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## Retrospective Exhibition Evansdale Section

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# EVANSDALE LIBRARY

Evansdale Campus is home to an array of colleges including Creative Arts, Engineering, Agricultural Sciences as well as the Evansdale Library. The Evansdale Library hosted several exhibitions that celebrate campus scholars and artists as well as unique displays of faculty and staff personal collections of items such as toys, dishware, and tools. For example, in 2021, WVU Facilities staff member Bradley Hart exhibited his KISS memorabilia. In 2021, fashion design students showed and presented about their designs. In 2017, art student Patrick Bayly shared his paintings with the Evansdale Library. Throughout the years 2017-19, science and art students collaborated to create sculptures that were installed at Evansdale Library. The Art in the Libraries programming at Evansdale Library has enriched the faculty, staff, students, and public experience.



KISS Memorabilia from 2021 exhibit.



CESTA students working, 2017.



Painting by Patrick Bayly (BFA, WVU, 2018), 2017.



Fashion Merchandising exhibit presentation, 2021.

*“It was a perfect setting to showcase the fashion design students’ work. Evansdale Library hosted many successful events: Exhibit Opening Social for student work, semester end final student presentations, [and a] panel discussion with FDM Advisory Committee members Chris Yura, Dave Gruver, and Connie Merandi.”*  
-Colleen Moretz, Associate Professor of Fashion, Dress & Merchandising

## Community Engagement in Science Through Art 2017-2019

A WVU National Science Foundation grant brought together select teams of sculpture, chemistry, and engineering students from across the country for four fast-paced summers. The teams brainstormed, designed, and built artistic representations of scientific concepts in just four weeks. Librarians provided input on the design and guided students on tackling public safety concerns. The resulting artworks were robust, maintenance-free constructions displayed at Evansdale Library. The resulting three displays attracted viewers throughout the following years.

*"It was fantastic to work with students in a cross-disciplinary environment. Each year the teams exceeded my expectations. It was truly an honor and highlight of my career at WVU to work on this groundbreaking STEAM initiative."*

*-Jason Lee, Associate Professor of Art/Sculpture*



"Object D4h" (2017),



"The Brain Complex" (2019)



"Cytochrome C" (2018).



*"I cherished the opportunity to exhibit my paintings at WVU Libraries, as they provided incredible support for my art during my BFA studies...I hope my artworks leave a lasting impression on the many college students who visit or study in the libraries."*

*-Ruth Yang*



# Student Art Exhibits

The Evansdale Library, located on the same campus as the College of Creative Arts, provides an excellent display space. Since the beginnings of Art in the Libraries, many student artists have utilized this opportunity, both individually and in groups. As a graduation requirement, art students must hold a solo exhibition of their work. Ruth Yang (BFA, 2021) showcased her portrait series in her 2022 debut exhibition. Ken Lu (MFA, 2018) organized an exhibition for the Ceramics Club in 2017. Tiera Tanner (MFA, 2018) displayed a series of large paintings in 2018.

Top left: painting by Ruth Yang; top right: ceramic by Ken Lu; bottom right: painting by Tiera Tanner.



# Passion & Obsession

ongoing, since 2019

Passion and obsession fuels the drive to collect - whether music memorabilia, historic artifacts, or anything in between. The Evansdale Library has hosted a variety of collections over the years that fit both descriptions. Collections have included bow ties, dinnerware, hammers, musical instruments and banjo heads.

Displays have also featured popular culture collections, including KISS memorabilia, childhood toys, games, and promotional model cars. A vintage film display featured 8mm films, projectors, and other film-related objects, mostly horror, filled the cases. Also, a typewriter collection recalled the days before the computer.



One of former WVU student Jett Morton's typewriters (2020).



Some of Program Coordinator, Mental Health and Addiction Studies' Frankie Tack's hammers (2023).



WVU Campus Life Community Coordinator Brian Walker's movie memorabilia (2022).

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*“Exhibiting with the Libraries was such an enriching experience for me. My exhibit was about a hobby of mine not related to my work, but it gave me the opportunity to show where curiosity can lead us and to let students know that faculty are whole and multifaceted people, just like them. And as much as anything, it was just very fun!”*

*-Frankie Tack, Program Coordinator: Mental Health and Addiction Studies*

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# Fashion, Dress and Merchandising



From laundry lines to hay bales, Fashion, Dress and Merchandising exhibits are colorful and popular. Evansdale Library's expansive window ledge caught the eye of Teaching Assistant Professor Elizabeth Shorrock and her students, who transformed it into a site to display their visual merchandising projects (pictured below, 2020).

Associate Professor Colleen Moretz's students filled the library's second floor with mannequins sporting original fashion designs (pictured above, 2019).

