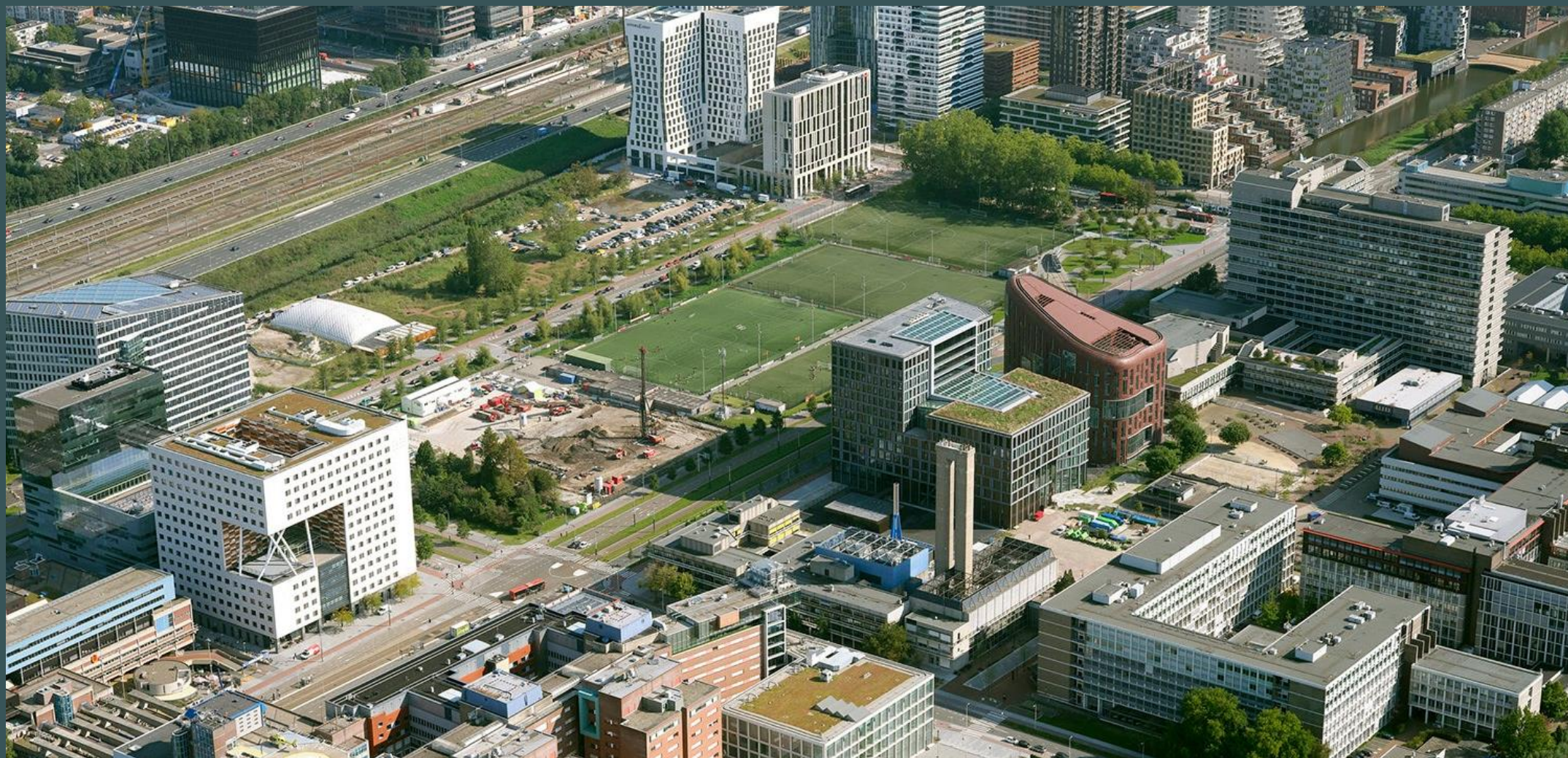


S(h)elf reflection: How we brought the print book back into the library space

Dr Anouk Nuijten, subject librarian for Humanities
Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam



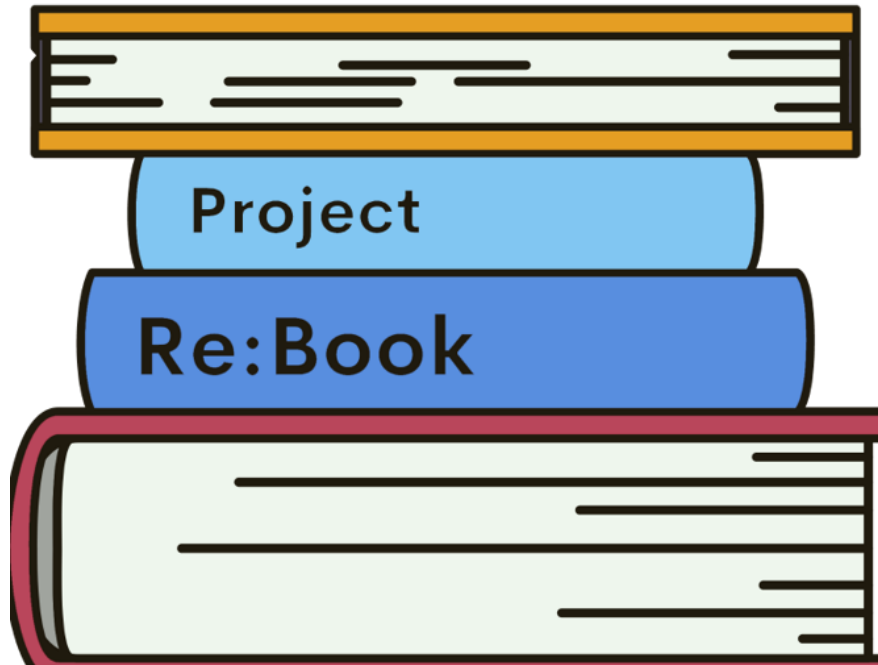


VU LIBRARY





HOW CAN WE REPURPOSE OUR PRINT COLLECTION?



PROJECT 'OMBOEKEN'

- September 2021 – December 2023
- Involvement of different departments (Information Services; Metadata & Acquisitions; Special Collections; Research Intelligence)
- Funding from VUVereniging and VU Strategy

THREE PILLARS



Books and their contents
as a source of inspiration



Books as the starting point for
social activities



Books as objects
(art & decoration)

WEEDING/DESELECTION

Main criteria:

- 1) Is the book being used in teaching?
- 2) Has the book been checked out more than three times?*
- 3) Has the book been checked out in the last 10 years?*

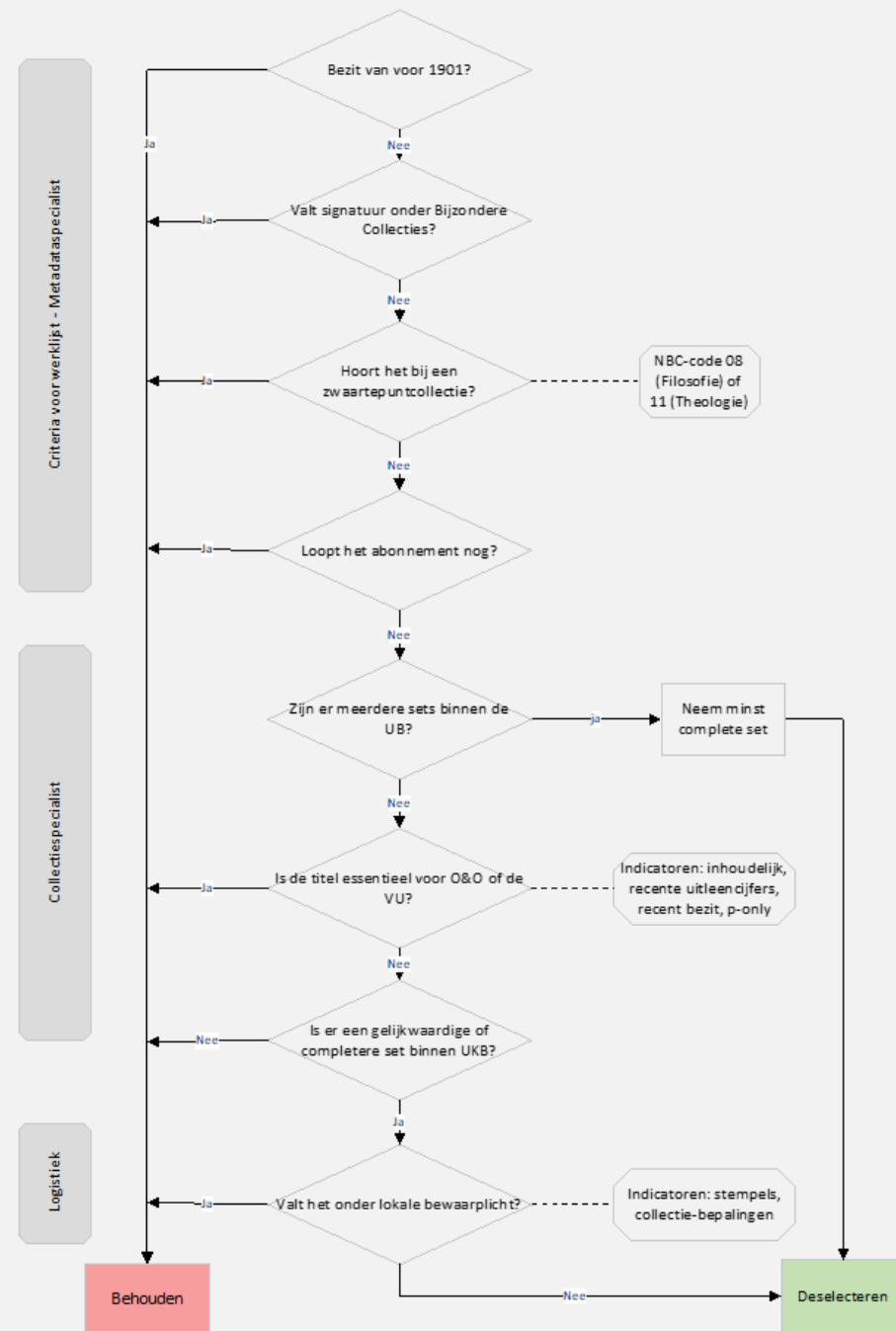
**Adjustable variable*

- Adherence to UKB policy



WEEDING/DESELECTION

- Pilot using collection of Art History monographs
- **20%** candidates for deselection
- WorldCat API
- Some issues:
 - Logistics
 - Donations
- Current focus on **journals**





Welcome
to
The Mindful
Library
Life's questions...

THEME LIBRARIES & INSPIRATIONAL COLLECTIONS

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- SDG collections
- Books that Matter
- Library Staff Picks
- Dutch Slavery Memorial Year
- Pride Library
- Mindful Library
- Decolonization Lab
- Environmental Humanities/SDG13
- PPE Collection
- *Open Science Collection (forthcoming)*
- *Researchers Room for ACASA (forthcoming)*

LIBRARY LOUNGE

Library ‘Living Room’ for hosting literary and cultural events.

Collections:

- Books That Matter
- Library Staff Picks
- *Next: student requests*

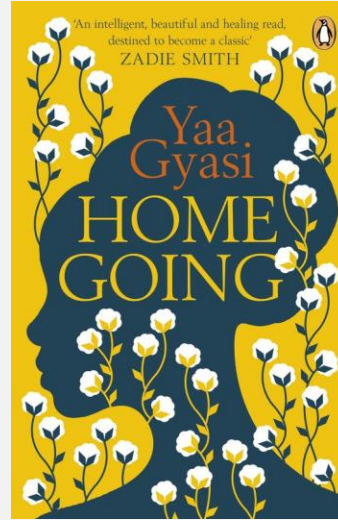
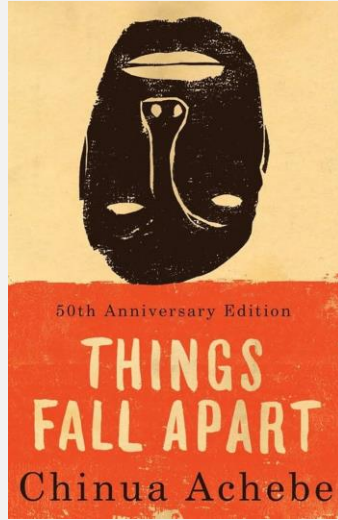
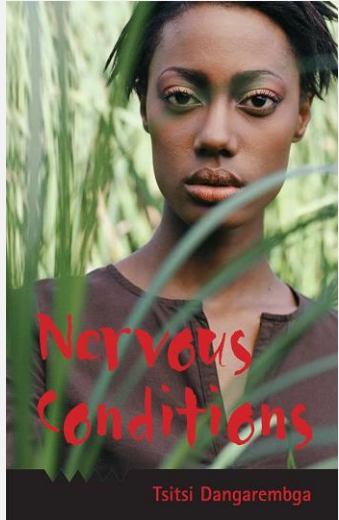




DECOLONIZATION LAB

Aims D-Lab:

- Physical space to learn about colonial history within the context of universities;
- Think about the question of what decolonization means for the VU.

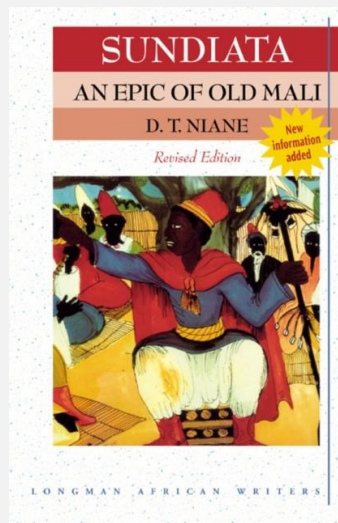
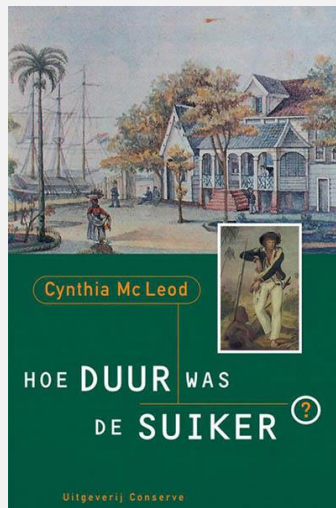
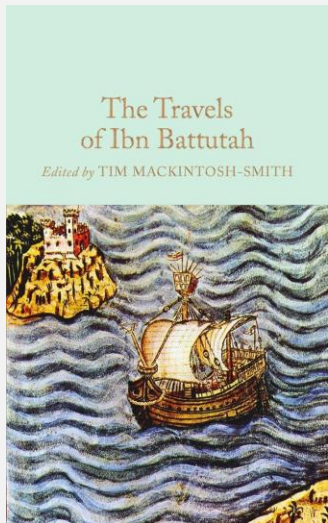


DECOLONIZATION LAB

Collection

Three pillars:

1. Colonialism from a global perspective;
2. Colonialism from Dutch and VU perspective;
3. The history of slavery.





DECOLONIZATION LAB

Involvement various partners & stakeholders:

- VU researchers & experts
- Student Diversity Office
- Study Associations FAM (Family of Academic Minds)
- Book quest with interested students
- Subject librarians, specifically from Religion & Theology (Michèle Meijer)
- Special Collections (curator Academic Heritage)

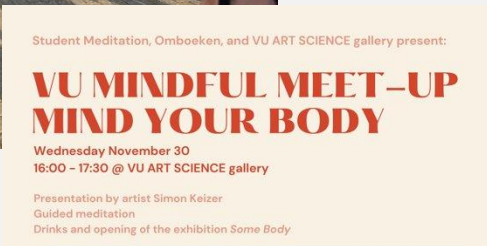
SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- Organized over 40 social activities
- Collaborations with more than 30 partners
- Community manager Laura Voordewind



2022

- Blind Book Date
- Book Quest
- Opening first Little Free Library
- Interviews with students for Pantheon
- Open Mic Poetry Night
- Kick-off Mindful Library
- Workshop Designing Little Free Libraries with students
- Opening Pop-up Library Green Office
- Official opening Pantheon
- Mindful Meet-Up: Mind Your Body
- Night @ The Library



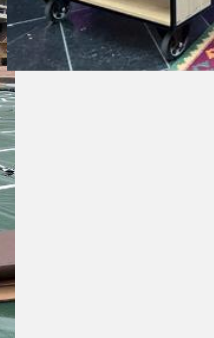
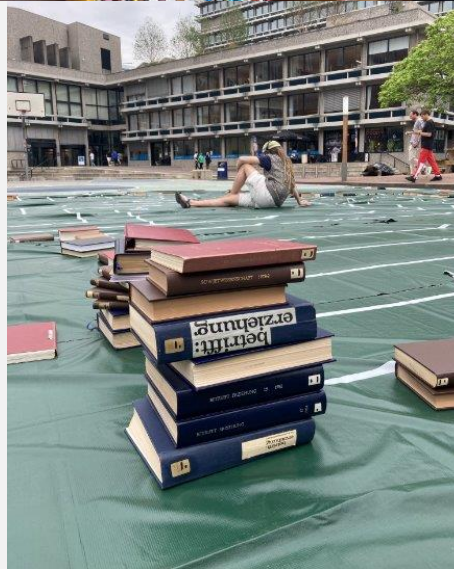
NIGHT @ THE LIBRARY

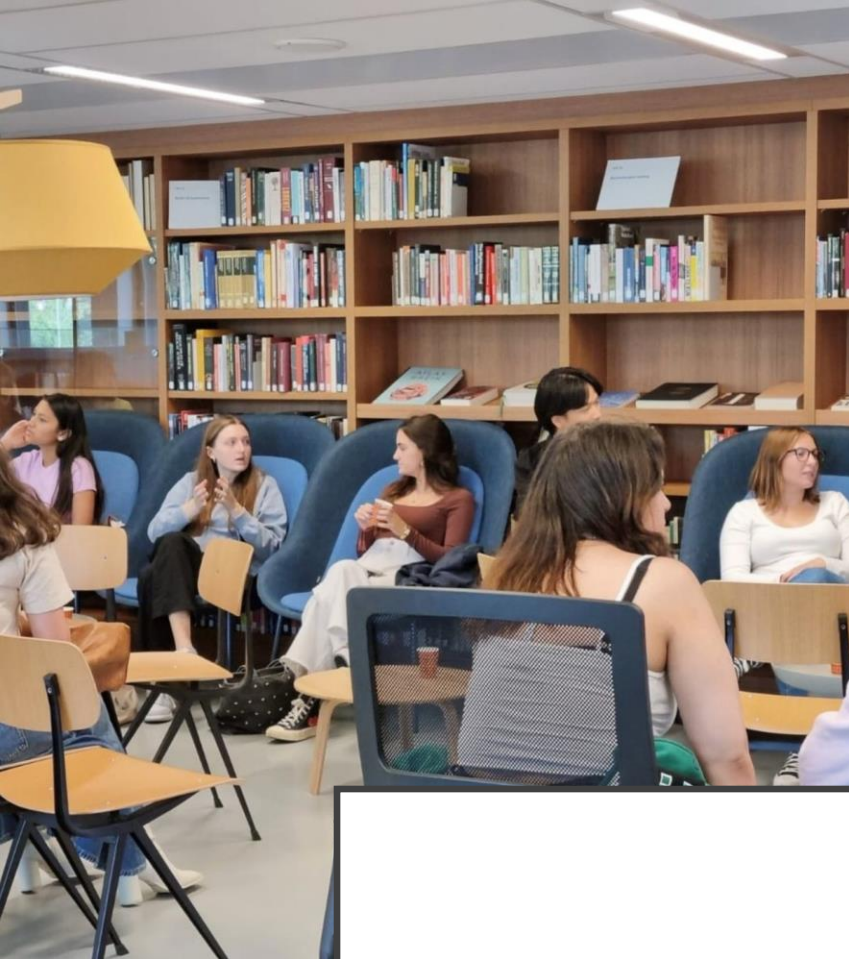
- December 2022
- Partners: study associations
Humanities
- Workshops & silent disco in
closed stacks
- February 2023
- Attended by over 100 students



2023

- Lunch reading Towards Gender Equality
- Kick-off Book Buddies
- Mindful Meet-up Origami
- Opening SDG 3 collection & 'Wellness Library'
- Book Quests
- Dèjà VU Festival
- Mindful Meet-up Labyrinth
- Art Science Dialogue
- Introduction week (BA & MA)
- Book presentation Paul Schenderling
- Books & Bites





BOOKS & BITES

BOOK BUDDIES KICK-OFF

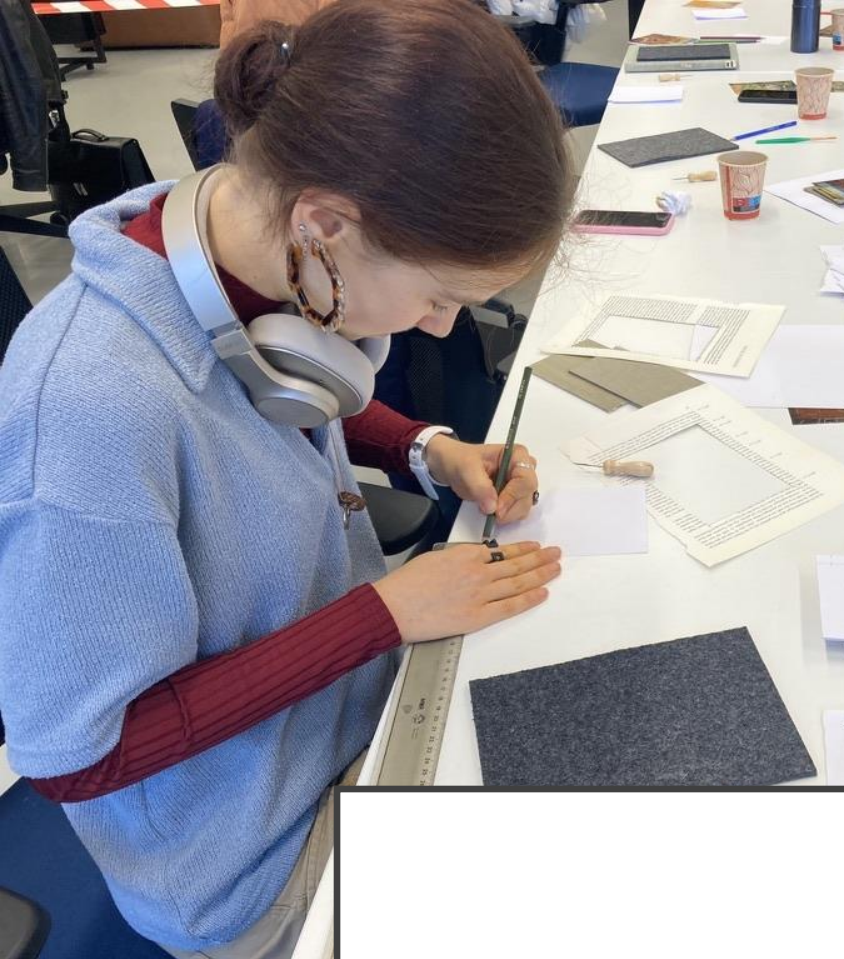
Come have a chat,
pick a book for our next
book club and enjoy
free pizza and drinks!



Library Lounge (First Floor Library)



BOOKS & BITES



S(H)ELF CARE > THE BOOKISH CRAFTS COLLECTIVE

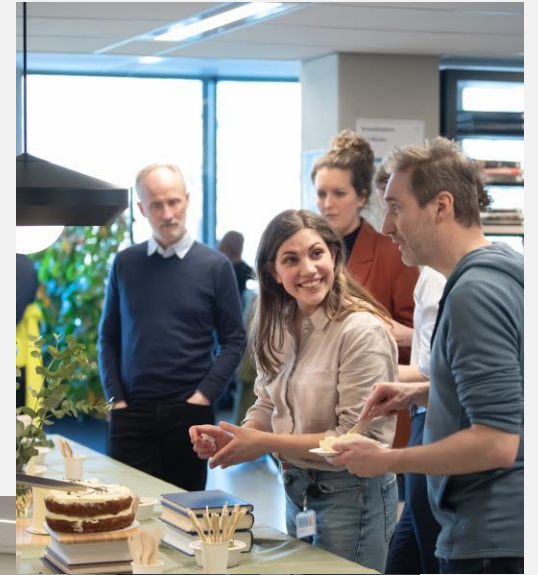


LIBRARY LOUNGE



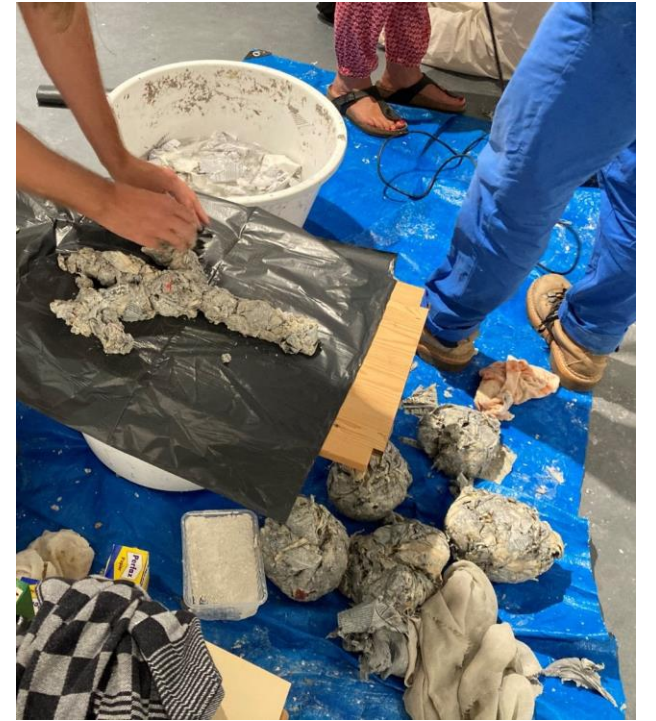
2023

- SunflowerSoup workshops
- SDG Pub Quiz
- Book Swap Market
- Opening PPE collection
- Sustainability Book Club
- S(h)elf Care Book Club
- Workshop: Recycled Notebooks
- Literary Alchemy: Repurposing the Page
- Boat Tour: 'Subjective Atlas of Amsterdam'
- Purple Friday: 'Paris is Burning' showing
- Opening Library Lounge
- Night @ The Library



SUNFLOWER SOUP WORKSHOPS

- ART SCIENCE Gallery
- Exhibition 'Creating the Commons'
- Create symbols for new alphabet
- Symbols available for download [here](#)





BOOK AS OBJECT

LIBRARY CORNER



RESULTS

- Workflows for deselection
- Theme libraries & Inspirational collections
- Book artwork & furniture

Important: **lessons learned**





PPE COLLECTION



POP-UP LIBRARY GREEN OFFICE
>
ENVIRONMENTAL HUMANITIES LIBRARY ROOM

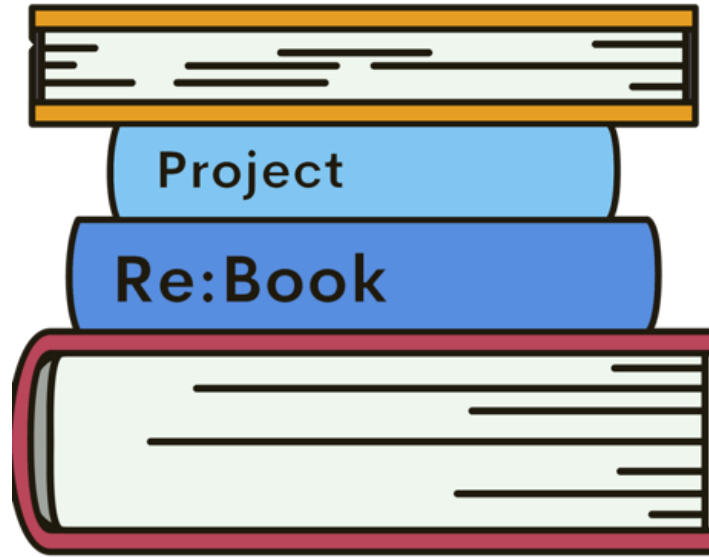
LESSONS

- Accessibility remote collections
- Student engagement
- Books as building material





LIBRARY LOUNGE



UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

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