

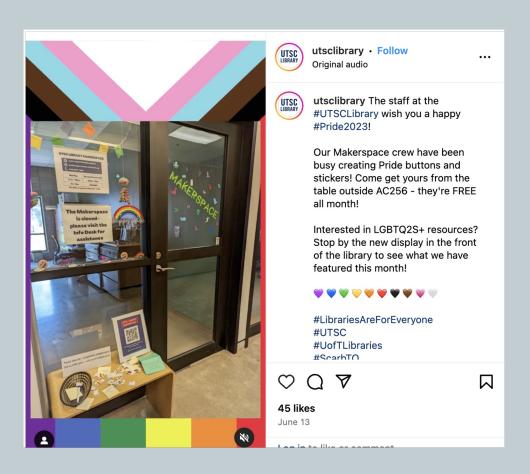
"Special Collections reading rooms inherited by research libraries across the Western world were design for white men. Even as the existence of some of these spaces predates constructions of white masculinity as we understand them today, their interiorities – roots in the visual language of power and colonialism – have contributed to the process by which those constructions have been formed."

- Jesse Ryan Erickson, "The Gentleman's Ghost: Patriarchal Eurocentric Legacies In Special Collections Design" from Archives and Special Collections as Sites of Contestation

"As it stands now, the Maker identity and technical DIY activities are not for everyone; in many ways it actually reinforces an ingrained culture of white masculinity in the design and deployment of technology while rhetorically claiming universality. Only certain types of Making are truly considered as part of the culture, for example, fixing a car as a hobbyist is considered and promoted as Making in a completely different way than a mechanic who fixes cars for a living."

- "Power, Access, Status: The Discourse of Race, Gender, and Class in the Maker Movement" from the Technology and Social Change Group at the University of Washington Information School

INSPIRATION FROM CANADA





"Micro-affirmations are tiny acts of opening doors to opportunity, gestures of inclusion and caring, and graceful acts of listening. Micro-affirmations lie in the practice of generosity, in consistently giving credit to others-in providing comfort and support when others are in distress"

 Mary Roe, "Micro-affirmations & Micro-inequities" in the Journal of the International Ombudsman Association (Vol 1 / No 1, 2008)

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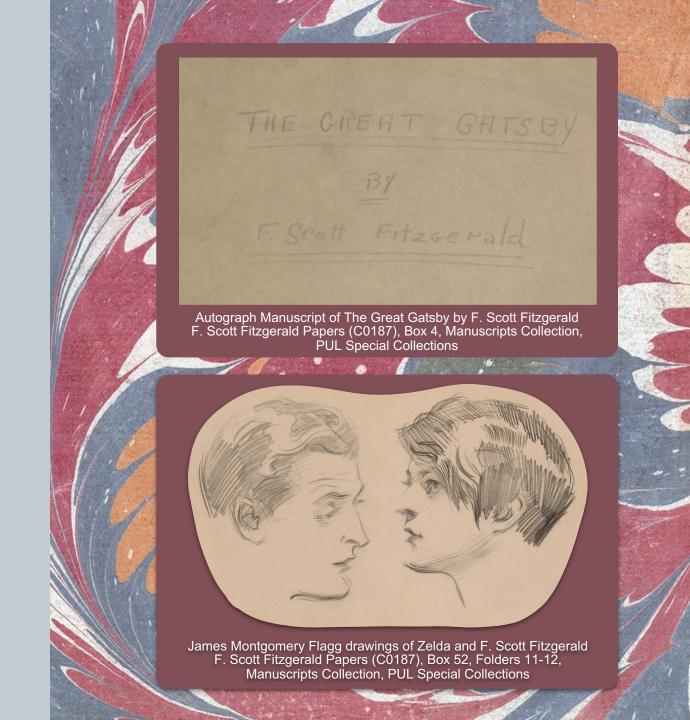
Is the image cool? Pretty? Whimsical? Eye-catching

Relevant to an upcoming event or holiday?

Inclusivity

Be thoughtful and diverse in your selections

Balance with being sensitive to other languages and cultures removed from their context





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