

#### Solar Panel Project Grant Update

The Library was not awarded the EBSCOHost grant. There were 98 applica

3. They invited us to reapply.

The Library has been working on a multi-million dollar HVAC renovation. A  
this project, Facilities and the Library are looking to update lighting and po

panels

6. Library LPs / Vinyl Records (Dean Aulisio / Assoc. Dean Lenville / Ms. Finnerty)  
The Library has approximately 3,641 vinyl records in the hallway leading back to Technical Services. Many are heavily scratched, dusty, and nicked. It is proposed to eliminate them, or at least weed them down because they rarely circulate.

Considerations - The list may be shared with the Committee to weed or be given away. The library will send the list of titles to the LAC members, a vote will be conducted at the next meeting regarding future actions.

7. Banned Books and Censorship – Tracie D. Hall Lecture  
Tracie Hall is the former American Library Association Executive Director. The Schemel Forum and Friends of the Library are hosting a lecture on October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023. The event is free to University staff, faculty, and students. Tracie was named one of Time Magazine's Most Influential People of 2023.
8. WML Vision and Mission Update  
A task force was initiated to revise the Library's Vision and Mission statements, which the Library faculty voted on and approved. It is updated on the WML website.
9. Library Advisory Committee Bylaws and Charge – Call for Task Force Volunteers (Dean Aulisio / Dr. Farrell)  
We currently have a paragraph on the website regarding the charge of the Committee, but it is suggested that

Now that we are back to full capacity regarding subject liaison assignments across the five full-time Research & Instruction (R&I) Librarians, it is time to consider lifting the hiatus on the IL Stipend initiative.

However, a significant amount of curricular change has occurred since the IL Stipends were last awarded, ongoing change:

General Education Review and Revision

IL Program curricular review in the next 1.5 years — our IL PLOs need updating and revision in light of the changing curricular and information landscape.

Ethics Across the Curriculum initiative — presents an opportunity to consider if a grant initiative in the mold of the IL Stipends could be a way for the Library to contribute to this initiative

Call for Task Force Volunteers — Dean Aulisio would like to convene a task force, which Prof. Witek will lead. The task force would be charged with reviewing the Information Literacy Stipends initiative and making recommendations to the Dean of the Library about transforming, improving, and revitalizing this grant program in light of evolving curricular priorities at the University. The task force will present their recommendations at the Library Advisory Committee in late Spring 2024. The Task force would ideally include someone from each college and would also have at least one other R&I Librarian besides myself. The Task Force will meet at least once in Fall and either once or twice in Spring.

3. Bonnie W. Oldham Library Research Prize Updates (Prof. Witek)

This prize recognizes excellence in student research projects from courses taught across all departments at the University; more details at [www.scranton.edu/libraryresearchprize](http://www.scranton.edu/libraryresearchprize)

There are three \$500 prizes — Undergraduate Foundational: 100-level projects; Undergraduate Upper-level: 200- to 400-level projects; Graduate level projects

Update this academic year: Piloting a later Intersession/Spring deadline

We have consistently received feedback from Spring faculty that because of the early Spring deadline in the past (i.e., Monday of the second to last week of classes), students in their courses could not submit because their projects are often due during finals week. We allow drafts of the projects to be submitted by the deadline for consideration, but it was almost two weeks earlier than in the Fall, which is an inequitable experience between the course offerings in Fall and Spring.

In case you're wondering why we haven't made the Spring dates later before now, it was engineered so that the ceremony took place the Thursday of Study Week, guaranteeing more students on campus. The tradeoff will be the possibility that honorees cannot be at the ceremony on the Friday of Final Exam Week. We decided to try this out anyway and plan on being flexible and adaptable regarding how we honor the winners this year, should that be the case for many of them.

2023-2024 Deadlines and Dates:

Deadline for Summer and Fall 2023 Projects: Monday, December 11, 2023, at 4:00 pm (last day of Fall classes/Study Week - this is typical of past years)

Deadline for Intersession and Spring 2024 Projects: Tuesday, May 7, 2024, at 4:00 pm (Tuesday of Study Week - this is over a full week later than in past years)

The Research Prize Awards Ceremony and Reception: Friday, May 17, 2024, at 1:00 pm in the Charles Kratz Heritage Room (Friday afternoon of the last day of final exams and the afternoon before Class Night - because the Spring deadline is later, we are piloting a much later awards ceremony - George approved this date and time after consultation with the Provost)

Please promote the three prizes to students in your courses and encourage your department colleagues to do so as well — an email to all course instructors with details will go out in November.

The call for judges will go out in the Spring.

Any questions can be directed to Donna Witek ([donna.witek@scranton.edu](mailto:donna.witek@scranton.edu)).

4. Heritage Room Exhibit (Prof. Knies)

This past summer, we held an international penmanship conference. An exhibit of printed material from the 1790s – 1980s was on display at that time. The exhibit is up until the end of the semester.

Two new exhibit cases were added to the room.

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There was no new business discussed.

No motion to adjourn was made.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Kym Balthazar Fetsko