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June 2021

Dear Library Advisory Council:

This spring, we continued **virtual and in-person services**, including continuing curbside pickup. The Center locations remained closed to in-person service in alignment with host campuses. We continued to serve our library users regardless of location through chat, appointments for more in-depth work, article and chapter scans, and mailing of print books to faculty and students outside Ellensburg when we cannot obtain an electronic copy.

We continue to enhance and deepen our **electronic resource collection**. See the full list of collections added this year!

Our **programming** continues to engage the CWU community. This spring we received recognition for Cultural Conversations, including an ALA grant to enhance the experience. We also virtually hosted authors for Criminal Justice book talks. See the [news story on the Cultural Conversations grant](#) and the [CWU Observer on Racism and Criminal Justice Series](#).

Looking ahead, over the summer we are offering a **course for faculty in open educational resources**. See below for details.

The Brooks location will **reopen fully** in the fall, and over the summer we have moves and updates scheduled for our returning library users. Full seating will return, the group study rooms will get a refurbishment, and a new digital humanities and data studio will open on the third floor.

Center locations will align with host campuses. Virtual appointments will still be available to all who wish Zoom consultation and reference.

We'll have two new faculty members join us this summer, in time for the new academic year.

Erin Sulla will join us as **First Year and Transfer Experience Librarian**. Erin has a BA in History from Smith College and a M.S. in Library and Information Science from the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. She is finishing up as a graduate assistant in Research and Information Services and as the Savvy Researcher Graduate Instruction Coordinator.

Wendy Spaček will be our **Arts & Humanities Librarian**. Wendy has a BFA from the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, and MFA in Creative Writing/Poetry, and a Masters of Library Science from Indiana University in Bloomington. Currently she is a research assistant in the Wells Library Learning Commons and a library assistant in the Wells Library Arts and Humanities Department.

Our FY22 budget will support our current subscriptions, and we will continue the [request title process](#) for books (whether print or electronic).

Watch our website for the very latest information: <https://www.lib.cwu.edu/>

Be well!

Rebecca L. Lubas

Dean of Libraries



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