grow.

What do you like the most about being a Viking?

- ◆ I love that I'm a Viking, partially because this university started as a teaching school. So to know the history of the school and to be a Viking is amazing.



Meet Your Library Staff Corner

Meet your Library Staff is a NEW corner for the library newsletter that will highlight library team members for each edition. For this edition, our dedicated librarians Mary Jordan and David Dusto volunteered to tell us a little bit about themselves.

Meet Mary Jordan

Technical Services/Collection Development Librarian

How long have you worked at G. R. Little Library?

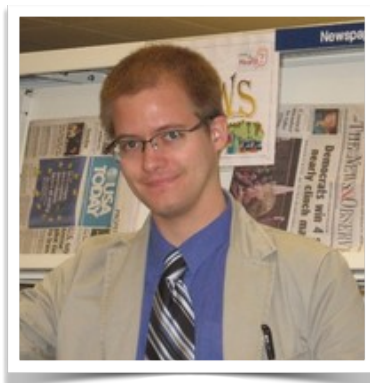
- ◆ I have been at ECSU for just over two years. I came to ECSU in July 2019.

Tell us a little about your educational background and work at ECSU.

- ◆ I have a Bachelor of Science in Political Science with a concentration in Public Administration with a minor in History from Appalachian State University. In addition, I have an MLS from Appalachian State University, with a focus on public and school libraries. I received my second MLS at North Carolina Central University, with a focus on academic libraries.
- ◆ Before working at ECSU, I worked at West Texas A&M University (WTAMU) in Canyon, Texas. I was the Evening Research and Access Librarian. I was there for 21 months. Before WTAMU, I was the Stacks Manager/Collection Development Technician for five years at Appalachian State University.
- ◆ Currently, I am the Technical Services/Collection Development Librarian. I help maintain the General, Reference, DVD, and Children's Literature collections by selecting, ordering and cataloging new books, ebooks, and DVDs. I also teach information literacy classes when needed.
- ◆ I am the Library Liaison to the following academic departments: Business, Accounting, and Sport Management, Education, Mathematics, Computer Science, and Engineering Technology

Name two things that people might not know about you:

- ◆ I am a huge Phil Collins fan.
- ◆ My favorite TV shows are The Vicar of Dibley, Community, and Psych.



Meet David Dusto

Electronic Resources Librarian

How long have you worked at G. R. Little Library?

- ◆ Just over two years, since February 2019.

Tell us a little about your educational background and work at ECSU.

- ◆ I have a B.A. in English Language, Writing, and Rhetoric from the University of Maryland at College Park, and an M.S. in Library Science from UNC-Chapel Hill. I'm also currently enrolled in a Post-Master's Certificate in Digital Librarianship program at NC Central, and expect to finish next spring.
- ◆ Currently, I am the Electronic Resources Librarian at ECSU. It's my job to make sure all of our online library resources are working, to help students and instructors access them, and to assess and expand the online collection. I enjoy teaching classes on library research and information literacy, and also working one-on-one with students. If you ever need help navigating the library's incredible array of online resources, just ask me for help.
- ◆ Before working at ECSU, I had a lot of different jobs. I was a children's English teacher in Japan for a year, working in a city called Nagaoka. I was also a medical software trainer, crisscrossing the U.S. and Canada for years. I worked at the library of East Coast Polytechnic Institute (ECPI) University in Raleigh, and also interned at the Carrboro Branch Library and Wake County Public Library system.
- ◆ I'm also a founding member of the ECSU CERT program (Community Emergency Response Team). We instruct students on disaster preparation and response skills, and are ready to help out if there is a hazard or disaster in the area.

Name two things that people might not know about you.

- ◆ I have a black belt in Tae Kwon Do
- ◆ I am a certified scuba diver

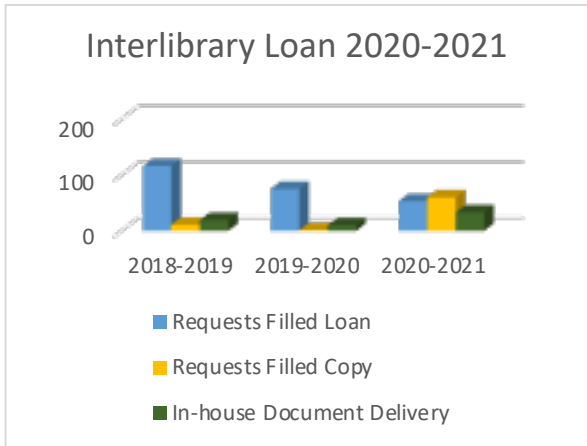
From the Access Services and Assessment & Archives

Cynthia Wise, Circulation Librarian



The library's Interlibrary Loan (ILL) service allows the borrowing of materials from more than a thousand libraries nationwide.

If you need something that is not accessible or available through G.R. Little Library, please go to the [Interlibrary Loan Services Page](#) and fill out



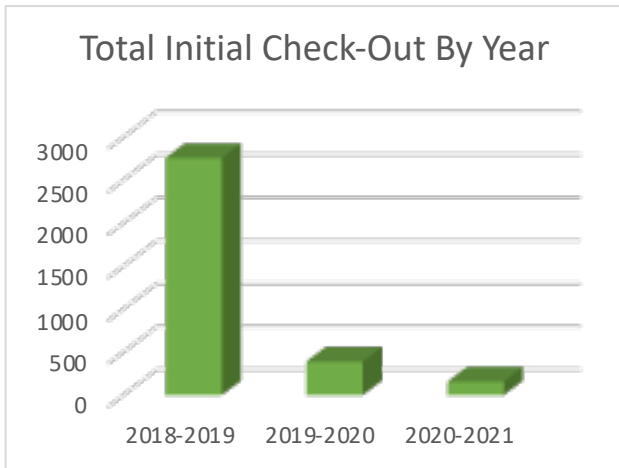
the request form or email Cynthia Wise crhorne@ecs.u.edu to request what you need.

During the 2020-2021 academic year, Access Services proposed to support the professional development of basic job skills for our Library Assistants through a set of tasks aimed at increasing their awareness of current research in their chosen field and polishing their professional outreach documents such as their resume` and cover letters. This program was placed on hold due to the COVID-19 pandemic

changes to our workspace and will be implemented in Fall 2021.

The department processed 146 Interlibrary Loan requests and successfully satisfied all requests through borrowing and document delivery. The trends in the data show that digital fulfillment is increasingly employed for request fulfillment. It is expected that In-house fulfillment will decrease with the opening of the building and renewed access to the

collections.



Initial Check-outs were down sharply for the second year, which was expected with the ongoing construction and pandemic restrictions. In the past year, technology check-outs almost equaled book and score borrowing, with the DVD collection getting the most traffic.

The annual array of surveys, including IPEDS and ACRL academic library surveys, were successfully input by their deadlines. The appropriate survey data was shared with the University Library Advisory Council's data

collectors. The department goals for 2021-2022 will be implementing the Library Assistant Professional Development tasking and ensuring the library's smooth operation as it reopens to campus.

Unique and Significant Events and Activities

Moving back into the Library: The past year has been dominated by the unpacking and resetting of the G.R. Little Library facility. A team effort with Technical Services, the 4301 boxes of books and other items and furnishings were unpacked and placed as best we could. Books

and furnishing were shifted to get the best fit for the spaces being set up, and items were listed for surplus in multiple batches. Surplus is ongoing as we await permission to throw out some items and surplus staff to remove other items. The last book was shelved on April 15, 2021, at 4:35 pm, in the Special Collections room.

Three years ago, Mrs. Wise began interacting with the university's Lab School. She has read books to the students, recorded reading books for them, and provided various materials for activities to support the teachers. She has also been a cheerleader at the student's graduation. In the coming year, she will expand this and have a monthly reading program with the students and write a small grant to fund materials for a library to classroom bridge program.

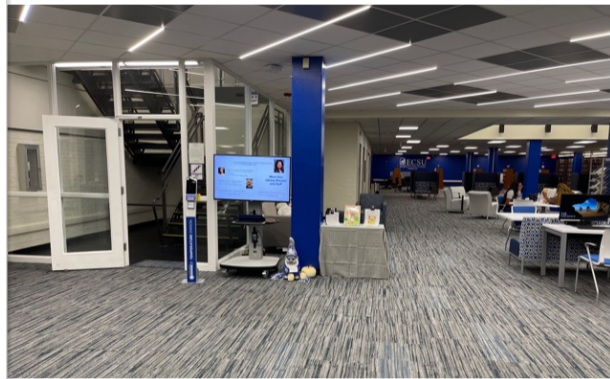
News About Library Grants AWARDED!

- ◆ In November 2020, under the leadership of Dr. Spence, Ms. Banks and Ms. Jordan collaborated with Mrs. Wise, the Access Services Librarian, and some faculty in the ECSU History Department, on an Archival Instruction Lab grant through the Institute of Museum and Library Services. The G.R. Little Library received \$50,000 the grant in late May.
- ◆ Melba Smith and Cynthia Wise have started a collaboration for the Archives. The University Radio will deposit their records and associated materials and technology into the Archives, and the Archives will work with the materials to increase their availability to researchers. They successfully wrote and won a small sub-grant to increase the shelving available in the vaults and continue to be a part of an active national grant program to increase HBCU Radio and Archives collaborations.
- ◆ Together with the Director of Library Services, Dr. Spence, Nurhak Tuncer applied to a mini-LSTA grant and received \$2,000 and purchased cleaning supplies, masks, etc. to fight with COVID-19.
- ◆ Under the leadership of Dr. Spence, Nurhak Tuncer co-wrote the LSTA grant together with electronic services librarian David Dusto. They also collaborated with the Department of Music and Visual Arts and were awarded \$50,000 to buy equipment for a makerspace, book scanners, and an audiovisual production lab.
- ◆ Mobile Hotspots: a collaborative grant between multiple UNC system libraries that David Dusto participated in writing. This grant will pay the cost of supplying mobile hotspots for lending to library users; the program will be administered by UNC-Charlotte library, and enable ECSU library users to obtain mobile hotspots to better serve our users that may have limited home internet access.

Library Renovation is Completed!



Here are some photographs from the main library renovation that started last year and



completed this Summer. Library opened its doors to library users again this Fall with new lighting, carpet and wide-open spaces.

Technical Services/New Items

Technical Services/Acquisition by Mary Jordan, Technical Services Librarian

& Leah Banks, Technical Services Assistant



For fall 2021, the Technical Services will be inventorying the collections and working with the Access Services to improve the flow of user traffic of collections and best use of space for the newly renovated G.R. Little Library building.

Over the past year, the library has been acquiring a wide range of materials. Library's collection development focus has been based on faculty requests, academic focus, and plumping up social and diverse topics such as *LGBTQia+* & *Black Lives Matter*.



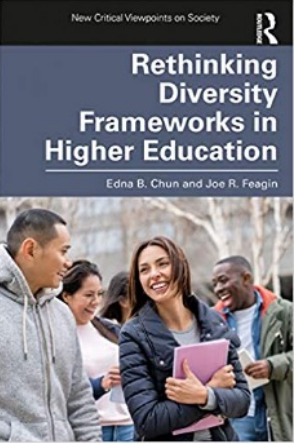
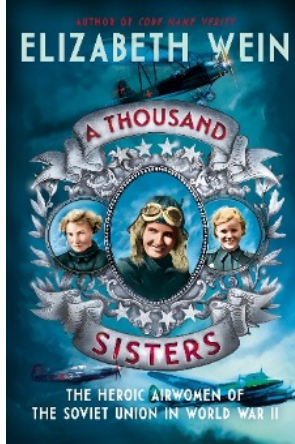
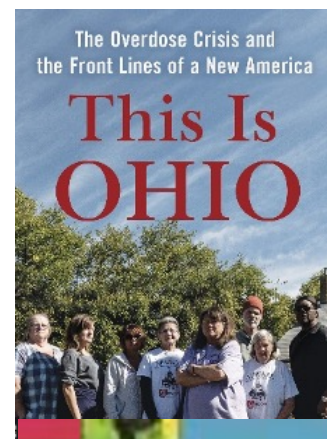
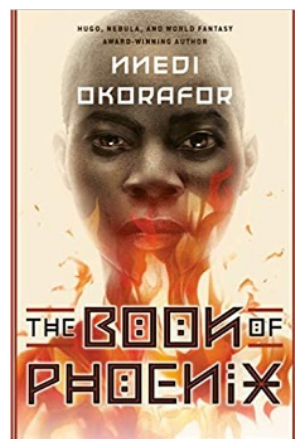
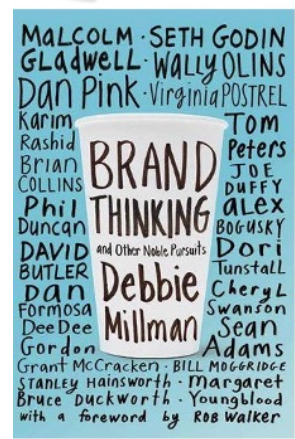
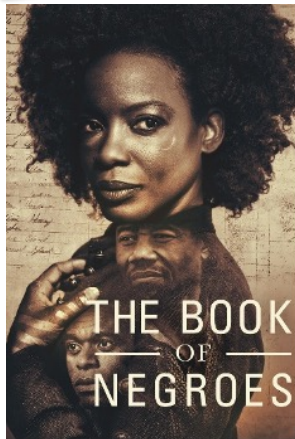
Title requests

We encourage input and assistance from all ECSU faculty and staff members to select new materials for the library's collections. Title requests allow the library to purchase materials that reflect the needs and interests of ECSU's populations. Requestors can submit requests through our [online material request form](#) (scan the QR code) or by contacting us.



Selections of Hot NEW Arrivals

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Please contact Dr. Juanita M. Spence for Joining the Friends of the Library.

For electronic donations, under the ECSU main website, "Give" tab, please go to [Donate Now](#) and choose "Friend of the library (995708)" from the drop-down menu.

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Your membership will help enrich the intellectual and cultural environment for students, faculty, staff, and the community.

Here's how your membership could help the library

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G.R. Little Library card • Quarterly library newsletter • Souvenir • Invitation to all library events • Use of library computers and electronic resources while on campus

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Send me information about:

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- Including the Library in my will
- Other forms of planned giving

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