Everyone loves spring, including me. Partly because I get all these wild spring dandelion thoughts. Like, I’m riding to work this morning and thinking: Florida may have its problems, but my Scenic Highway commute isn’t one of them. The bay! The bay! And then this song my teenage self used to cry and cry and cry* to comes on the radio, only it’s this dance mix version. And I think: Is this middle age? You take a song that makes you want to rip your heart out and put it on the table** and turn it into something you SNAP your fingers to? But, just as I was getting a wee upset about that the Steve Miller Band came on and the bay, the bay! And all was right with the world. All this is to announce three things.

1) Spring Break is around the corner, and our hours will be 8-5:00 Monday-Friday. But we’ll open up regular hours the Sunday before classes start back up to help you catch up after beaching it all week.

2) We now have a rugged, waterproof VIRB 360° camera available for 4-day checkout so you can capture all your spring activities. Put it on like a Go-Pro and get 360 video!

3) Since I also love spring for basketball (I like the headbands), we are running Literary March Madness all month! We’ll start with a Sweet Sixteen of books that have been turned into movies, and you vote (in person by our display or on our website) until we get to a winner! So, vote early and often!

Our first round of brackets:
- It vs. Frankenstein
- Wrinkle in Time vs. Lion, Witch, and the Wardrobe
- Ready Player One vs. 12 Years a Slave
- Hunger Games vs. Handmaid’s Tale
- Game of Thrones vs. Pride & Prejudice
- Anna Karenina vs. Jane Eyre
- Wonder vs. 13 Reasons Why
- The Color Purple vs. A Clockwork Orange

*That’s cry4 for those keeping score
**Why on a table? I figure you should treat your heart with at least as much respect as you give your food.
***Google Stephen Crane Heart poem and read “In the Desert”****
****See how I used four keywords above to get to what I wanted since I couldn’t remember the poem’s title? Usually, in our databases, 2-4 keywords is your best bet.

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How to Network Workshop

Boy, howdy. This is a workshop I need. Usually, you’ll find me at a conference by the snack table (the cheese is delish, to be fair), scared to talk to anybody. Don’t let this be you. Join Career Services, the Library, and the Center for Entrepreneurship to learn how to network and make connections. March 21st, 4-6pm, Idea Space, Library 1st floor.

Women’s Studies Conference: March 23rd 8am-8pm

Join the Women’s Studies Collective for the 17th Annual Women’s Studies Conference, a yearly event that showcases student research and academic scholarship focused on women’s, gender, and sexuality studies. The WSC will also be hosting a workshop with Andrea Gibson on March 24th at 10 am. Both events are free and open to the public. Due to limited space, please register in advance online: https://uwfwomenstudiesconference.wordpress.com

Cookie Night March 20th @ 7pm