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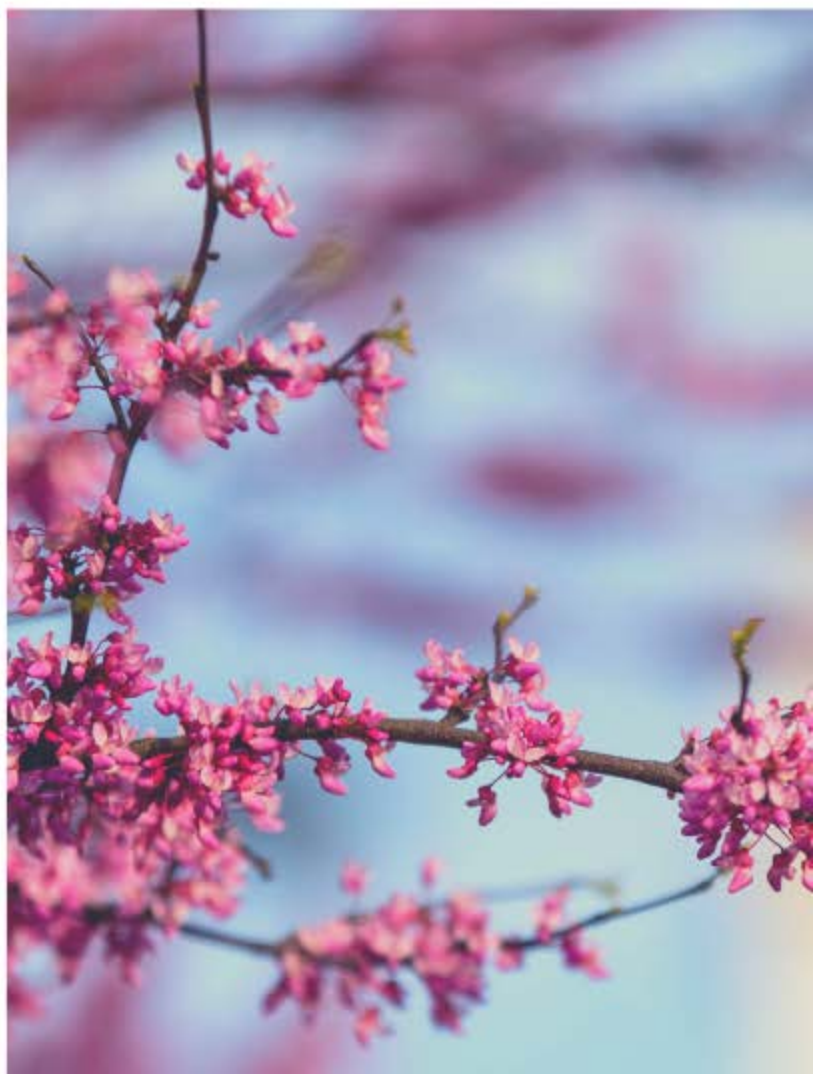
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# THE CHAIR SPEAKS

**Dr. Andrea Harmer**

Dear Alumni,

We are just beginning the last week of classes and it's a great time to celebrate the wonderful year we've had in the Library & Learning Technologies Department, much of which is due to your much-appreciated support of our programs. Our library science undergraduate program enrollment for Fall 2019 will keep the programs alive, but we are hoping all of you will help recommend our programs to any high school students who love the library as much as we all do to keep the BSSED and BSLS programs strong! Thanks so much!

We are also in the beginning stages of creating a "Library Science Minor/Dual Certification" program with our Pre-4 Teacher Certification partners in Beekey, so look for more news on that front in the coming months. This plan will help to keep our undergraduate programs resilient, as students would then be able to pursue both Library Science certification and Pre-K teacher certification within the same four-year timeframe! As we all know, working/teaching in the library is a great profession and the jobs are out there!

Our graduate programs in Instructional Technology and Library Science Certification have grown tremendously in the past year and with more students enrolling, our new faculty members have just wrapped up their first year with us: Cathi Fuhrman from Hempsfield SD, Emily Calaman from Schuylkill Valley SD, Matt Laubscher from NJ, and Duane Wallace from Somerset County Vocational & Technical SD in NJ.

In January, Emily gave birth to her beautiful daughter, Wednesday, so she understandably will be taking some time off during the Fall 2019 semester, however her students are eagerly awaiting her return next Spring! Congratulations to Emily and her new family member, who we can't wait to meet!

Last week we had a wonderful crowd for our Spring Book Review! Thanks so much for coming! Again, many thanks to our Graduate Assistant, Megan Keenan, and our Office Coordinator, Julie Setliff, for their amazing facilitation of this and other events during the year. I don't know how we would do it without them! Megan will be leaving us at the end of this semester and we will miss her help tremendously, but are happy for her moving on to student teaching. If you know of anyone looking for a graduate assistantship at KU, please send them our way! Have a Happy Spring and a Super Summer!

Dr. Andrea Harmer  
Chair Library & Learning Technologies  
Kutztown University





# SPRING BOOK REVIEW

This spring, at our biannual book review event, we had the pleasure of hosting some fantastic presenters! Among the crowd were veteran reviewers and newcomers alike. New to the event this year, we had a group of 6th grade students present "junior reviews" of books that they selected at the fall event.

Excitingly, we had more guests in attendance than we have had in recent years! Many wonderful books were provided for our reviewers by publishers like Scholastic Inc., Penguin Random House, Charlesbridge and more.

As these review events become ever more popular, we are seeking more books from publishers. If you have any publisher connections, please send them our way! Ask them to send information to [libsci@kutztown.edu](mailto:libsci@kutztown.edu).

**The Fall Book Review will take place  
on [Tuesday, November 19, 2019](#).  
We hope to see you there!**







SPRING BANQUET

# *Alpha Beta Alpha*

APRIL 25, 2019



# 2019 PSLA Awards

At the 2019 PSLA Conference in Hershey, Pennsylvania, Sarah Strouse received the Outstanding Graduate Student Award and Guinevere Harter received the Outstanding Undergraduate Student Award.

From the entire L&LT Department:  
**Congratulations Ladies!**



Left: Sarah Strouse  
Right: Guinevere Harter



# *Special Library Awards*

The L&LT Department selected the following outstanding students to receive these annual awards...

## **LOUIS J. GILL AWARD**

This award is presented to an outstanding graduate student who has demonstrated a commitment and/or contributions to the field of librarianship, participation in Professional Library Associations, and academic success.

**2019 Recipient:**

**Kathleen Poirier**

## **QUINCY AND LAURA ROHRBACH AWARD**

This award is presented to a student who has shown the greatest potential for competence in librarianship, as determined by the faculty.

**2019 Recipient:**

**Guinevere Harter**



**CONGRATULATIONS!**



# GOODBYE L&LT DEPARTMENT!

A NOTE FROM THE GA



Hi everyone! My name is Megan Keenan, and for the past two years, I have been the graduate assistant for the Department of Library & Learning Technologies.

I have been working towards my MLS and initial K-12 teaching certification. It's been a long road (54 credits worth!), but I'm finally beginning my student teaching in the fall semester of 2019. As such, I will no longer have the pleasure and privilege of being the grad assistant for the department.

During my time here, I have coordinated two Teen Library Day events and four Book Reviews. I've designed review books, department "swag", bookmarks, brochures, and even this Added Entries newsletter you receive twice a year. I have loved every minute of my time with the department!

I'm honored to have had the opportunity to get to know each and every one my professors personally, as well as our amazing department secretary Julie Setliff, who I've worked with the most while planning out each of event! This is a wonderful department filled with kind, caring, and knowledgeable people.

I am so thankful and lucky to have had a chance to hold this position with the L&LT Department!

This job turned out to be one of those rare moments where you come across something by accident and it changes your life for the better. My time and experiences here have not only prepared me for my future career as a, \*fingers crossed\*, elementary school librarian, but have left me with irreplaceable memories. I've made many friends here, even among our undergraduate workers (p.s. you guys are awesome, thanks for all your help!).

To the readers of this newsletter (I've met a few of you in person at our various events, or even worked with you while you were with our department): I just want to say thank you all for joining me in this journey!

This has been one heck of an adventure that has helped me to grow as a student, a future librarian, and as a leader. I can hardly wait to see what the future holds!



*Save the Date*

# FALL BOOK REVIEW

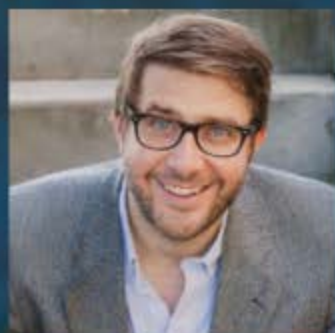
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*November 19, 2019  
Boehm 145, 7-9 P.M.*





*Join us as we welcome author*



# JONATHAN AUXIER



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## TEEN LIBRARY DAY 2019!

More details will be available soon!



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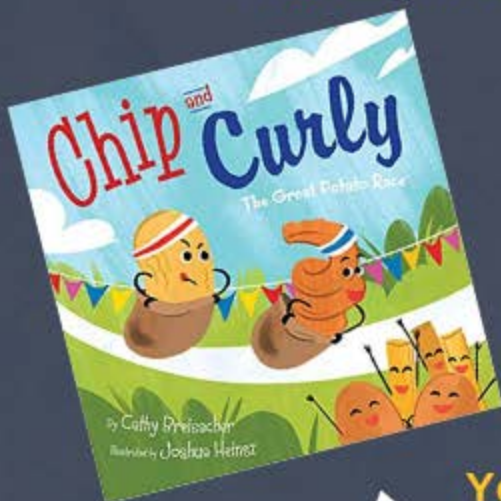


"I am grateful to the education I received from Kutztown (and the support from the wonderful professors) for it prepared me extremely well. I am thoroughly enjoying my job as a school librarian. I am living the dream!"

## Cathy Breisacher - MLS Graduate, 2012

Cathy is currently in an elementary school library position with the Hollidaysburg Area School District in Central, PA. She is also a children's book author. Cathy's passion is to write fun, silly, and funny stories that will put a smile on kids' faces. This spring, two of Cathy's published books will be launching! "Cavekid Birthday" will be releasing in March and "Chip and Curly" will release in May.

To find out more about her books, you can check out her website: <https://www.cathybreisacher.com/>.



You can pre-order  
both books on  
Amazon!



# YOUR ADDED ENTRIES

## Wedding Announcements



This summer, two of our department's graduate students, Amy Schneiderhan & Dan Shuman will be getting married.

On behalf of the entire Library & Learning Technologies  
Department:

Congratulations Amy and Dan!





# DO YOU HAVE NEWS TO SHARE?



E-MAIL [LIBSCI@KUTZTOWN.EDU](mailto:LIBSCI@KUTZTOWN.EDU) WITH YOUR ANNOUNCEMENTS,  
MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, DEGREES, CAREER ADVANCEMENTS AND  
MORE, TO BE FEATURED IN THE NEXT ADDED ENTRIES!