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### 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 contributing to a 2023 year-end balance of **\$594,163**.

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.

### What's your why?

#### **"I love libraries!"**

-Tom Link, former UWL employee in Student Support Services.

**With donors like Tom, we can continue offering our services and making our library a place for everyone.**

### One Day for Murphy Library



**\$6,540**

**Funds raised**

**30**

**Total donors**



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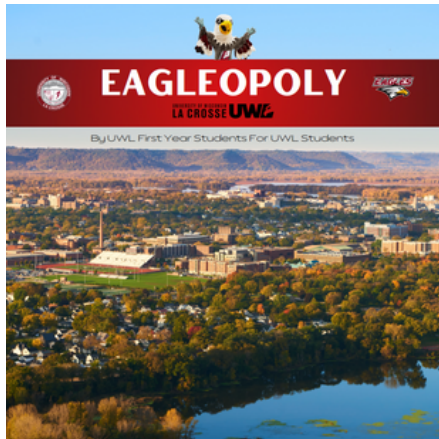
With a gift of \$50, Murphy Library will place a commemorative bookplate in a newly-purchased book in a broad subject area of the donor's choice.

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



# HIGHLIGHTED PROJECTS

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



## Eagleopoly--How much do you know about UWL?

With your donations, the Murphy Library Endowment funded the printing costs for three Eagleopoly board games that were created as a part of Associate Professor Teri Holford's First-Year-Seminar course. This board game resembles traditional Monopoly with an Eagle twist! In creating this game, students brainstormed and selected questions related to UWL, voted on the type and value of the properties that would be sold during the game, and assigned player roles including chancellor, provost, registrar, campus housing, cashier or student senators. Holford recounted that "...students were proud to have been part of seeing this semester project become a board game that will live on and help other first year students adapt to college." These games are now available for check out at Murphy Library, for an entire class to play or individual students wanting to learn about UWL resources.



## Special Collections--Preserving history

As you probably already know, Special Collections is a major resource for those researching UWL, La Crosse, the region, and beyond, with its vast collections of photographs, original documents, and rare books. But did you realize there are items contained in the collection with more of a national historical reach? Some might even argue, national significance. Are you intrigued? Are you wondering what this has to do with the library's endowment? Without giving too much away, the Endowment Fund has enabled Murphy Library to take measures to safeguard some very important items through conservation efforts that are currently underway. When those efforts have been completed, stay tuned, because we think you'll enjoy the results.



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