



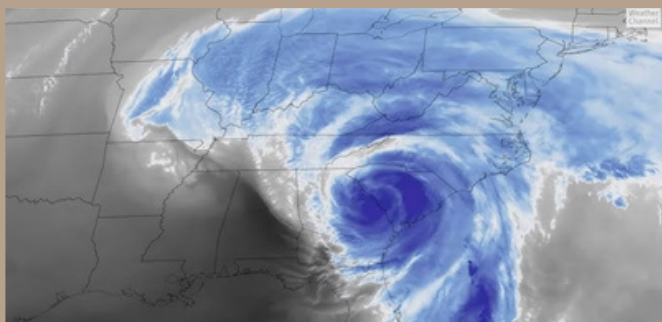
## A Message from the Dean

*Fall 2024 was a semester unlike any other. We weathered Hurricane Helene together, as a university and community. We united and supported each other in unprecedented times. Our unity outlined our resilience as Mountaineers and our mutual love for the beautiful part of the country we call home.*

*We wrapped up 2024 with many successes and achievements, always looking forward towards improvement and growth. We thank you for your shared passion for our libraries and your invaluable support as the University Libraries continue to shape the future.*

*Sue Polanka*

## OUR WORK DURING THE STORM



In this newsletter you can expect:

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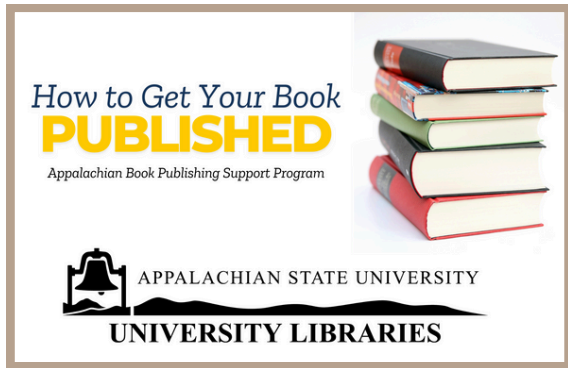
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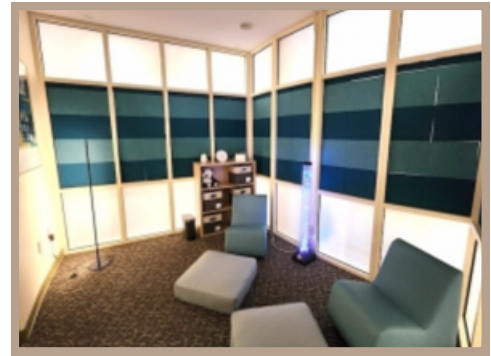
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# Our Work in the Fall



Appalachian Book Publishing Support Program



New Sensory Spaces in Belk Library



Oral History Program Featured in Appalachian Today



Planning Libraries of the Future



Tui St. George Tucker Symposium

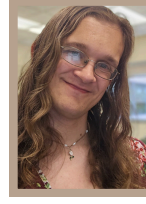
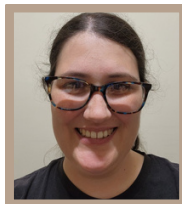


Quilt Display Celebration

# New Library Personnel

We welcomed several new employees in 2024.

**Emily Kader**, Curator of Distinctive Collections  
**Kai Weaver**, Learning Technologies and Spaces Manager  
**Jesse Barber**, Special Collections Assistant  
**Amelia Houck**, Music Library Assistant



*Emily Kader, Kai Weaver, Jesse Barber, Amelia Houck*

## 2024 December Graduating Student Employees

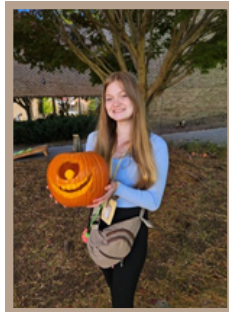


We would like to congratulate all of our graduating seniors or students completing internships in the spring semester. Thank you for your hard work for the University Libraries. We will miss you all very much!

**Sam Arkle**  
**Ashlie Molina Herrera**  
**Mary Mena-Salgado**  
**McKinzie Sturgell**

**Emma Oliver**  
**Savannah Raley**  
**Josh Hurd**  
**Daniela Martinez-Martinez**

## Fall Student Events and Other News



**Music Library  
Pumpkin Carving  
Contest**



**Humans vs.  
Zombies  
Round 5**



**Finals Fest**



**Writing Center Wins  
Award**



**Board and Donor Luncheons**

# Upcoming Library Events



## Children's Literature Symposium

The 2025 Children's Literature Symposium will be held on Wednesday, April 9th at 6:00pm in RCOE Room 124 on the Boone Campus and on Thursday, April 10th @ 6:00pm in the Hickory Campus Atrium.

Presented by the Appalachian State University Libraries and the Reich College of Education, the event will feature [Katherine Roy](#), an award-winning and best-selling author and illustrator of science-based books for children. Children and adults of all ages are welcome to attend. Registration is required to attend. To register, please go to this link above.

## Beulah Campbell's Legacy with Margaret Gregor and Jackie Eagleson

Library faculty, Margaret Gregor and Jackie Eagleson will speak at the Blowing Rock Art and History Museum on Thursday, February 27 at 11am.

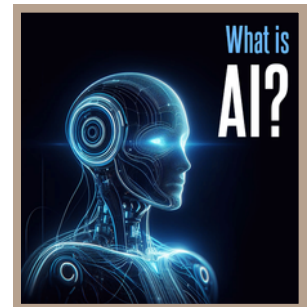


## Register for Library Instruction!



Makerspace  
Instruction

A colorful poster for the IMC Institute Spring 2025 Events. It lists four events: Feb 13 'Telling HERstories: Baddies in Books', Feb 25 'STEAM Like Your Students', Mar 26 'Earth's Next Chapter: Promoting Climate Stories', and Apr 23 'Books Kids Actually NEED'. The poster also includes the text 'free books!', 'pd credit!', 'BELK LIBRARY', 'LOWER LEVEL', and '7:15 PM - 8:30 PM'.



A.I. Instruction



Belk Library and Info Commons  
Turns 20!



In Loving Memory of  
Dr. Francis T. Borkowski