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# APSS NEWSLETTER

THE LATEST NEWS & UPDATES FROM GVSU'S APSS UNION & ITS MEMBERS

photo by Julie Carbine

## ISSUE FEATURES

### MICHIGAN EARNED SICK TIME ACT

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### CELEBRATIONS AND EVENTS

There are a lot of celebrations and events taking place across campus this month. A few are highlighted here. Check out [www.gvsu.edu/events](http://www.gvsu.edu/events) for more information...  
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### PETS OF APSS

You've all been waiting for this issue! Check out the adorable Pets of APSS...  
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### HIGHLIGHTS

Beautiful photos, a baby update, and lots of book recs!  
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# UNION NEWS



## A MESSAGE FROM THE APSS BARGAINING TEAM

BY SHAWN EVANS, BARGAINING COMMITTEE CHAIR

A few APSS members have asked how the potential dissolution of the Department of Education (DOE) could impact our contractual negotiations, potential wage scale increases, etc.

While DOE is presently responsible for federal financial aid and Title IX (and other Title) compliance, GVSU does not rely on DOE funding – almost all of GVSU’s budget is funded by tuition dollars and state appropriations. Should the DOE be dissolved – which would require an act of Congress – what the DOE does would likely become the responsibility of other federal agencies and/or the states. You can learn more about what the DOE does do (and does not do) here: <https://www.ed.gov/about/ed-overview>

On behalf of your APSS Bargaining Team,  
sme



## MICHIGAN EARNED SICK TIME ACT

BY TAMI JOHN, PRESIDENT

A few members have asked about the Michigan Earned Sick Time Law that just went into effect on Friday, February 21, 2025. Please note things will be unchanged for union employees until their current collective bargaining agreement expires. Human Resources is still finalizing policy and training for all non-union employees.

You will see ESTA (Hourly) listed on your Time Off Balance in Workday. Again, this will not need to be utilized for bargaining unit positions. Our salary continuation remains the same.

### Language

ESTA states that “If an employer’s employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement in effect on the effective date of this act and the collective bargaining agreement conflicts with this act, this act applies beginning on the stated expiration date in the collective bargaining agreement. The collective bargaining agreement includes terms regarding sick time or sick leave benefits: Provided that the collective bargaining agreement includes terms related to sick leave, sick time, PTO with uses for sick time, or a similar benefit, the collective bargaining agreement terms apply, even if the benefit is less than what is 8 required by the ESTA, until the agreement expires or is renewed, extended, or otherwise renegotiated. The agreement also applies in situations where the agreement expressly excludes sick leave benefits. The collective bargaining agreement is silent as it relates to sick time or sick leave benefits: Employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement that is completely silent on sick leave, either for the entire unit or for specific classifications covered by the agreement, are covered by the ESTA and begin accruing benefits on February 21, 2025, unless they are a small employer as outlined above

Further information can be found here: <https://www.michigan.gov/leo/bureaus-agencies/ber/wage-and-hour/paid-medical-leave-act/frequently-asked-questions--faqs>

APSS IS ON FACEBOOK!!! YOU CAN FIND THE GROUP AT:  
[HTTPS://WWW.FACEBOOK.COM/GROUPS/APSSGVSU](https://www.facebook.com/groups/apssgvsu)





# LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

## INTRODUCTION TO WINDOWS 11 BY IT TRAINING

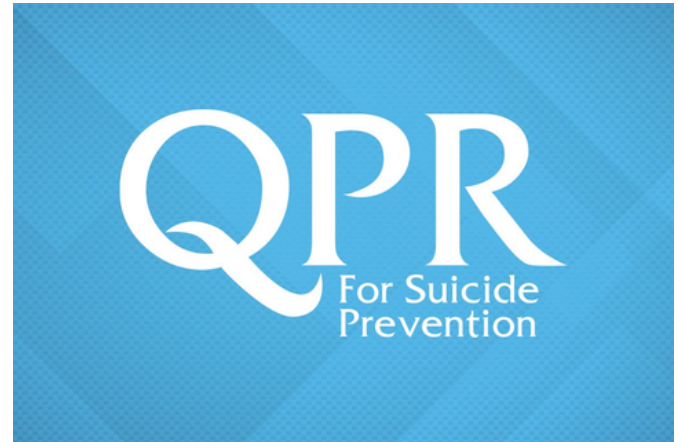
Nervous about the upcoming university-wide upgrade to Windows 11, or do you want to make sure you're fully prepared when it is implemented?

Windows 11 is Microsoft's newest operating system(OS), offering an upgrade from the familiar Windows experience.

This training is intended to provide a brief overview and detailed instructions on preparing your device, steps to back up your files via OneDrive, action items to help facilitate a smooth transition, and what's new in Windows 11.

- 3/26/25 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM
- 4/16/25 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM

[Register via Workday](#)



## QPR SUICIDE PREVENTION GATEKEEPER TRAINING

BY COUNSELING CENTER

In the United States, a person completes suicide every 11 minutes, and suicide remains the 2nd leading cause of death among college students. The QPR program dispels common misconceptions about suicide, helps community members recognize the warning signs of suicide, and empowers them to save lives using the nationally-recognized QPR method of suicide prevention. It also allows students, faculty, and staff to examine the issue of suicide from both a social and cultural perspective while considering their own role in preventing suicide.

Wednesday, April 2, 2025, 3-4P  
Kirkhof Center 2270

[Register via Workday](#)



# LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



## HONORING RAMADAN AT GVSU BY PEOPLE, EQUITY & CULTURE & KAUFMAN INTERFAITH

Ramadan, the holiest month in the Islamic calendar, is a time of fasting, reflection, prayer, and community. During Ramadan, most Muslims fast from pre-dawn to sunset, abstaining from both food and water. This fast is broken each evening with a meal called iftar (fast breaking meal).

The [Kaufman Interfaith Institute](#) and the Muslim Students Association (MSA) are committed to providing support and resources for our community members during this important time.

### Support & Resources

- MSA Iftars: The Muslim Students Association is hosting a series of iftars or fast-breaking meals that are open to the entire GVSU community, taking place on March 11, March 18, and March 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Kirkhof 2263. [RSVP on LakerLink](#) if you plan to attend.
- Interfaith Reflection Rooms: There are [Interfaith Reflection Rooms](#) located on the Allendale Campus, Pew Campus, and Health Campus, each equipped with a prayer rug for your use.
- Laker Food Co. Offerings: During Ramadan, Laker Food Co. is offering vegetarian protein packs at the Lobby Shop, Kleiner POD and Connection POD, vegan and vegetarian options around campus, and more dietary options. The Connection and The Dish (along with their POD stores) are open until midnight for students to grab food after breaking their fast. Additionally, to-go meal options will be available to eat when you're ready. [Review all Ramadan dining options.](#)

### Here are a few ways you can engage with and support students and colleagues in our community who may be fasting:

- Be mindful of fasting and prayer times: If you have a class or meeting that takes place around sunset, colleagues and/or students will need to break their fast and pray at sunset. Making an announcement at the beginning of your gathering that folks are welcome to leave as needed can help create a welcoming environment.
- Check in with your colleagues and students: Ramadan and other seasons of fasting can be both physically and mentally challenging, so it's a kind gesture to ask how they're doing during this time.
- Be considerate, but not over-cautious: You don't need to refrain from eating around someone who is fasting, but it's always respectful to ask them what they prefer.
- Respect privacy: If someone is not fasting, avoid asking personal or invasive questions. There are a variety of reasons why someone may not be fasting, and it is up to each individual whether they wish to share that information.





# LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



## EMPLOYEE ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES BY I&E INSTITUTE

The application and disclosure processes for employees with disabilities changed in 2024, and many employees and supervisors are experiencing the interactive accommodation process for the first time. During this interactive session, participants will review the new application and disclosure processes in Workday, the basics of the Americans with Disabilities Act, and the steps in the interactive accommodation process. Then, the presenters will lead a discussion about case studies to explore recent trends in accommodation requests for employees in higher education and other industries. This session is suited for employees and supervisors seeking to learn more about how to apply for and provide a disability accommodation and anyone interested in improving their familiarity with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Tuesday, March 25, 2025, 1P-2P  
Virtual

[More Information and Registration](#)

## INTRODUCTION TO RESTORATIVE-BASED CONFLICT PREVENTION & RESOLUTION BY I&E INSTITUTE

Workshop participants will reflect on their individual conflict styles, learn about basic principles of restorative practice, and gain familiarity with additional resources and tools related to conflict prevention and resolution.

Friday, March 21, 2025, 10A - 11:30A  
DeVos Center 138E (Pew Campus)

[More Information and Registration](#)

## “The Anthropology of Indigenous Religion” With Dr. Casey Church

The presentation by Dr. Church will be a Cultural Anthropology / Comparative Religion / Missiological look at the Christian and Indigenous religions to include views of contextualization, syncretism and decolonization. Dr. Church will also look at the spirituality of the Great Lakes region and compare this to his work as a Missiologist on Turtle Island to show how he has used his undergraduate studies at Grand Valley State University toward his future vocation. His presentation will have both Christian and indigenous religious topics and issues.



March 12th,  
10:00AM-12:00PM  
in KC 2215/2216



<https://www.gvsu.edu/events/the-anthropology-of-indigenous-religion-with-dr-ca-346720.htm>



# BENEFITS & WELLNESS



## SAVE THE DATE: 5TH ANNUAL CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT!

BY HUMAN RESOURCES

Mark your calendars for the [2025 GVSU Cornhole Tournament](#), scheduled for May 15. Look for an RSVP coming soon!



## JOB ALERTS IN WORKDAY

BY KELLI DYKSTRA, INTERIM COMMUNICATIONS DIRECTOR

Set up notifications in WorkDay to alert you to new internal-only job postings (or any new job postings!).

View instructions on how to set these notifications up at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/mwyq1gr9siui7b7a598r/WDJobAid-REC-Create-Job-Alerts.docx?rlkey=b9epniurct15qgjg6stf9Ind9&st=5f5s5pw8&dl=0>.

## BEST PRACTICES FOR EFFECTIVE INTERVIEWING

BY HUMAN RESOURCES

March 12, 2-3 p.m. (Virtual)

Attend [Best Practices for Effective Interviewing](#) to learn the skills needed to conduct effective interviews, covering the interview process, choosing the right format, and using GVSU Core Competencies to assess candidate alignment with organizational values.





# CAMPUS NEWS & EVENTS

## GVSU NIGHT AT THE GRAND RAPIDS GOLD

BY ALUMNI RELATIONS

[Join us on March 27 to cheer on the GR Gold and help us beat Ferris!](#)

Your discounted \$15 ticket includes entry to the game with seats in section 121, and a donation to the GVSU Student Support Fund. The school with the most fans in attendance wins! Select attendees from the winning school will be chosen to win free tickets to a future Gold game. And enjoy \$2 beer & hot dogs.

Grab free GV swag near the arena stairs and show your Laker pride!

[Get tickets!](#)



## GVSU Night at the Grand Rapids Gold

March 27



Empowered  
Women  
Empower  
Women

## WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

BY PEOPLE, EQUITY & CULTURE & WOMEN'S COMMISSION

Happy Women's History Month! March is a time to honor the extraordinary women who have shaped Grand Valley's rich history while continuing to influence the world beyond our campus. At GVSU, we are proud of the leadership, scholarship, and service of the women who have helped define our institution. Their contributions have strengthened our community and continue to inspire future generations of students, faculty, and staff.

While we have witnessed great strides toward gender equity, we recognize that the journey toward full equity is ongoing. Achieving true justice requires collective and ongoing effort. This month—and every day—we commit to standing together, supporting one another, and working toward a future where all women can thrive.

Notable Dates and Campus Events:

- March 8 – International Women's Day
- March 11 – [Talk Back Tuesdays: Global Perspectives on Gender Justice](#)
- March 13, 14 – [Build Feminist Futures Symposium 2025](#)
- March 18 – [EqualiTEA](#)
- March 25 – [Equal Pay Day](#)

Visit the [GVSU Women's Commission](#) and [GVSU's Gayle R. Davis Center for Women and Gender Equity](#) for more information.

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## STAY ALERT: PHISHING SCAMS ON THE RISE AMID FEDERAL CHANGES BY IT SECURITY

With recent changes in the U.S. federal government, cybercriminals are taking advantage of the shifting landscape to launch new phishing attacks. These scams often impersonate government agencies, officials, or policies to trick individuals into revealing sensitive information or clicking malicious links.

Phishing emails may appear urgent, referencing new regulations, tax updates, or security verifications. Attackers craft messages that mimic legitimate sources, making them difficult to spot. Be especially cautious of emails that:

- Claim to be from federal agencies requesting personal information.
- Contain urgent language pressuring immediate action.
- Include links or attachments that may install malware.

To protect yourself, verify the sender's email address, hover over links before clicking, and never provide sensitive information via email. If in doubt, contact the agency directly through official channels. Staying vigilant against phishing scams ensures your personal and professional information remains secure. When in doubt, report suspicious emails to your IT department or the appropriate authorities.

Here is an example of a phishing message received by one of our colleagues recently.

“----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Jestine Chartraw** <[xfd5hb074x28@hotmail.com](mailto:xfd5hb074x28@hotmail.com)>

Date: Wed, Feb 26, 2025, 6:14 PM

Subject: Mike Colleague

To: [colleague@email.com](mailto:colleague@email.com) <[colleague@email.com](mailto:colleague@email.com)>

Michael Colleague It's Jestine Chartraw with the Student Loan Debt Department. This is regarding your case number 65433. We tried to contact you at your home and did not hear back. Your StudentLoans have been flagged as possibly eligible for forgiveness under the new 2025 guidelines. Your file will remain open in my system for only one more day. Please give me a call at: (888)-996-7652 ,We can take your call between the hours of 8am-5pm(PST) Monday-Friday. Thank you, - Jestine Chartraw”

Note several hallmarks of phishing in the example. The sender email is not an official US government email (.gov) and urgency: “your file will remain open in my system for only one more day”

Make sure you evaluate your emails with a wary eye to stay safe!



# CAMPUS NEWS & EVENTS

## UPCOMING LGBT FSA EVENTS

BY GVSU LGBT FACULTY & STAFF ASSOCIATION

From the LGBT FSA Newsletter:

- **Casual Queer Hangouts**

Wednesday, March 19, 2:30 - 4P

DeVos C Lobby Area, Pew Campus Social Justice Center

- **Game Night**

Thursday, March 20, 5:30 - 7P

KEN 134 (Pew Campus)



## CELEBRATE THE FESTIVAL OF COLORS: HOLI 2025

BY INDIAN ASSOCIATION GVSU

Saturday, March 15, 2025

3P-6P

Library North Lawn (Allendale Campus)

<https://www.gvsu.edu/events/celebrate-the-festival-of-colors-holi-2025-353922.htm>



## GV'S GOT TALENT

BY GVSU STUDENT LIFE

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

7:00 PM

Kirkhof Center, Grand River Room (2250)

<https://www.gvsu.edu/events/gvs-got-talent-335746.htm>



[RSVP](#) by March 14, for the 2025 PSS Appreciation Luncheon. More information including menu is available on the [PSS Development Committee site](#).



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## ASIAN NEW YEAR FESTIVAL BY GVSU ASIAN STUDENT UNION

Sunday, March 23, 2025  
6-9 PM, Kirkhof Grand River Room  
<https://www.gvsu.edu/events/asu-asian-new-year-festival-351157.htm>



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY LUNCH AT FRESH



**Laker FOOD.co** Mon. 3/17  
11am-2pm at Fresh



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER AT DISH



**Laker FOOD.co** Mon. 3/17  
4-8pm at Dish

Enjoy St. Patrick's Day menu on March 17 at Fresh and The Dish. Corned beef brisket, braised cabbage, Lucky Charms bar, shepherd's Pie, loaded potato pizza and more!



Week of March 24, 2025 | Main Event on March 26, 2025 from 10:00am - 2:00pm

## 10 YEAR ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION BY GVSU LAKER STORE & STARBUCKS

Main event Wednesday, March 26, 10A-2P at the Marketplace.

The GVSU community is invited to celebrate 10 years of GVSU Laker Store and Starbucks in the Marketplace! Join us for a week of special promotions, including select \$10 tees and 10% off GVSU gifts (exclusions apply) from March 24-29, 2025.

The main event will be on Wednesday, March 26, from 10 AM to 2 PM, featuring cookies and pop donated by Laker Food Co. Plus, Starbucks will be joining the celebration with product sampling, games, prizes, giveaways, and music! Don't miss the chance to snap a photo with Louie from 11 AM - 12 PM.

<http://lakerstore.gvsu.edu/shop/promotions/10yearanniversary>





# HIGHLIGHTS



**Abby McClure, Alumni Relations & Joe Stoddard, CLAS Academic Advising Center**

From Abby: "The first two pictures are our old boy, Zig (10 yrs, which explains all his gray fur lol). The second two are pictures of our sassy girl, Arya (5yrs). Both are Plottounds."

From Joe: "This handsome man is Ziggy. He turned 11 last year, but we had to put him down in December. He was without hyperbole the best dog that has ever existed, and I stand by that. This cute girl is Arya; she is a wild beast of a Plott hound that likes long naps and barking into the abyss."

**Angel Kropf, Student Employment**

"Here is Jitterbug, looking out the window at the bird feeder, deciding what to order."

# PETS of APSS



**Allyssa Wetzel, Department of Philosophy**

"This is my cat, Bubba."



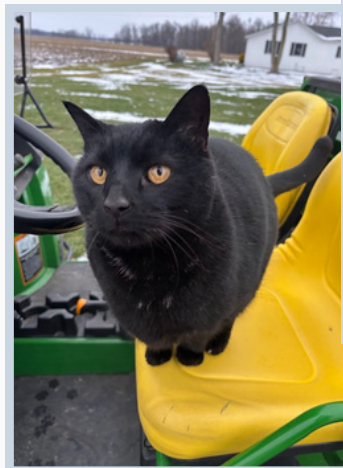
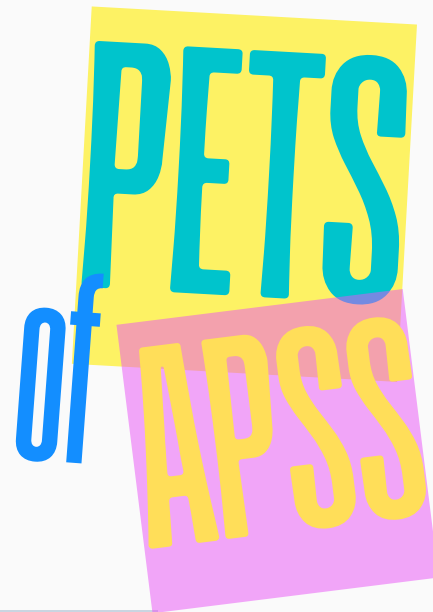




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**Bob McVay, University Libraries & Lina Fire-McVay, KCON**

“The brown Tabby is Princess Mozzarella, the grey and white is Duches Adelost, and the tuxedo is Countess Gorgonzola.”



**Elle Hilley, Records**  
Salem & Willow!



**Ashley Savage, Department of Political Science**

Meet Teddy! Our little 80 lb. yellow (but mostly red) lab just turned one, and life with him has been a nonstop adventure! From his impossibly bright eyes to his hilariously scrunched-up sleepy face, he's brought more love, laughter, and zoomies than we ever imagined. Teddy loves to play tug, fetch, and dig BIG holes in our yard (we don't like the digging part too much). We're so lucky to have this goofy, lovable pup in our lives – here's to many more belly rubs and tail wags ahead!



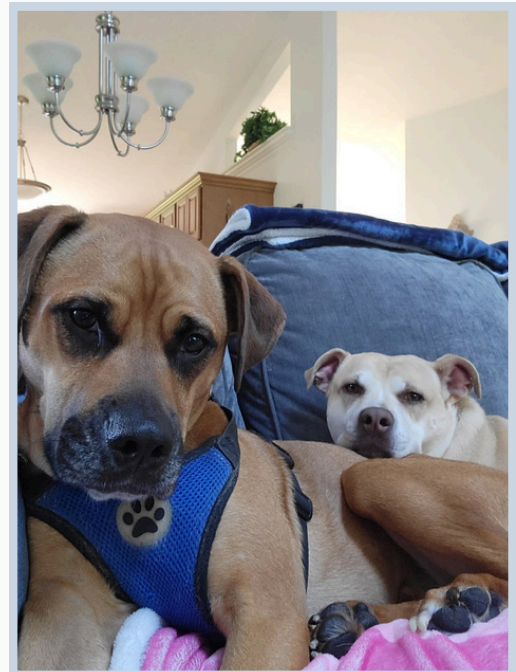
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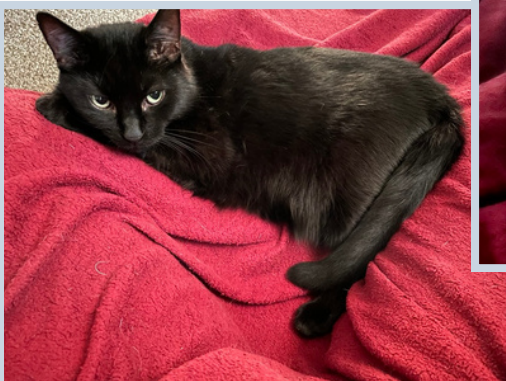
**Jana Einfeld, Johnson Center**  
“My dog, Maeve is pictured in her winter gear during the last cold spell. She is a 5 ½ year old greyhound and the light of my life.”

“Keeper (the upside down gal) is my foster gal looking for her forever home! She is a 5 ½ year old fawn greyhound that has the sweetest personality. She is just happy to be here and would love someone to be her person for scratches and walks in the park. (if folks are interested they can email me at [einfelja@gvsu.edu](mailto:einfelja@gvsu.edu))”



**Katie Haynes, Biomedical Sciences**  
“My cute troublemakers, Benny & Bae.”

**Foster Opportunity!**



**Alisia Neubeck, Library Specialist**  
“Layla Daisy and Apollo Amadeus were caught in a rare moment of cuddling. Morbo Ursa insists I'm the only person he'll ever love.”





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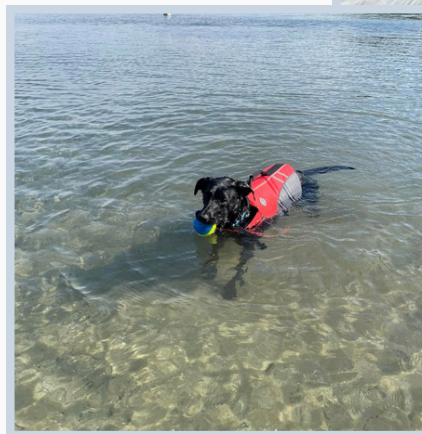


**Kel Nemetz, CLAS Dean's Office**  
"Ooooh, I HAVE to share my cats lol. I'm obsessed."

Meeko (7), Mila (5), and Mazie (1) are all unrelated rescues but are the best of friends and love treats, empty boxes, and lots of attention."



**Michelle Holstege, Facilities Services**  
"My favorite Laker Pup Remy"



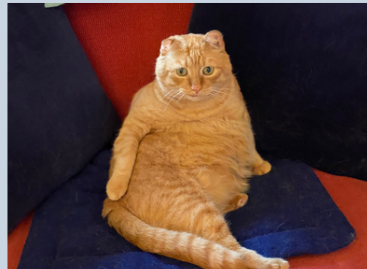
**Meghan Prindle, Chemistry Department**

"This is Penny! She is our rescue from Louisiana and these pictures of her are on her annual summer vacation to the Leelanau Peninsula. This summer will be her 6th summer taking this trip, it is called 'Penny's trip!' Each year we add more things for her to see and do."

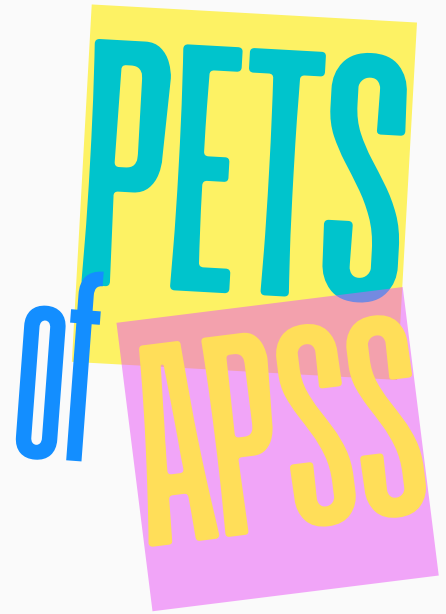




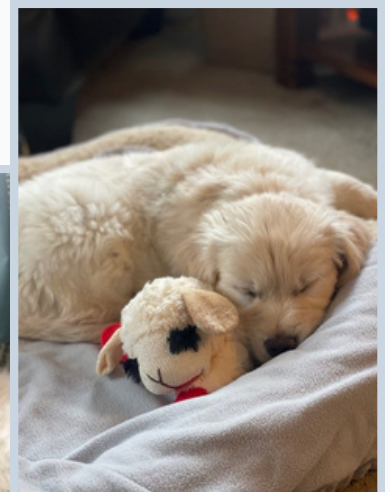
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**Anne Heathcote,  
Registrar's Office**  
 "These are my rescue cats, orange and white Henry and orange striped Sammy. We adopted Henry from a rescue organization and he's very spoiled. Sammy was a stray who came to our deck and we scooped him up. He's enjoying the good life and is not at all interested in going outside."



**Kelli Dykstra,  
Public Safety**  
 "Here is my pack! It gets a bit crazy in our house sometimes. All 3 are rescues. Sparty is the boxer/lab mix who is 13 years old and slowing down a bit, but still the biggest sweetie. Ruby is the red husky (7 years old) and Rosie is the black husky (the humane society said she's 5...vet said she's 2. Who knows?!). They absolutely love running through the dog park, especially when it's snowing!"



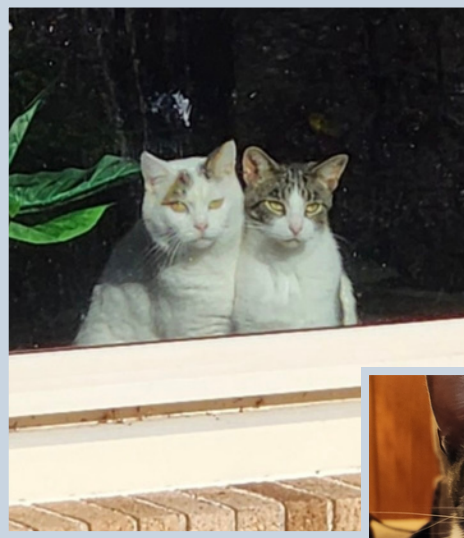
**Jenna Bench, Visual & Media Arts**

Here are photos of our new 11-week-old puppy, Beau! Beau was named after the Beaumont Tower at Michigan State University. We're a family that bleeds green, so our newest family member had no choice but to as well. He's really bummed that he can't join his human-big-sister at MSU this coming fall. Beau is an English Cream Golden Retriever, who is apparently also part shark given the current state of our hands and ankles. He loves frozen carrots, sleeping upside down, begging to go outside 100 times a day but only going potty twice, burying his head in the snow, and is deeply attached to his lambchop stuffy who no longer looks like the version pictured. While we're incredibly sleep deprived, this little ball of cream-colored fluff is the greatest addition to our family, and we're obsessed!





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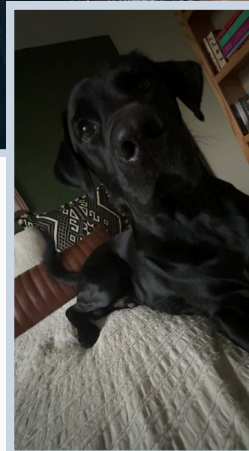
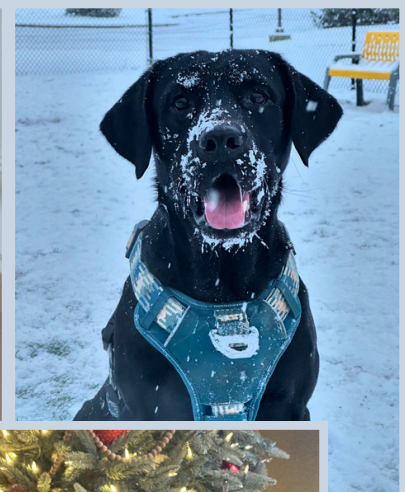
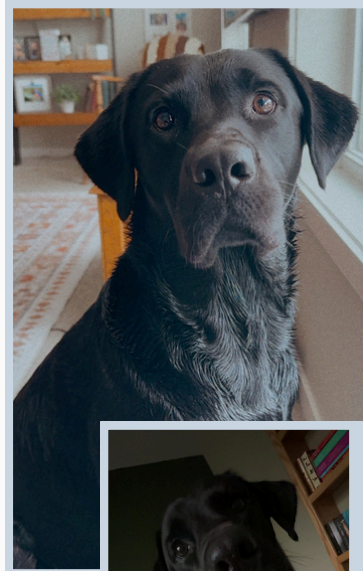
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### Megan Borders, Facilities Planning

“Here are some pictures of my cute labbo, Echo! 3 year old black lab”

### Allison Bazaire, College of Computing

“Jack and Gifford both have big personalities and are both strays from where we live who decided to walk on into the house and haven’t left since! Our local bird population is flourishing in their absence. Gifford is named after the National Forest in Washington state where my partner worked for the forest service last year, and Jack is flagged as grumpy at his vet.”







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Kristi Fosdick, Department of Music, Theatre, and Dance, has such a full house (and heart) that her pets get their own page!! :)

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“My labs Shakara (chocolate) and Zara (Fox Red). Shakara is almost 11 years old and Zara is 1 year old Lacey - an 8 year old pomchi.

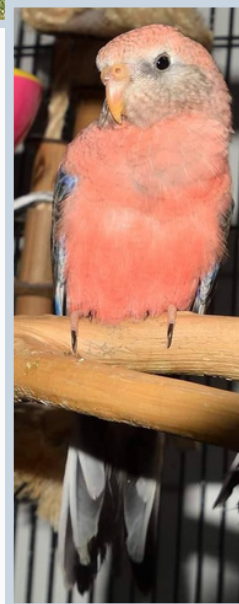
Trebletoes (bearded dragon) at a jazz concert. He likes to go to the Grand Haven boardwalk and beach. He also has attended an annual dragon picnic where he and I have made new dragon and human friends. He is handicapped and has only one normal foot. I adopted him a couple of years ago.”



“Kalypso – A scarlet chested parakeet (aka splendid parakeet) who is 4 years old

Ateebah – a mainland chahoua gecko

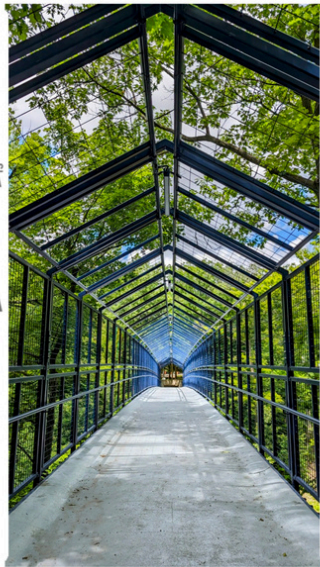
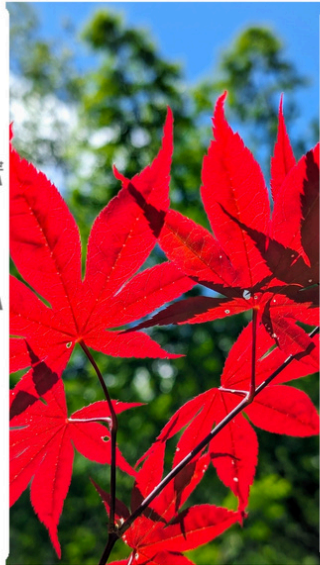
Jitterbug and Boogaloo – bourke parakeets”







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Lina Fire, KCON and Bob McVay, University Libraries shared this sweet photo of their baby boy, Frankie! Hi Frankie!!



For those of you hoping and wishing for warmer weather, please enjoy this collage of lovely photos of campus taken by **Anne Kamstra, Registrar's Office** last summer!

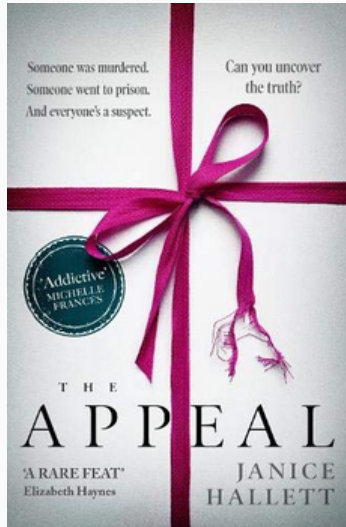






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# Book recommendations

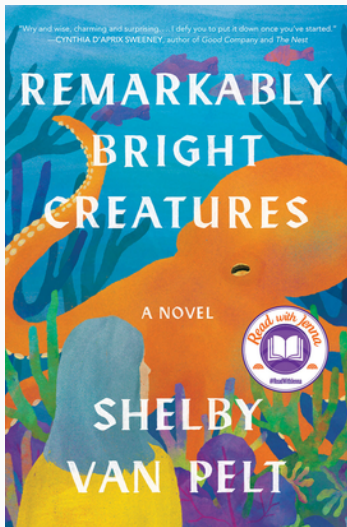


### **The Appeal by Janice Hallett**

Recommended by **Joe Stoddard, CLAS Academic Advising Center.** "Just a fun mystery with a modern style too it. You sort of get to play detective and I think it's a nice twist to the traditional style of 'whodunnit'"

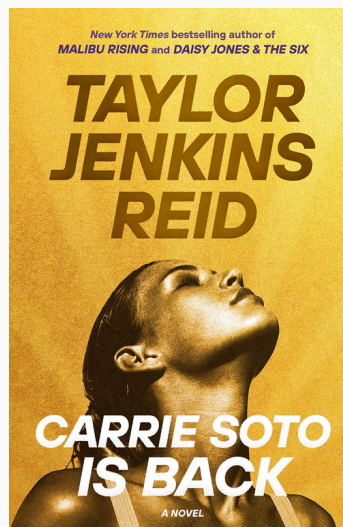


**Never Whistle at Night: An Indigenous Dark Fiction Anthology**  
edited by Shane Hawk and Theodore C. Van Alst Jr. Recommended by **Susan Dix, Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.** "This might be my favorite short story collection, ever. Some of the stories will scare you out of your socks!"



### **Carrie Soto is Back by Taylor Jenkins Reid**

Recommended by **Annie Valkema, Development Services.** "Read this during the summer as it gets closer to the US Open in Flushing. Great story about a tennis pro looking for redemption, dealing with the pressures of professional tennis and aging knees."



### **Remarkably Bright Creatures by Shelby Van Pelt**

Recommended by **Nicole Brower, Athletics and Susan Dix, Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships.** "This novel will make you fall in love with an octopus. Grief, love, magic, growth, change, found family, happy ending."

### **The Killer's Christmas List by Chris Frost**

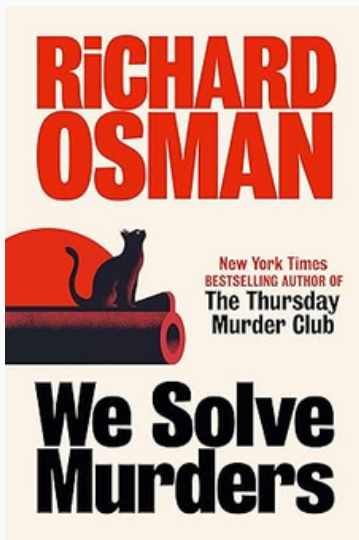
Recommended by **Tammy Brasic, Admissions.** "The plot was very well done and there are some great surprises in it."





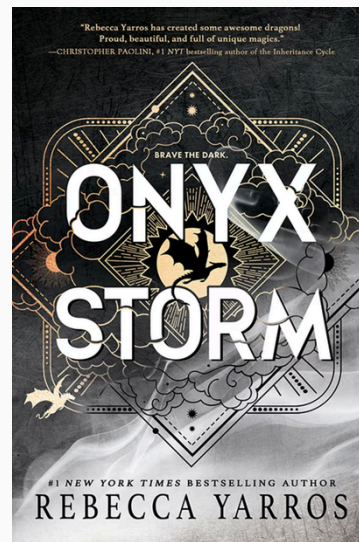
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# Book recommendations



## We Solve Murders by Richard Osman

Recommended by Allison Bazaire, College of Computing. "Loved this book! It was a fun mystery - a page turner. And a great audio book as well, worth the wait on Libby. I can't wait to read his others."

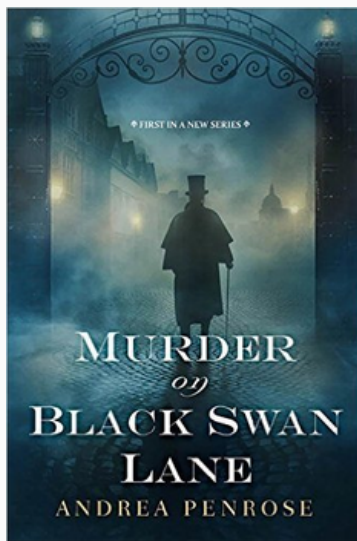


## Onyx Storm (Book 3 of The Empyrean) by Rebecca Yarros

Recommended by Megan Borders, Facilities Planning. "Just finished Onyx Storm! 10/10 recommend the whole series!"

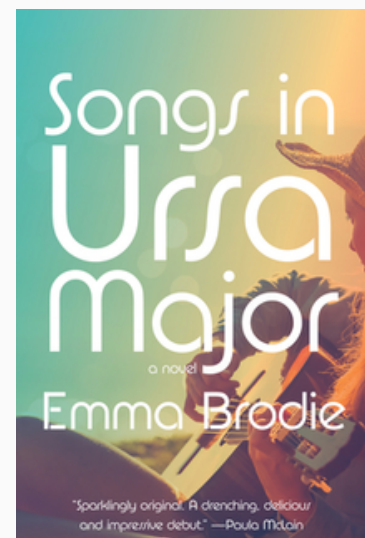
## Murder on Black Swan Lake by Andrea Penrose

Recommended by Lina Fire, KCON. "If you're into regency-era murder mysteries!"



## Songs in Ursa Major by Emma Brodie

Recommended by Annie Valkema, Development Services. "A fun beach read. A fun beach read with underlying connotations if you're from the era of young James Taylor and Joni Mitchell and can't stop thinking this is a thinly-veiled story of their lives!"



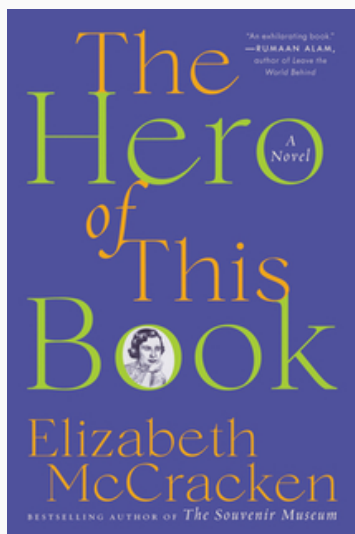
## Dark Objects by Simon Toyne

Recommended by Tammy Brasic, Admissions. "A very clever killer who has killed someone who does not exist. Also the killer seems to be staging it for a forensics expert."



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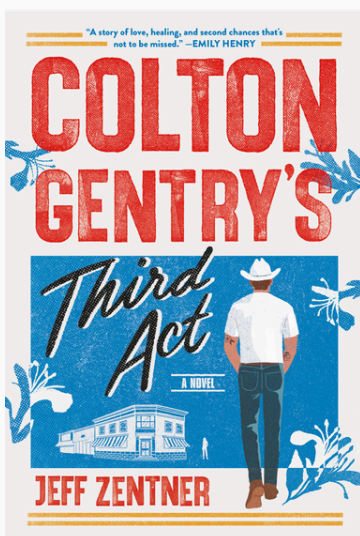
**The Hero of This Book by Elizabeth McCracken**  
Recommended by **Susan Dix, Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships**. "You could almost mistake this novel for a memoir. Can a daughter reveal her mother's extraordinary life while keeping her privacy and should she?"



**The Inheritance by Trisha Sakhlecha**  
Recommended by **Tammy Brasic, Admissions**. "What if your whole family went to an island and all the kids want something from their father as an inheritance but there is someone against this. What would you do for your family??"

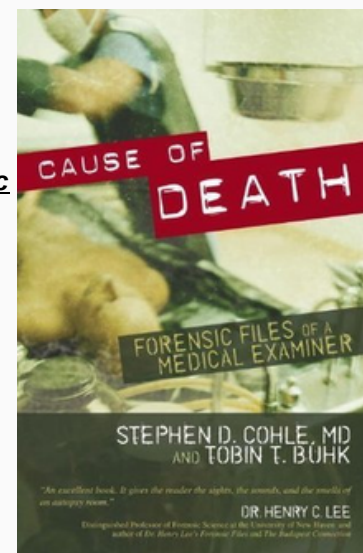
**Colton Gentry's Third Act by Jeff Zentner**

Recommended by **Annie Valkema, Development Services**. "Alternating between three times in Colton's life, this story covers romance, grief, country music, and starting over... just like a country song. Even with a tough cultural issue included, it's an easy read."



**Cause of Death: Forensic Files of a Medical Examiner by Stephen D. Cohle, MD and Tobin T. Buhk**

Recommended by **Kelli Dykstra, Public Safety**. "Dr. Cohle is the chief medical examiner in Kent County, and I was able to shadow him and Dr. Start in college. If you're interested in forensics, this is a great read detailing real cases and how he solved them as a forensic pathologist."





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