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What is *Off the Shelf*?

Off the Shelf is a biannual publication written by and about Grand Valley State University Libraries. The goal of the publication is to share the impact University Libraries has on faculty, staff, and students at Grand Valley.

Each issue of the publication will highlight resources and services, shedding light on the role that University Libraries plays in the Grand Valley community. If you have any questions about resources discussed in *Off the Shelf*, please contact University Libraries to learn how you can use them to benefit your work.

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About the Cover

The image on the cover of this issue is an adapted version of a flier created to advertise the 1973 National Poetry Festival held at Grand Valley State Colleges. The 1973 festival was the second ever held, and poets traveled from around the nation to attend the event. The invited poets that year included Diane di Prima, Robert Duncan, Allen Ginsberg, David Meltzer, and Kenneth Rexroth. The festival lasted for ten days and the nightly readings drew in audiences of 400 people.

This image is preserved in the Grand Valley Special Collections and University

Archives, a division of University Libraries. The University Archives includes items that paint a picture of Grand Valley's history through photographs, posters, and student media.

University Archives and the histories they document are featured on page 14 of this issue.

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