



APLA Memorial Award Committee Report May 2024

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Memorial Award 2024

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The committee met on Tuesday, April 23, 2024, at 8:30 am, to review the application for the Memorial Award. We unanimously decided to give the award (\$800) to Grace Bourret, Kaitlin Fuller, and their team of four other librarians. The group will conduct a study called, *Measuring the Impacts of Play in the Academic Library: A Cross-Sectional Study*.

The goal of the proposed project is to measure the impact of play on student outcomes using a cross-sectional study. We're specifically looking to measure:

- 1) enjoyment of the event,
- 2) satisfaction with the library, and
- 3) sense of belonging within the campus community

The committee is interested in the study We're excited to learn the results of this study. We're happy the Bourret/Fuller group has a detailed plan to share the results at a library assessment conference such as the Library Assessment Conference in November 2024, and at the APLA Conference in 2025. The group intends to upload their programming and to publish the results of their study.

The lessons learned will be useful to many libraries (school, public, and academic) as every library is looking for greater engagement. We think the results of this study will be useful to the Games Convener. Perhaps a collaboration between the applicants and Games could happen in the future.

Memorial Award Committee Goals

1. Become more active throughout the year in promoting the award.
2. Advertise the work of the winners.
3. Promote collaboration between committees, Atlantic library staff, and associations.

Next Steps

The committee will meet with Nathalie Richard, in June, to discuss the role the committee could take in social media promotion. The committee will then solidify our plans for the fall. We plan to meet with Nathalie's successor, in September, to continue the conversation and implement our plan.

Respectfully submitted, on behalf of the Memorial Award Committee,

by Evelyn Trainer

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