



The Bowdoin College Library Newsletter
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Pop-Up Poetry Wrap Up

The Library just wrapped up a celebration of National Poetry Month, during which daily pop-up poetry readings were held under Alexander Calder's *Red Fossils* mobile in Hawthorne-Longfellow Library. Every weekday at noon, a student, faculty, or staff member read a favorite—or sometimes, an original—poem to an appreciative audience. Readers from across campus shared poems that resonated with them, a surprisingly intimate and often profoundly moving experience for the listeners. Those of us who “took ten” to hear a reading can testify to the enduring power of poetry; see the [list of the readers](#) and their chosen poems. The series was dedicated to the memory of Professor of English Celeste Goodridge, who passed away in March.



Our thanks to all who participated!

Librarians in the Classroom

Over the course of the academic year, our Research and Instruction Librarians provided direct support for 150 unique courses and hundreds of student research projects. Of particular note this semester was the collaboration between Professor of History Patrick Rael and Marieke Van Der Steenhoven, Special Collections Education and Outreach Librarian. *History in the Archives*, a new capstone seminar in the History Department, developed and taught by Professor Rael in close collaboration with Van Der Steenhoven, allowed upper level students to experience the excitement and challenges of conducting original historical research through a deep dive into Bowdoin's remarkable archives and manuscript collections. [Read more »](#)



Gathering Alumni Stories

During this year's Reunion weekend, alumni returning to campus will have the opportunity to share stories from their time at Bowdoin as part of the [Alumni Oral History Project](#). Staff from the Department of Special Collections & Archives will be available to record 30-minute interviews with individuals or groups that will be preserved permanently in the College Archives and made freely available online via [Bowdoin Digital Commons](#). Visitors can [sign-up](#) in advance or contact [Meagan Doyle](#) with questions.



Hawthorne-Longfellow Library to be the Home of the New College Test Center

This summer a new facility, the College Test Center, will be created on the 2nd floor of Hawthorne-Longfellow Library. The Center will provide a controlled environment designed to support students who have approved accommodations for disabilities or require other special arrangements for test taking. When not scheduled for exams—during most evenings and weekends—the space will be available to the student community for quiet study. Overseen by Lesley Levy, Director of [Student Accessibility](#), the Test Center will not only meet a long-standing need at the College but will be a welcome addition to H-L's student-centered resources. The facility is expected to be open at the start of the fall semester.



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