



Form and Function

Structuring Outreach to Support Wellness

University of Washington Bothell &
Cascadia College Campus Library
Community Reads Team



Our Team

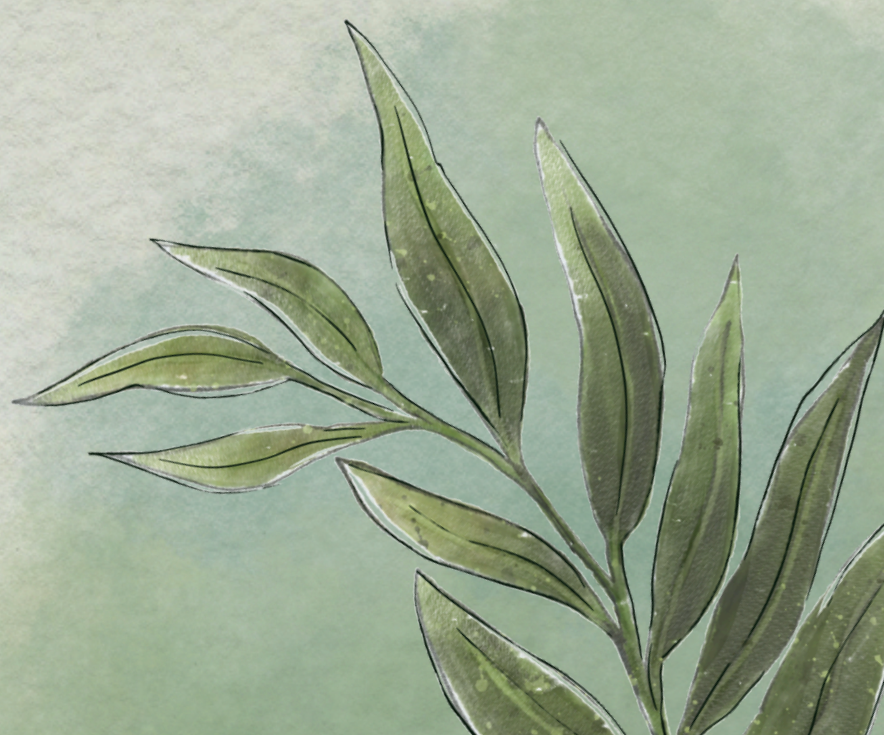

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Our Campus

- University of Washington Bothell & Cascadia College Campus Library
 - Two separate campuses; library serves both
 - Roughly 8,500 students, mostly undergraduates
 - Largely a commuter campus, but residential population is increasing
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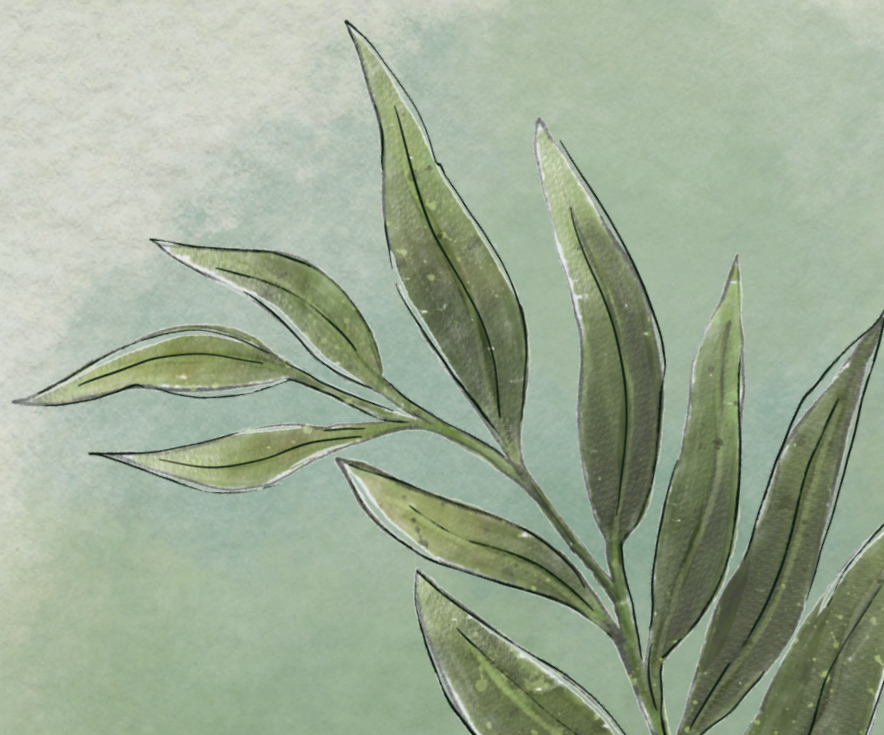


Community Reads Program

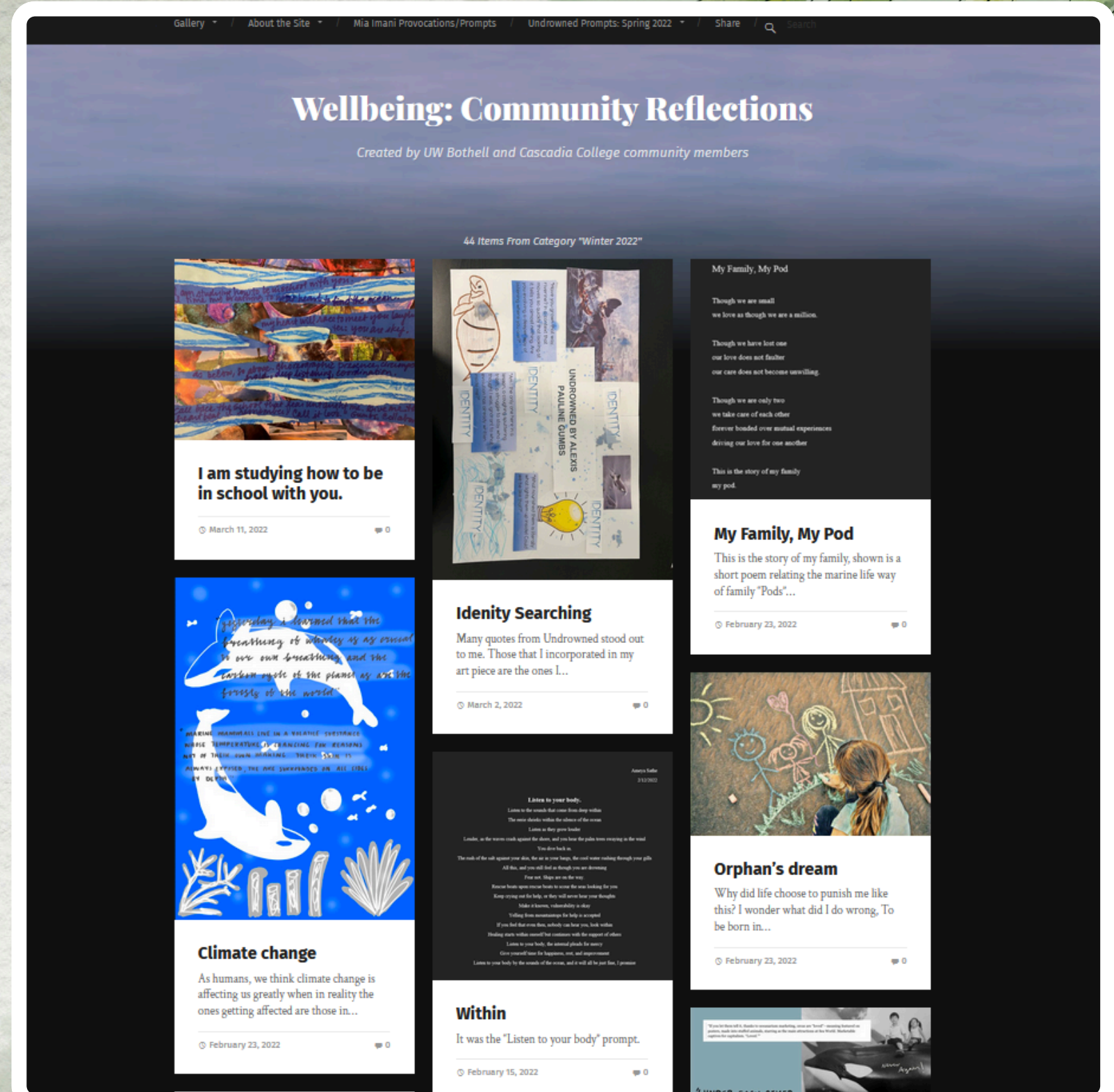
- Goal: Building community through common experiences
 - Started in 2016: a “book group” that became something more
 - Deepen campus engagement with social justice and DEI-focused topics through media
 - Shifted on online events and asynchronous activities during COVID
 - Ongoing experimentation with event modalities (with varied success)
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Centering Wellness

- Experimenting with a variety of event modalities
 - Always providing food
 - Selecting material that students care about (social justice/DEI)
 - Being responsive and adapting to community needs
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Programming



Community Visioning







Discussion

How do you design events or programs that prioritize student wellbeing?

How have events or programs at your library evolved over time in response to student or community needs?

What challenges have you faced in incorporating student wellness into your programming?



Resources

- Questions? Contact us at uwblibcommreads@uw.edu
- [Community Reads LibGuide](#)
 - [Community Reflections SPLOTbox](#)
- [UWB/CC Land Acknowledgment](#)