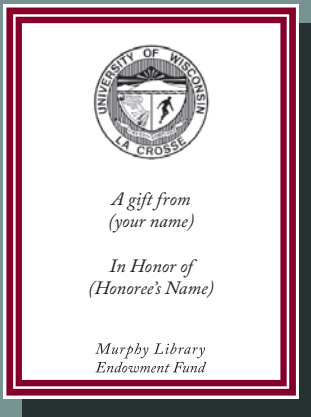




2015 Murphy Library Endowment Fund Report



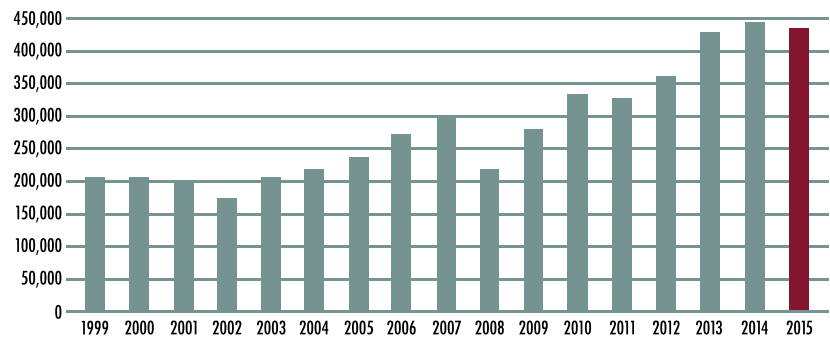
For a donation of \$50, Murphy Library will place a commemorative book plate in a newly-purchased book in a broad subject area of the donor's choice. For details, contact the library or visit the Endowment Fund web page.

Thank You for Your Contributions!

The entire staff of Murphy Library extends its most sincere gratitude for your contributions, which totaled \$15,100 in 2015. The fund ended the year with a balance of \$430,777.

Your individual tax-deductible donations directly support Murphy Library's central role at UWL. This report highlights some of the many ways in which your contributions have benefitted Murphy Library and all those who use its resources.

GROWTH OF THE LIBRARY ENDOWMENT FUND



Mathematics books added to collection

The library added a major e-book collection from the American Mathematical Society, substantially funded through the library endowment. The Student Mathematical Library is an electronic backfile consisting of 68 volumes spanning the years 1999 – 2014. The books, which were initially requested by faculty in the Mathematics and Statistics Department, emphasize original topics and approaches to mathematics and help with the transition from mathematical coursework to mathematical research.

The works are suitable for honors courses, upper-division seminars, reading courses, or self-study. They are expected to be heavily used by students, who are increasingly expected to conduct undergraduate research, as well as mathematics department members, which include ten new faculty members added over the last few years.

Ethiopian Children's Literature

The Endowment Fund once again made possible the Multicultural Children's Literature event. This ninth annual program took place on March 26, 2015, and focused on children's literature, culture, and life in Ethiopia. Speaker Jane Kurtz, cofounder of Minneapolis-based Ethiopia Reads, discussed her experiences as a children's book author, speaker and literacy advocate and discussed her life growing up in Ethiopia.

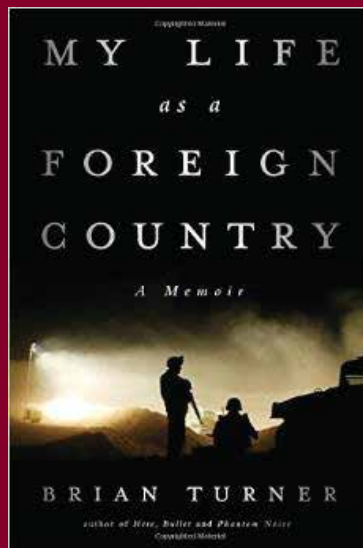
Kurtz spoke in separate sessions to UWL students, Emerson Elementary School students, and to local educators. Presentations included a panel session at UWL with Gunderson Health System's Global Partners and WXOW News 19 on health advocacy missions recently completed in Ethiopia. This year's program continues the library's collaboration with Emerson Elementary School and the UWL School of Education.



Iraq War Veteran Author Visits Campus

Murphy Library partnered with the UWL English Department, Provost's Office, and Institute for Social Justice to bring award-winning author Brian Turner to UWL for classroom visits and an author talk/reading. Turner, an Iraq War veteran and NATO peacekeeper, most recently received critical acclaim for his memoir, *My Life as a Foreign Country*.

He has won literary prizes and honors for his previous writings, which include the poem "The Hurt Locker," the inspiration for Kathryn Bigelow's film of the same name. He was featured in the documentary film *Operation Homecoming: Writing the Wartime Experience*, which was nominated for an Academy Award.



Freedom to Read – Banned Books Week

Murphy Library's annual Freedom to Read event took place during Banned Books Week in late September, supported in part by the Endowment Fund.

The public read-out was held on the first floor of the library. Readers signed up to read aloud from a banned book of their choice for two to five minutes. Choices included children's picture books, teen literature, popular novels, and classic works. The readings drew attention to many valued works of literature that have been banned or challenged.

Murphy library also held a brown bag lunch discussion on the topic of banned books on October 1. The discussion was led and moderated by UWL faculty and librarians.

Camera and photo booth

Endowment funds enabled the purchase of a portable photo booth that is used at campus and library events to promote library resources and services. The photo booth consists of a camera that is connected to a tablet with photo booth software that controls when the photos are taken and how they are displayed. Photos can be quickly posted to Facebook and other social media. A major part of the photo booth purchase was a high-resolution DSLR camera, which replaced an old library camera that no longer took photos of sufficient quality. The photo booth was very popular at the library-sponsored campus-wide "finals scream" during finals week, May 2015, as well as during Freshmen Orientation Week, when parents joined the photo-taking fun as well.

