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2021 Endowment Fund Report

Murphy Library, University of Wisconsin-La Crosse

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With a gift of \$50, Murphy Library will place a commemorative bookplate in a newly-purchased book in a broad subject area of the donor's choice.

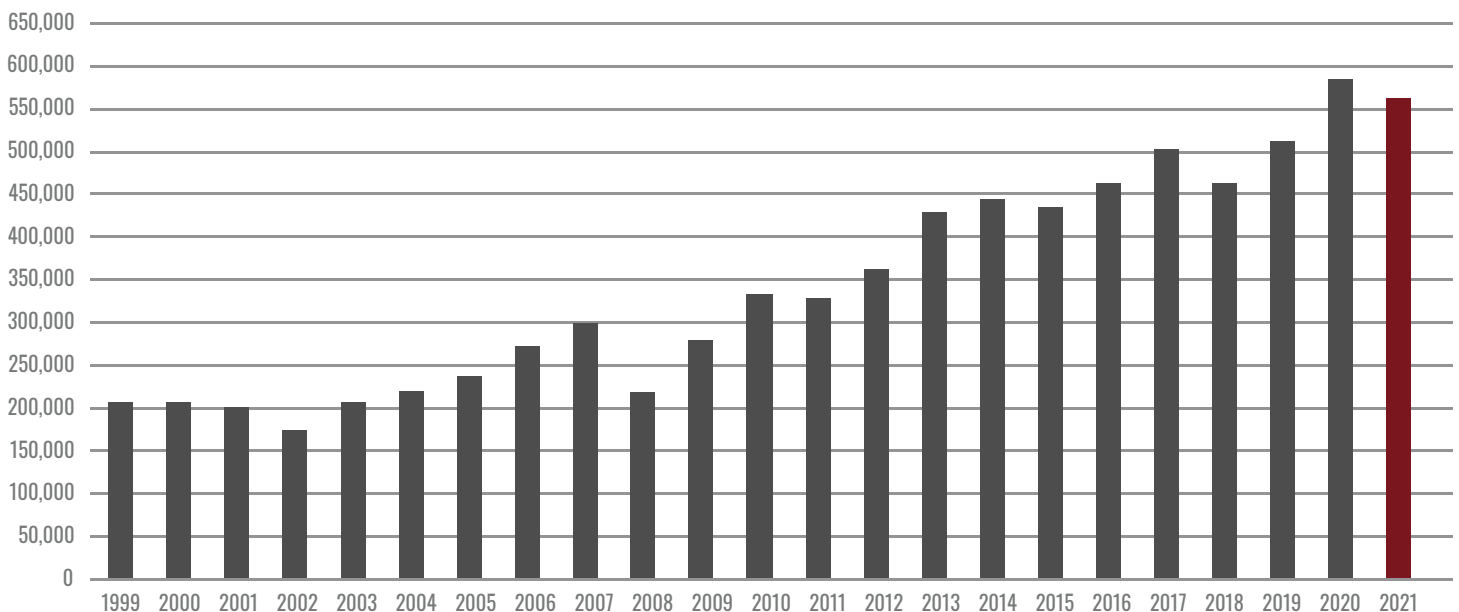
For details, contact the library or visit the Endowment Fund web page.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTIONS!

The Murphy Library Endowment Fund is a pledge of excellence shared by donors who believe that the library is a central part of the teaching and research mission of the university. Donors like you supported this pledge with generous gifts throughout the past two years, contributing to a 2021 year-end balance of **\$563,108**.

The entire Murphy Library community extends its most sincere gratitude for your contribution. Your individual tax-deductible gifts directly support student success, faculty research and community access to information through the many varied resources of Murphy Library. This report highlights some of the many ways in which your contributions have benefitted all those who use Murphy Library.

Growth of the Library Endowment Fund



Highlighted Projects

Here are just a few of the many projects made possible through the Murphy Library Endowment Fund.

Art Students Liven Up Library Spaces

As part of a collaboration with the UWL Art Department, the library endowment funded a project to bring student art into the library's study spaces. Although the project was briefly halted due to the COVID-19 pandemic, students that were selected to participate saw their paintings officially grace our walls in June 2021. The endowment recently funded another round of this project with the next set of paintings projected to be completed at the end of the current academic year. Your generous gifts help brighten up the library's study spaces while also providing these student artists with valuable hands-on learning experiences.

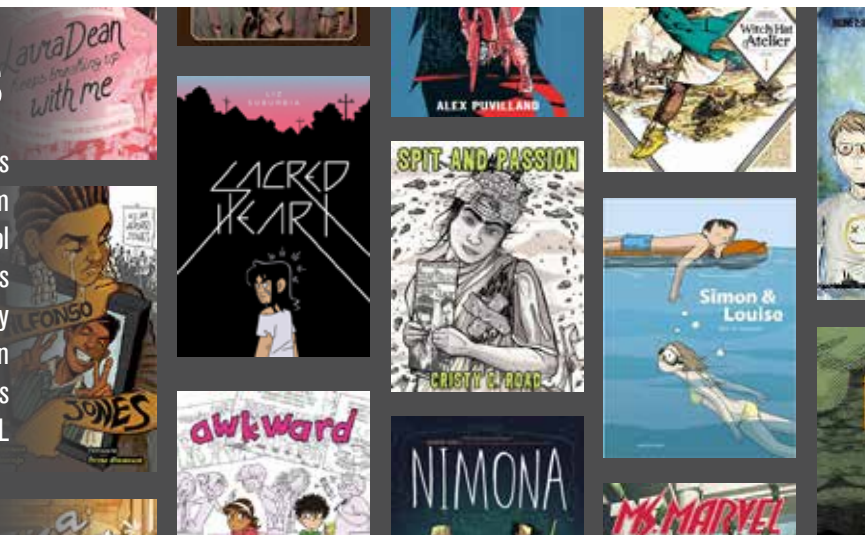


COVID-19 Pandemic Support

While the COVID-19 pandemic had a significant impact on Murphy Library, the Endowment Fund was able to help support us through several of the challenges we faced. Due to a drastic 20% budget cut during this time, the library endowment accommodated emergency funding for the print book collection, assuring the ability to maintain the collection and avoid a significant gap in scholarship during the pandemic. The fund also enabled the purchase of a UV-C sanitizing & charging station, which allows library users the convenience of a secure charging station that also disinfects cell phones and tablets.

New and Unique Collections

Your donations helped support the addition of several library collections that benefit a variety of library users. The Alice Hagar Curriculum Resource Center was able to meet assignment needs of UWL's School of Education by adding a selection of picture books about shapes as well as a brand-new graphic novels collection. Additionally, Murphy Library Special Collections & Area Research Center added a selection of photographs to its collection of historic steamboat photos. Purchases such as these allow Murphy Library to remain a vital resource for UWL and area researchers.





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