

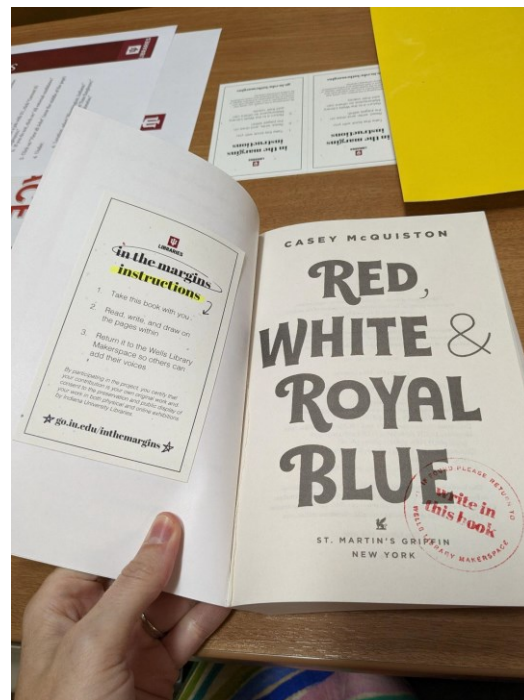
## Research Incentive Fund Report

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### About the Project

“In the Margins” is a creative and cooperative project that aims to delight and engage students at IU Bloomington. The project consists of a small collection of books at the Wells Library Makerspace. Students are encouraged to take a book, contribute through annotations and drawings, and bring it back so others can add their voices.



## **Project Outcomes**

As of October 2023, we have purchased 83 titles with funding from InULA and an IUB Libraries support grant. All of the titles were recommended by students. We initially solicited recommendations at the Wells Library Friday Finish outreach event and have continued to collect suggestions using paper forms at the Makerspace.

Students have responded very positively to the project, and it's been challenging to keep books on the shelf! All but five of the titles have been borrowed at least once. We are currently reviewing our borrowing process and hope to find a better way to ensure that materials are returned quickly.

## **Scholarship**

In November 2023, Leanne will give a presentation about the project at the Association of Creative Technologies in Academic Libraries conference at Virginia Commonwealth University. We plan to pursue additional presentation and publication opportunities once the project is complete.

We are grateful to InULA for the opportunity to provide a fun and creative outlet for students.