

# On Display: Libraries as a Platform for Student Voices - VLA 2019

## THE ASSIGNMENT

### ENG 111 students:

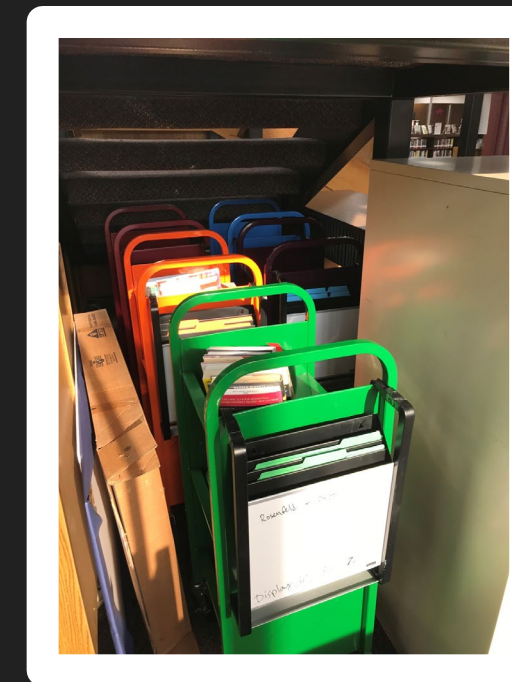
- Identify a topic or issue the community should be aware of.
- Write an argument essay establishing why the topic is important for the campus community to know about.
- Propose books/library resources for a library display on the topic.

Librarians review the proposals and select up to three students from each class to make their display a reality in the library.

## WHY WE ❤️ THIS PROJECT

- Fosters a sense of community and builds relationships among students, faculty, and staff
- Recognizes, values, and builds on students' experiences and interests
- Enhances student engagement, which we see during the library session and in their essays
- Provides students with a platform for sharing their ideas and raising awareness about issues they care about
- Helps students to think about how to present a topic visually
- Provides fresh ideas for collection development

*"The second research essay for the library is, in my opinion, the most essential assignment that I have ever done in my entire time at NOVA. I believe that the assignment's main intention was to help students get familiarized with the research tools all NOVA students have available to them. The way the assignment is formulated to ensure that the students use the assets at the library and online made it easy to find sources for my topic. This research assignment has made me set a new standard for the way that I find resources for my essays. I don't believe that any student didn't take away something useful from completing this assignment."* - ENG 111 student



*"I liked this [assignment] a lot... There was a lot more scope to the essay and I learned about useful tools. I liked that part about making people aware of an issue. It informs people about the said issue, but also shows that the library has books on a variety of topics. It shows what people think is important to them, and helps in understanding a person's drive and to an extent the dynamic of the school."* - ENG 111 student

