

2023-2024 Wake the Library Committee End of Year Summary

The 2023-2024 Wake the Library Committee members were David Link (Co-Chair), Tim Mitchell (Co-Chair), Will Clark (Co-Chair), Kylie Bradley, Ashelee Gerald Hill, Veronica Escamilla-Brady, Jeffrey Eller, and Maddie Koontz (ZSR Fellow).

It was another successful year for Wake the Library. Again, we offered individual snacks and stress relief activities throughout the day during finals. This was a big success when we moved to this format and again, the students loved it. They were very appreciative of the support we offer during exam week. We heard many times how much they loved the library for doing this for them.

WTL tries to offer 3 servings for each weekday. Serving times are fluid to help accommodate the other departments we partner with. Most often, times range 10am-11am, 4pm-5pm, and 7pm-8pm. Along with the regular staples of individual bagged snacks, fresh fruit, bottled tea, juice and energy drinks along with hot tea and coffee, this year we tried to give a few more healthy options. We added fresh cut veggies (carrot, cherry tomatoes, and celery), hummus, string cheese, honey straws, and nuts and trail mixes to the menu. We also offered fresh popped popcorn during the fall event and popsicles for both fall and spring.

Study kits (sticky notes, pins, stickers, note cards, ect) are offered during each semester. For the spring event it was all offered on one day. For the fall event we decided to break it up and offer it a couple of times during the week. This seemed to work out better with more students able to participate. Veronica found extra money and ZSR schwag was bought from 4Imprint and offered to the students. Items included clean spray w/cloth, smart spot phone desk stand, and high five highlighter. Due to late delivery only part of the 4Imprint order went out. The remainder will be offered Fall of 2025.

David and Tim (Fall) / Veronica (Spring) presented to the Student Activities Fund (SAF) requesting additional funds to supplement the ZSR budget. Funding from SAF is pretty much a given, they love working with us, but a presentation needs to be made every semester.

Once again Daisha Bunn added her skills to the promotional video production for Wake the Library. A new dinosaur costume was purchased and with the help of some student volunteers a new video short was created for each semester's event.

Every Semester WTL Committee tries to partner with other departments/resources on and off campus to add additional activities.

During the Fall 2023 event, we partnered with

- Aramark, Stress Free Snacks
- UCC Fairies, doughnuts
- Biscuitville, donation of 100 biscuits
- WFU School of Business, 100 (Bagel Station) bagels
- WFU Campus Police walked through ZSR with Krispy Kreme doughnuts
- Harvest Table, stress free snacks

- Waker Space, Take & Make projects and coloring books

During the Spring 2024 event, we partnered with

- Aramark, Stress Free Snacks
- UCC Fairies, several walk throughs with giveaways
- Biscuitville, donation of 100 biscuits
- WFU School of Business, 100 (Bagel Station) bagels
- Harvest Table, stress free snacks
- CLASS, 300 sausage balls from Biscuitville
- Office of Campus Life, pop-up in library with campus schwag
- PAWS Alliance (Puppies and Popsicles)
- Alee Wile: campus Yoga instructor. A free evening class was offered but no one showed up.
- Waker Space: had to pull out at the last minute but did send over schwag that was very popular

Goals for 2024-2025

- Continue to provide snacks and stress relief activities with little to NO leftovers
- Look for partners from across campus and bring new ideas for stress relief activities to the students