Welcome to Librarizine #4!

As you’ve surely already noticed, this Librarizine is a bit different from the ones we’ve put out in the past. While all of us at the UArts Libraries are hard at work remotely providing library services, we’re doing everything we can to continue operations as normal, including Librarizine.

Originally, the theme for this issue was going to be “Hobbies”. Now that we have plenty of time to focus on them, we’ve kept that theme and added a variety of other sections about what we’re doing to keep busy while hanging out at home.

We’re looking forward to the day we can safely return to the library and see all of your lovely faces in person!

Until then, stay safe, take care of each other, and enjoy Librarizine 4!

–Bill Rooney, VRSC Assistant
“In my free time, I collect small handheld objects that are both formally compelling, and rich with narrative potential. I am drawn to mass produced items that feel specific to a familiar time or place. I organize my growing collection by color, and pull from it frequently in my art practice”

The Macmillan Visual Dictionary is a great reference resource.
One of my main hobbies is knitting and designing knitwear. Designing knits fascinates me because the technical part involves a lot of math, and I like how a complicated 3D object can be translated into written instructions. Knitting is a great activity to do while sheltering at home, because everything you need (patterns, instructions, tutorials, yarn, inspiration) is available online.

Victoria - Circulation Supervisor

I learned how to weave in 2016 while studying Fibers for my undergraduate degree. I became completely amazed by the system and poetics of cloth, and all the new ways I could play with it. Upon graduating, I bought my own floor loom on Craigslist which now lives in the corner of my living room in West Philly. On weeknights you can often find me weaving in my living room, watching Twilight Zone or listening to the Carpenters.

We have a lot of weaving pattern books in the TS section of the Greenfield Library! I like Weaving Without Tears by Violetta Thurstan, both for its title and because it has a great section on overshot patterns like the most recent piece I wove here.
I started growing houseplants years ago in my college dorm room. Even as a kid I liked gardening, an interest I inherited from my Dad and grandmother. Dad was more of an vegetable gardener, while Nana grew amazing African violets and ferns. In my college town there was a cute plant store and that’s where I got hooked on houseplants. I have plants all over the house, but not as many as I would like due to my many cats who like to eat and play with them. Any time I can spend repotting or otherwise tending to them makes me happy, and seeing them flourish gives me joy.
Sara MacDonald has been taking dressage lessons since 2004. What is dressage? In a nutshell, it’s the art and skill of riding very nicely and precisely, even though it comes out of learning to ride in battle. The horse should be supple and kept in a beautiful “frame”, an overall shape that shows the horse’s power coming from the hind and moving forward. Dressage shows are all about how the horse looks and are very little about the rider. If you’ve ever seen the Lipizzan horses, they’re doing very high-level dressage. Sara’s husband rides, too. After 15+ years surely they’ve learned to ride, you might think, but, like any athletic skill, everyone needs a coach, and there’s always more to learn.
Bill - VRSC Assistant

For the past four years I’ve been running a Dungeons & Dragons game with a few of my friends around once a week. The group grew out of our weekly board game night and has been a great way for all of us to relax outside of work, catch up with each other and do something other than sit around watching TV. Since we’ve all started working remotely we’ve begun playing online using a virtual tabletop and video chatting with each other. I also started getting together a second group with some other friends who haven’t played before but are similarly at home looking for something fun to do.

Through the library you have access to several books on the various aspects of D&D. For a deeper dive into the particularly turbulent time when Dungeons & Dragons players were unfairly labeled as devil worshippers in the 1980s, check out Dangerous Games: What the Moral Panic Over Role-Playing Games Says About Play, Religion, and Imagined Worlds by Joseph Laycock.
Barbara –
Acquisitions/Admin. Coordinator
My current hobby during this time has been blending up daily green drinks to boost the immune system. This drink is composed of wild blueberries, banana, apple, raspberries, water, lots of dark leafy greens, and one date. All of this is mostly organic. Stress can make the body more acidic so these drinks help alkalize and strengthen the body. They are also delicious!
I collect bones! I love taking walks through the woods and scavenging for animal bones, which I take home and clean up. I have around seven different skulls and a myriad of ribs, vertebrae, scapulas, and teeth (including my wisdom teeth and a few my mom has had removed). I just think they’re neat!

We have access to a bunch of cool ebooks about bones and anatomy. I like *The Bare Bones: An Unconventional Evolutionary History of the Skeleton* which walks through different evolutionary timelines in easy to digest text. It’s also pretty funny: the introduction is titled “How Vertebrates and Cars Are (and Are Not) Similar.”
LIBRARÍ-QUARAN-ZINE SURVEY Pt. 2
Life at Home

The next few pages are the results of an anonymous survey sent to the library staff asking about their day-to-day life while working remotely.
1) What did you do today?

Did my morning routine: fed kitties, emptied dishwasher, made bed, watered/misted plants, showered. Then back to work!

Did some writing for one of my classes, cleaned my room, made oatmeal.

Today I rolled my dog up into a blanket burrito and ordered dog food. Later I’ll probably make actual burritos and read some research articles. (Riveting stuff!)

Meditate, work, walk, cook, work, meditate.

Made two cups of tea to get ready for work. During lunch I worked on a painting and watched an artist talk on Liza Lou.

Had a lesson, made a face mask, worked on music.

I provided services remotely from home!
I have also started re-binging Sons of Anarchy: so there is that ;) And I try to take 2-3 walks a day, while respecting everyone else’s space.

Cleaned my room, worked on Librariquaranzine, did other library work, watered my plants, made some delicious eggs, got stuff ready to make mapo tofu for dinner.
2) How many days have you put on pants that aren’t sweatpants in the past week? Or have you given up pants altogether?

I’ve been wearing normal pants at least once everyday.

I put on pants every day-usually jeans or yoga pants

Mostly given up on pants! I’ve been wearing my slouchiest outfits that can pass as professional, achieving a perfect in-between that mirrors this in-between period of time.

3 days. Haven’t given up pants yet but definitely comfort is a priority now!

I’ve been getting dressed most days! It’s nice to put on random clothes that I wouldn’t normally wear to work and mosey around the apartment in style.

Absolutely 0. The comfier the better.

I put jeans on once just to feel something

I am living in PJ bottoms, for at least the morning half of my work day.

Pretty much every day. The temptation to do absolutely nothing is too great when I’m not wearing Real Pants™
3) What song do you sing 20 seconds of while you wash your hands?

It’s painful to listen to my own singing so I just count!

Jolene by Dolly Parton

I actually don’t sing a song because I’m super prone to getting songs stuck in my head. I’m also used to washing my hands for the recommended amount of time because of sick family members, so I don’t really have to think about it.

Happy birthday twice

Gave up singing while washing hands.
Now I know how long it takes!

Beyoncé’s Love On Top, duh.

Your Music Librarian doesn’t—how weird. I count down in five second intervals.

Love on Top by Beyoncé

God Rest Ye Merry Gentlemen, for some reason. I can’t remember why I started but now it’s just second nature.
4) Who’s keeping you company (roommates, significant others, pets, plants, etc)?

My partner, my pets, and my parents
Between me and my housemates, our cat is constantly surrounded by people--aka thriving!

My husband, my 5 cats and a multitude of houseplants
I live with my mom, our two weird dogs, and a small snail that hitchhiked into a terrarium I made last week. The entertainment never ends.

Pet, significant other, many plants. Tried to turn a squirrel into a friend but no luck yet!
Lots of plants and my boyfriend.

Family (mom, dad, grandmom, grandpop, aunt) and 2 cats
My better half, and she and I are getting on amazingly swimmingly in Quarantine.

My two roommates and a lovely cat
5) Have you started any new projects?

I have been continuing to make paintings for an upcoming show in June, and I am working on an online contemporary art course from the MoMA.

I recently bought and put together a small standing grill and set it up in the backyard; having a new way to cook and spend time outside while stuck at home has been lovely! So far we have made portobello burgers, grilled pineapple, and salmon.

Recorded some more music

Yes, home projects that have been on the back burner for years.

Not so much new projects, but I’ve had more time to work on projects I’ve had in the works: organizing old family photos, drawing, working on my masters paper, personal writing, and learning to play harmonica!

Picked up some knitting and cross stitch that I haven’t worked on in awhile. Bought a sewing machine that should arrive any day. Getting my yard ready to plant stuff, if I can ever get out to actually buy some plants.

Yes! Got the ball rolling on streaming music composition on Twitch

...No, HA!

I’m one of those jerks bragging about all the sourdough they’re making... But it’s worth it. I also have my first cello lesson since like high school tonight. My friend lost her main gig as a barista and offered to give virtual piano or cello lessons and I have a cello so why not!
6) How have you been keeping in touch with your friends/family?

Email and text, phone, facebook

Texting, facetime

I call or facetime my girlfriend most nights, and I was already in the habit of keeping in touch with a lot of friends around the country through virtual means. It’s been cool to see the friends I don’t talk to as often checking in more frequently.

 Mostly FaceTime; my parents used this time to adopt a new puppy (a fox terrier and chihuahua mix named Burlie,) so it’s been really fun to see her on camera!

Lots more talking on the phone than before. Good to catch up with people. Also Duo, Zoom and Houseparty.

Loooots of phone calls, and birthday cards in the mail.

Discord, twitter, and Instagram

YES! Many Zoom-powered virtual happy hours.

Video chats, a million different group texts, Discord, standing outside my friends’ houses on walks and saying hey from the sidewalk.
7) What’s something you’re proud of?

My best friend is a manager at Trader Joes and I am beyond proud of him for everything.

Staying pretty centered despite all that I hear on the news. Meditation is really helping.

I’ve started working out again! I used to be pretty strong, but I have chronic joint problems and had *just* gotten a physical therapy referral before everything started to close. Now that that’s less feasible for the moment, I’m doing some strength stuff at home and it feels great.

Started a vegetable garden, everything has sprouted

Not spending my time binge watching shows—it’s so tempting!

I pierced my own ears

Staying motivated while feeling so distant.

How the communities I’m a part of have stepped up to look out for one another and keep each other company throughout this
8) What’s something you do or did that’s moved online (birthday parties, game night, movie night, etc.)?

One of my friends has been doing streams every night, and recently a younger person in the chat mentioned that night would have been their prom. We ended up doing our own “prom”: the streamers put on throwback music and we all got dressed up in our bedrooms and shared pics of our looks and prom stories. It was really fun; the next morning I woke up and felt like I had actually gone to a party!

Game nights, movie nights.

Concerts/house shows

Yoga, Zoom Powerpoint Presentation Party

I was able to FaceTime with my mom as she sung Happy Birthday to me, so that was a pretty special moment.

Playing video games with my friends. Ordinarily we meet up at a house, but we’ve been playing online.

D&D, plenty of movie/Star Trek nights, I’ve had a couple Zoom birthday parties so far, and I have my 30th coming up in May so I gotta either figure out something to do for that OR just stay 29 for the indefinite future.
9) What’s an organization/group/person that could use some support or visibility right now?

Indigenous communities are often hit hardest in times of crisis. One way to help is to donate to organizations like the Indigenous Environmental Network: https://www.ienearth.org/covid-19-emergency-mutual-aid-fund/

Those incarcerated in detention centers, incarcerated people in general.

Animal shelters and Philly Virtual Tip Jar.

Loaves and Fishes Food Pantry in Prospect Park, PA. With so many folks laid off and otherwise out of work their supplies are depleted, https://www.delcoloavesandfishes.org/

I think it’s important to check on those around you and make sure that they are doing okay. Buy some art from friends, support small businesses, and give what you can.

I think so many folks could use support right now, but certainly performing artists.

Small businesses. They’re hurting!

My friends at Folkadelphia on WXPN started up a mixtape called Co-Mission which commissions musicians to record songs to raise money to commission other musicians to record songs, etc., etc. Live music is a huge source of income for a lot of musicians and its return is pretty uncertain at the moment. The first compilation came out today and it’s fantastic: folkadelphia.bandcamp.com
10) Anything else you’d like to add?
   I hope everyone is doing well and staying safe!

   Laugh and spend time in nature right now. Limit news reports.
   Keep reading :)

   I miss school and my friends
   I hope no one else starts up a quarantine podcast ;)
   Folks gotta do what they gotta do!

   Eat plenty of vegetables, cut your own hair, fix up your bike, stay safe, have a good time, see you soon!
Activity Corner
Pt. 3
Library Digital Resources Word Search

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Use the call number clues to find the matching titles in the crossword puzzle.
Thank You!

All of us here at the UArts Libraries hope that this issue of Librarizine brought you some comfort or happiness in these tough times. Whether you’re reading this digitally or are holding a physical copy in your hands, be sure that we’ve kept you in our thoughts the entire time we were apart and that seeing all of your faces again will be, and is, the greatest joy. Stay safe and keep reading!

Yours truly,
The University of the Arts Libraries
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Pg. 12: [Ben Eisenstat advises a student in an illustration class]. Dorrance Hamilton Hall, interior. Philadelphia College of Art. 1970 (approx.)

Pgs. 13-22: [Voided velvet brocade]. Italy. 17th century.


Pgs. 24-26: [Black Chantilly lace veil].

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