

# Library Connections

### A newsletter of Warner Memorial Library

## March-April 2025

Warner Library puts University Archives on display at McInnis Hall and Radnor Public Library

By Chelsea Post, Systems Librarian

In honor of Eastern University's centennial celebration, Warner Library has partnered with Student Development and the Office of Advancement to set up displays in exhibit cases showcasing the university's history. Special thanks goes to Monica Jordan, Krista Duffy, Rebecca C. Geddio, Alexandra Zysk and many more (you know who you are) who helped put the displays together!

Physical objects from the University Archives were selected for their historical value and then arranged in four separate cases, just in time for the Founders Day Celebration on March 19, 2025. The exhibits showcase everything from signed balls by championship-winning teams in Eastern Athletics history to pieces of the painted Rock near Walton Hall, and even photos of the gardens where the Dining Hall now stands.

Three of the exhibits are currently on the first floor of McInnis Hall, across from Room 102 and Room 222, while one of the exhibits was at the <u>Radnor Public Library</u>. Each location has different items on display, so please check them all out. The displays at McInnis will be up until the end of the semester; don't miss your chance!



# We've lost Room 328 as a study room... but we've gained Room 226C as a replacement.

Special operating hours are available for this specific room located at the Office of Disability and Access on the first floor of the library.

Room 226C is available as a study room:

Mondays-Thursdays = 5PM-11PM Saturdays = 10AM-5PM Sundays = 2PM-11PM

## You can reserve the room, same as our other study rooms.



Also, a Note from the Librarians...

Throughout this semester we have seen and shared your frustration over the loss of study rooms. We are tracking suggestions requesting the space back, or that new spaces be made available, and sharing them with the Provost as they come in.

The main reason the library exists is to provide students with the resources to succeed. We believe that providing areas where groups can meet, and individuals can study without disruption is a part of that mission. Please help us help you regain space or create new study areas by emailing to <u>ideas@eastern.edu</u>. An email with a name and a face attached to it goes farther than an anonymous suggestion box request. You can also send them to our director, <u>Anne Schwelm</u>, who will share them with the Chief Officer for Space Management & Logistics and Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

While this is a frustrating issue, we encourage you to remain polite and civil. Please share how these spaces have helped you, and what it means to no longer have access to them.

# Mark your calendars with these upcoming library events!



11th Annual De-Stress with Dogs!

Thursday, May 1, 2025 10AM-12PM, 1PM-3PM Front Lawn of Warner Library



Ask Paísley the Líbrary Cat! Send your líbrary-related questíons to

reference1777@eastern.edu!

#### Dear Paisley,

Question: What's it like to be a cat?

#### Submitted by Curious Student

Dear Curious Student,

It's utter perfection. We are finely tuned, balanced, fierce yet kind. Eckhart Tolle, the author wrote, "I have lived with several Zen masters; all of them cats." Don't believe me? Peruse the Eastern University's collection of ebooks and there are thousands of books written about cats (and other more mundane subjects).

To access the ebook collection, go to the <u>Eastern Library</u> <u>website</u>, go to Databases and choose 'Ebook Central'. A search of "cat" brings up 91,000 results. The very first one, <u>Mindfulness for Cat Lovers (2021)</u> by Carole Bosanko, has exercises where people can try to experience life as a cat through the practice of mindfulness, or being present to the experiences in front of you. I'd highly recommend this book for trying out a cat attitude toward life.

Sincerely, Paisley the Library Cat

P.S. You too can ask Paisley a question by submitting one to her question box on the first floor of the library.



# Cats or Dogs? You Choose!

### The contest is heating up in this year's <u>Meowch Barkness</u> <u>Bracket Contest</u> at the library!



We've had some upsets—R.I.P. Puss in Boots, the #1 seed for the Cat Bracket, just last week—and some underdogs—#12 seed Old Yeller's Cinderella win in the first week—but the final match is shaping up to be truly memorable.

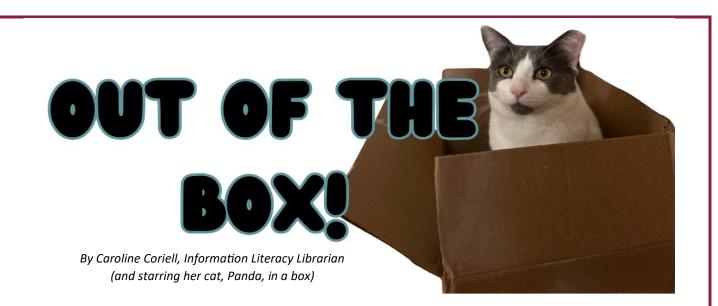
Don't forget to vote for your favorite cat and dog from famous books; you still have a chance to have your name put into the drawing for a prize valued at \$25. And let's not forget about all the cool buttons we've made so you can show off your voting pride, available for free at the contest table!

Stop by the library and help decide who's the best cat and dog! Contest ends on <u>April 14!</u>



Also, stay tuned to our Instagram after the contest ends, as we'll have some cool statistics to share from the event.





Hey there! If you're a first time reader, this is **Out Of The Box**, where we review suggestions left in the suggestion box, and let you know what we're doing about them. If there's something we can't do for you, we'll offer possible alternatives.

Since our last newsletter, someone brought up how nice it would be to be able to enjoy a hot cup of coffee while burning the midnight oil. We don't disagree, but we're running into a couple issues with that. We're trying to figure out *if* we did this, what kind of safety and cleanliness regulations would we have to follow? Would we be able to select the coffee ourselves, or would we have to order through Sodexo? And of course, there is the issue of funding. An idea we've thrown out in regards to this is potentially offering different departments opportunities to sponsor coffee nights. For example, if there were a number of big psychology papers and tests due around the same time, and the department was feeling benevolent and generous, they could sponsor a coffee night and it would run similarly to the Donut Night we do at the end of Fall semester. The coffee gets put out at a certain time, and when it's gone.

Something you could do right now to help yourself get and stay caffeinated would be emailing <u>ideas@eastern.edu</u> and tell them you want longer hours for the cafes on campus. When you do this, you're giving someone actual numbers of how many students want this, and that can go a long way to making things happen.

# Here's a library-themed comic for you... Enjoy!

Caption: "Administration? The security gates are shorting out and functioning like time portals again."

Image from: Dewey Decimal System Defeats Truman! Library Comics by Scott McCullar

"Administration? The security gates are short out and functioning like time portals again. Keep in touch with all the library's updates on Instagram!

