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University students have been filling up the bookstore's "Wall of Love" with Valentine's Day messages.

Bookstore boasts larger-than-life card

by different people. Some end cards, some send flowers and some may choose to use the University Bookstore's "Wall

bookstore's version of a grant Valentine's Day card. It's a large poster that hangs inside the front entrance to the store, waiting to be decorated with messages, that is available for anyone to

One of the bookstore's dis play artists, Judy Santilippo, came up with the idea last year created this year's version of the

The poster is decorated with hearts, and chalk pencils are provided for writing messages. After the hearts are all filled, the extra space on the poster can also be used for messages here is always room to

Like last year, the response the wall is overwhelming. The messages have been surprisingly positive, said Marianne Erwin, bookstore promotion manager. "Both years, the wall has almost filled up on the first

The bookstore's purpose is to get people involved in Valentine's Day. The wall caters to difterent facets of the community and draws people together through love, say staff members

You see all these people showing their happiness by writng about their love in front of everyone," said University student

Because the wall is so successful, bookstore promoters see it as a potential annual event. "It's not a big promotion deal for the store necessarily, Erwin said. "It's just for fun!"

"I think it is a great idea," said bookstore customer Doug Clark. I ve never seen it done before."

Bookstore employees have noticed the positive response to the grant card also. "People are always coming up to me and asking if it is OK if they write on the wall," said bookstore cashier Sharon Bauer.

We see people laboring over their messages, trying to say just

the right thing," Erwin said. Whether it is a detailed poem or a message written in another

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