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## **Abstract**

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## **Comments**

The Interns at Gettysburg College's Musselman Library captured their internship experiences since the spring of 2011. Over time the blog has featured Fortenbaugh, Smith, and Holley interns. They shared updates on semester long projects, responded to blogging prompts, and documented their individual intern experience.



# Blogging the Library

The Interns @ Gettysburg College's Musselman Library

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February 9, 2018

by Elli Vega

Hello everyone! I'm Elli Vega, and I'm the new Fortenbaugh Intern for the Spring 2018 semester.

I'm a sophomore English w/ Writing Concentration and Women and Gender Studies Major, as well as a Japanese minor. When I was growing up, my public library was a place of refuge and exploration, but it I didn't exactly consider a profession in the library sciences until recently. As I grew from a book-devouring child to a book-devouring teenager, I realized I was beginning to fall out of love with libraries, and I couldn't exactly pen why. When I examined the root of my sudden falling out, I found a strange answer; my public and high school libraries didn't have a very diverse catalog that represented my interest, and the protagonists and authors inside their books weren't exactly reflective of who I was. But thankfully, that all changed when I came to college, and my love for the architecture and catalogue of Musselman Library was actually one of the reasons I chose to come here!

Last semester, I became increasingly enamored with the possibilities of working within archival science. During a Queer Theory course I took, we spoke about the importance of archiving queer history so that it will not be allowed to fall by the wayside. I feel like my place in library science is to help document and archive the history of minority communities in America so that their experiences don't become lost, and hopefully, one day, history books and popular narratives will focus on an intersectional portrayal of American history. Over the course of the semester, I'll hopefully be creating a project that addresses these themes, and I'll be sure to keep you updated.

But I'm not always taking myself so seriously! I spend most of my free time with my baby cat Caleb, who is almost a year old now, and I am a poet and Nintendo RPG addict. I also love working on The Mercury magazine on campus, and my favorite place to be is the Poetry Circle at Waldo's downtown.

So if you're looking to say hi, you can meet me at the Research Help Desk, where I've been learning to answer any research question under the sun. I might be still learning, but I'm

definitely up for a challenge. I mean, the best way to learn is through experience, so bring me any and all inquiries you can think of. I've also been lucky enough to work with some amazing librarians during my training and at the desk here, and they'll also definitely be able to figure out your questions.

I promise to keep you updated,  
Elli Vega