



Hacking the Library: An Art in the Libraries Exhibition

Debuting at WVU Downtown Library August 2023 with companion online

About: The hacker ethos in the positive sense is about the ability to deconstruct and reconstruct information systems. Hacking starts with reconceptualizing libraries. Libraries are now beyond the book. As libraries evolve into a new sort of space --still a space for research, learning and study-- but also for community engagement and collaboration, library exhibits present a unique opportunity for both collaborating exhibitors and library users. Artists engage with libraries creatively through artist residencies, installations, using discarded library materials in their work, collaborative workshops, digital collections remixing, performances and more. *Hacking the Library* will present artwork that highlights the intersecting values that shape our libraries through an artistic lens, reflecting on challenges and definitions of libraries past and as we move into the future. Artists will respond using the template of definitions of hack, and the exhibition committee will jury work of various media into different themes around topics such as accessibility, knowledge holding/sharing, information/visual literacy and more.

Exhibit Consultation Committee: Karen Diaz, Dean of WVU Libraries; Sarah Palfrey, Director of Morgantown Public Libraries; Christine Hoffman, WVU Associate Professor of English; Sally Brown, WVU Libraries Exhibits Coordinator; and the [Art in the Libraries committee](#).

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