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Lee Konrad (left) and Lesley Moyo (right), the Interim Vice Provosts of Libraries

Dear Friends,

We blinked, and we are already nearing the end of 2023. What an incredible and accomplished year we have had in the Libraries.

We continue to advance the Libraries, supporting critical research and securing funding for essential improvements to our spaces for staff and library users. We've hosted several thought-provoking events with our Friends of the Libraries, displayed beautiful and informative exhibits, and continue to partner on many initiatives with our peers from other institutions, including the Big Ten Academic Alliance. Our work with these organizations ensures our users access to the powerful resources and services that propel research and education.

We are also collaborating with campus as the search for the next Vice Provost for Libraries continues. Special thanks to library staff, close faculty partners, and shared governance members who have served. Jordan Zweck, Associate Professor of English in the College of Letters and Science and member of LRC-ASH, chairs the [VPL Search Committee](#). Search committee members include Ariel Andrea, research services manager, Steenbock Agricultural Library, General Library; Christopher Hooper-Lane, library director, Health Sciences Library, School of Medicine and Public Health; Rania Huntington, professor of Asian Languages and Cultures, College of Letters & Science; Jay Ray, technology operations manager, College Library, General Library. The search firm Isaacson Miller is assisting with the recruitment.

We appreciate the time and dedication of the committee and look forward to sharing more soon.

As we near the end of this calendar year, it is wonderful to look back and see the tremendous accomplishments, partnerships, and work achieved by our excellent staff here in the Libraries. We are excited to see what 2024 brings.

On, Wisconsin!

Lesley Moyo and Lee Konrad

Interim Vice Provosts for Libraries

INSIDE THIS ISSUE

UW graduate student dives into librarianship and Great Lakes literacy with the Wisconsin Water Library

by Jenna Mertz, *Wisconsin Sea Grant*

This summer, a University of Wisconsin–Madison librarian and graduate student teamed up to promote Great Lakes literacy across the state. The summer experience focused on the library’s goal of elevating voices heard and represented in the library’s collections and programming.

The [Wisconsin Water Library](#), located along the shores of Lake Mendota in Goodnight Hall, is a special-purpose library that houses more than 30,000 volumes of water-related titles, with particular attention paid to the Great Lakes and waters of the state.



India-Bleu Niehoff (photo courtesy of Wisconsin Sea Grant)

Anne Moser, a senior special librarian and education coordinator at the library, says that’s where the library shines. Funded through the [Wisconsin Sea Grant](#) and the [Water Resources Institute](#), two federally and university-funded programs, the library’s outreach mission prioritizes connecting with communities throughout Wisconsin.

“We have a strong education and outreach mission,” said Moser, “which means that I, as a librarian, work with, or serve and support, patrons around the state.”

As part of that mission, Moser regularly travels across Wisconsin, delivering programming about the Great Lakes and the waters of Wisconsin in local libraries. This summer, she was accompanied by India-Bleu Niehoff, a library and information studies graduate student at UW–Madison.

The opportunity was made possible through

the [Wisconsin Sea Grant Summer Outreach Opportunities Program](#), which pairs students with outreach specialists working on issues affecting coastal and water resources in Wisconsin.

Moser designed the position so that students not only interact with Great Lakes professionals but are also introduced to the many aspects of librarianship.

“I hope this opportunity offers a well-rounded, hands-on experience in all aspects of librarianship,” said Moser.

Niehoff was ready to dive in.

Before graduating from UW–Madison in spring 2023 with a bachelor’s degree in gender and women’s studies and a certificate in global health, Niehoff participated in the UW Libraries’ [Information Specialist Internship Program \(ISIP\)](#). This two-year program introduces undergraduates to librarianship as a career. Through an ISIP mentor, Niehoff learned about the opportunity to work with Moser and the Wisconsin Water Library. The position would allow her to continue to explore the profession and see what it’s like to work in a small, specialized academic library.

The work, Niehoff learned, was varied. Some days, she traveled with Moser across the state, teaching kids about Great Lakes shipwrecks and shocking them with facts about Wisconsin’s largest and longest-living fish, the lake sturgeon. Other days, she was in the library, researching books by Indigenous women authors.

“One of the goals of both the Wisconsin Water Library and Wisconsin Sea Grant is to raise and elevate Indigenous knowledge and voices,” said Niehoff.

One of Niehoff’s duties this summer was to help coordinate the [Maadagindan! Start Reading! book club](#), which brings together parents, librarians, and educators to discuss children’s books about Ojibwe culture and the Great Lakes.

“It’s an amazing program that is a partnership between the Great Lakes Indian Fish and Wildlife Commission (GLIFWC) and Sea

Grant, which runs through the Wisconsin Water Library,” said Niehoff.

She collaborated with GLIFWC to select four books for the fall reading series, which kicked off on September 13. Each session also features an honored guest, usually the author, illustrator, or a member of the Ojibwe community who speaks to the themes or importance of the book.

Niehoff has also written posts for the [Wisconsin Water Library’s Aqualog blog](#), which offers curated lists of resources about environmental justice, equity, and underrepresented groups in nature. Access is a subject Niehoff feels strongly about.

“My undergraduate major was informed by my passion for social justice and ensuring equity, which is important to our world,” she said.

This fall, Niehoff began her first semester as a library and information studies program graduate student. She’ll continue to work at the library and help develop resources for the book club.

Moser looks forward to watching the Wisconsin Sea Grant Summer Outreach Opportunities program grow and support more students as they discover librarianship. She’s already seen how the program has impacted the library and communities across the state. It’s energizing work.

“I find that even though I help guide the students I work with, it’s fun because I also learn from them. I get to hear their great ideas,” said Moser. “It’s also a way of recharging my work as a librarian.”



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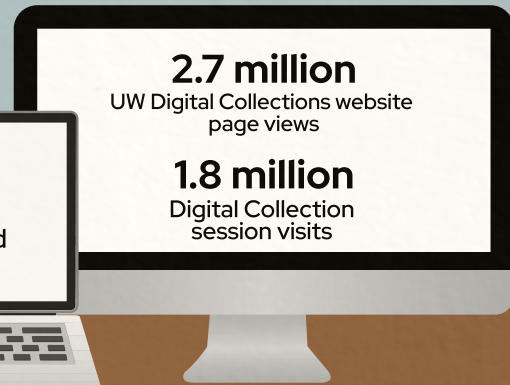
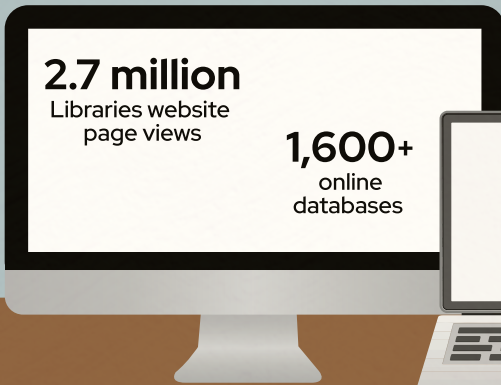
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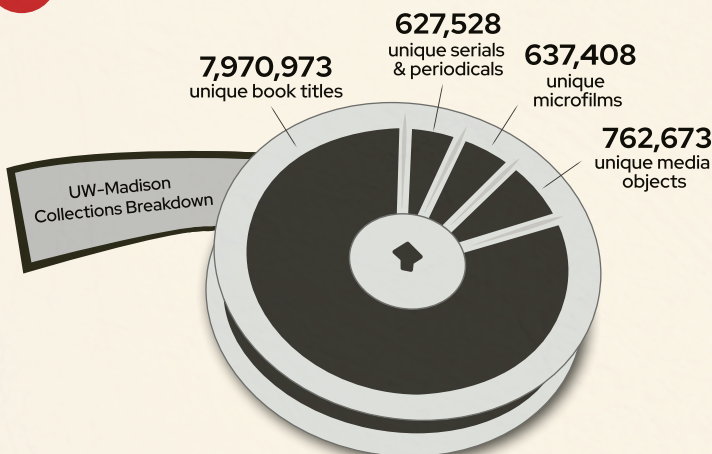
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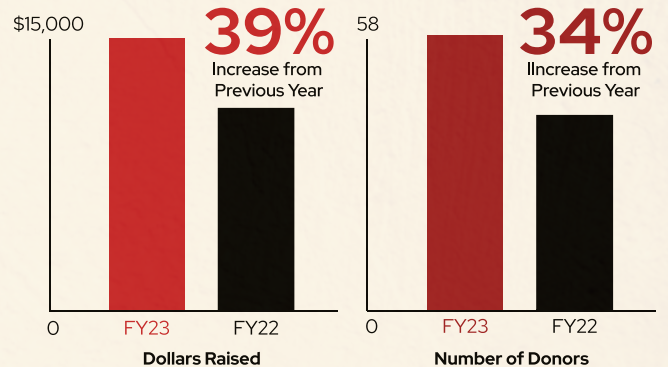
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