



LOEX Fall Focus 2025

Wellness, Welcome, and Belonging: Empowering Students through Connection and Community

Question 1: What belonging or wellness-based initiatives is your library currently implementing?

↻ MYSTERIOUS MOTH 11/17/25 6:20PM

Finals Week Programming

Drop-in activities for students to take a break from studying (crafts, snacks, etc.)

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↻ HONEST HUMMINGBIRD 11/17/25 6:20PM

student-led pop-up events for things like pumpkin painting, coloring

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Reliable Toad 11/17/25 6:22PM

Button/badge making

↻ RELIABLE SHRIMP 11/17/25 6:20PM

Events and spaces

Student de-stress events, relaxation station, meditation room, jigsaw puzzle, VR games in our makerspace

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↻ FRIENDLY LLAMA 11/17/25 6:21PM

We are going to be doing a gratitude event this week where students can make buttons or write postcards to people that they can mail.

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↻ POLITE GECKO 11/17/25 6:21PM

hula-hooping!

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↻ STACEY SHAH 11/17/25 6:21PM

Student advisory collective, bad art event, crafts table, study break event

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↻ ASPITZ2 11/17/25 6:21PM

White board questions as passive programming

including some "low stakes hot takes" kinds of questions (recent one was "are zombies cannibals?")

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↩ CAREFUL KANGAROO 11/17/25 6:21PM

finals wee support

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↩ BLUSHING PORCUPINE 11/17/25 6:22PM

We do lots of wellness-based outreach: pet therapy, crafts like button-making, puzzle table

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↩ EXCITED STORK 11/17/25 6:22PM

Tiny book boxes

Tiny book crafting (3-d printed book base and gluing on book covers)
is one new initiative I did with students this year that was very popular.

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↩ AFFECTIONATE RAY 11/17/25 6:22PM

Finals week

Take a break and origami

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↩ ARTISTIC AARDVARK 11/17/25 6:22PM

Exam de-stress- free snacks and hot drinks, mindfulness activities, available throughout the exam period

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↩ WISE PUMA 11/17/25 6:22PM

Finals week programming: sticker making, puzzles, snacks
monthly events- usually food-related
Participate in campus-wide events like week of welcome

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↩ COMPASSIONATE BADGER 11/17/25 6:22PM

Wellness-based Initiatives

- Zine Making
- Crochet and Knitting
- Stress Corner w/ puzzles and coloring
- Button making
- Open House w/ Special Collections Display
- Meet Your Librarians Breakfast

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↩ ARTISTIC ANT 11/17/25 6:22PM

"Create a Critter" (kind of like Build-a-Bear) event during our Stressbusters week

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↩️ **POLITE GECKO** 11/17/25 6:22PM

primal scream during finals

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↩️ **PEACEFUL TUNA** 11/17/25 6:22PM

We have a series of de-stress events during finals week, as well as a number of fun "get to know the library" events during new student week (mystery event, crafts, tours, etc)

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↩️ **DEFIANT KANGAROO** 11/17/25 6:22PM

Scare Fair

We host a Halloween themed scavenger hunt that doubles as information and tours of the libraries.

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↩️ **ASPIT Z2** 11/17/25 6:23PM

coloring table, jigsaw puzzle, "just keep swimming" wall where students can add positive messages on a little fish

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↩️ **RELIABLE TOAD** 11/17/25 6:23PM

Therapy dogs visit

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↩️ **HONEST HUMMINGBIRD** 11/17/25 6:32PM

Brought foster kittens to campus as a midterms de-stress event... huge turnout, probably 150 students came

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Question 2: What's one simple way you could build a stronger sense of belonging for your students?

↩️ **BLUSHING PORCUPINE** 11/17/25 6:34PM

Unfortunately there's no one simple way to build it. Our students are mostly graduate students and we're always struggling to engage them in outreach events unless they're only for a few minutes.

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↩️ **POLITE GECKO** 11/17/25 6:34PM

Make sure their voices are heard in library decision-making

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↩ ASPITZ2 11/17/25 6:34PM

Collaboration with student clubs

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↩ PEACEFUL TUNA 11/17/25 6:34PM

Sensory kits

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↩ FRIENDLY LLAMA 11/17/25 6:35PM

Asking students what kind of events they would like.

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↩ EXCITED STORK 11/17/25 6:35PM

Interrogate systemic barriers and work to dismantle them

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↩ STACEY SHAH 11/17/25 6:35PM

Provide them agency - like letting them create a display

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↩ WISE PUMA 11/17/25 6:35PM

making sure students are aware of our support services. Making sure we are getting information out there

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↩ DEFIANT KANGAROO 11/17/25 6:35PM

Meet Students where they're at

Go outside the library and meet students at other locations on campus for events to connect with all students, not just ones that get into the library.

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↩ HONEST HUMMINGBIRD 11/17/25 6:36PM

I would like to create a student library club for this reason

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↩ FABULOUS PIGEON 11/17/25 6:36PM

Special Collections

We're redoing our Reading Room policy to swap negative language "no food / don't do this / don't do that" with welcoming language "please finish your food before entering / do this / thank you for doing..."

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↩️ **COMPASSIONATE BADGER** 11/17/25 6:36PM

- Multilingual Resources

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