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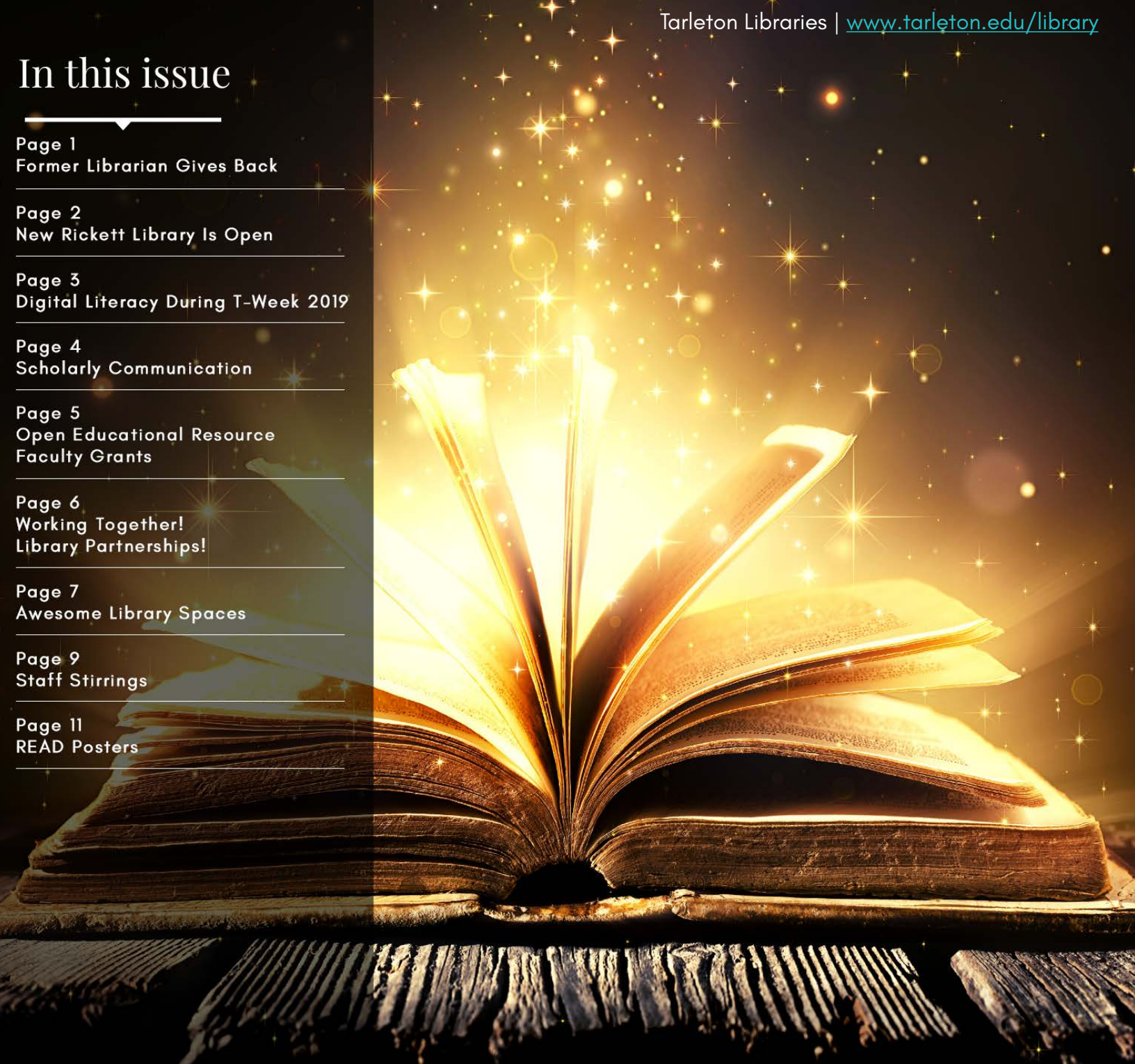
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Former Dick Smith Librarian Gives Back

At the September 2018 Friends of the Dick Smith Library dinner, the library received a wonderful announcement. Jane Dickson, a former reference librarian who retired in 2006 after over 25 years at Tarleton, created a planned gift to fund an endowment supporting professional and paraprofessional staff development in the field of library and information science. As a former librarian, Dickson understands the importance of professional development and how challenging it is to fund training and travel. The grant supports development projects such as attending conferences, acquiring certifications, tuition reimbursements, and even group training opportunities.

The Jane Bonner Dickson Professional Development Grant has been funded with a \$207,500 endowment by Ms. Dickson over the last two years since its conception in 2018. In addition, Dickson has gifted \$14,500 for immediate use.

Six individuals were selected in January 2019 to receive the first round of grants. Tonya Dobson was awarded the grant for a Fred Pryor workshop

license, which allowed her unlimited access to training opportunities for a year. Access includes live sessions, choice of over to 5,000 online courses, and certification opportunities in a wide variety of professional topics, such as accounting, leadership, software training, and project management. Awardee, Tracy Holtman, used the grant to attend the Association of College and Research Libraries' conference, held in Cleveland, Ohio in April 2019. The theme of the conference was "Recasting the Narrative," which focused on how libraries and librarians must continually adapt and reinvent themselves to stay current in the 21st century. Four library employees who were working on graduate degrees, received the grant as a tuition reimbursement. Kym Schow and Christy Tabors each received a grant to help fund their tuition as they completed their Doctor of Education in Leadership. In addition, Kim Gragg and Yeidi Rios, who were taking courses to complete their Master of Library Science degrees, each received a grant.

These grant opportunities allowed library staff to learn and grow in new ways professionally, which wouldn't be possible without Jane Dickson's generous donation.



The New Rickett Library is Open



Tarleton's new Rickett Library opened on August 1, 2019 during the Grand Opening of Tarleton's Fort Worth location. Rickett Library has two librarians: Kym Schow and Lisa Wan. Other staff members include Carrie Pike, Circulation Specialist, and four student workers. The new library space of over 9,000 square feet quintuples the size of Texan Hall Library, Tarleton's previous Fort Worth location.

Rickett Library's book collection is available for checkout by students, faculty, and staff. The book collection contains over 4,000 books which support curricular needs for children's literature, and study in Education, Psychology, Counseling, Social Work, Criminal Justice, Medical Laboratory Science, Nursing, Business, Finance, Marketing, Accounting, Public Administration, and Communications. Reference materials include books such as subject-focused dictionaries and academic subjects' foundational materials, thesauri, writing guides, and even the new 7th edition of the APA Manual.



Amenities abound at Rickett Library. Librarians are available to help with patrons' research and reference questions. Circulation staff are ready to check out books to patrons. Eight study pods, similar to first-class seating in an airplane, are provided for individual use. Five study rooms, including two rooms with collaboration stations and one room with a green screen and recording equipment, may be used by student groups. Twenty computers are available for patron use. A black & white printer, color printer, and KIC scanner are provided. Student support services include a Writing Lab and Accounting Lab. Information Technology services may be found at the back of the library.

Just as Texan Hall Library served the needs of Tarleton in Fort Worth for 10 years, Rickett Library is ready to serve the needs of the Tarleton community now and for many years to come.





Digital Literacy During T-Week 2019

Thanks to Tarleton's participation in the American Democracy Project, an initiative of the American Association of State Colleges and Universities (AASCU), an opportunity arose this year for the Dick Smith Library to become more involved with Transition Week (T-Week). Previously, all freshmen would get a library tour during T-Week, but in 2019, in addition to the tour, the library offered informational sessions to the students. In an effort to teach digital literacy skills to the incoming freshmen, library staff presented the "four moves" approach developed by Dr. Michael Caulfield, Head of the Digital Polarization Initiative of the

American Democracy Project. The "four moves" approach presents a process to help students discern the truth while using the web:

- Check for previous work
- Go upstream to the source
- Read laterally
- Circle back

The library offered 21 sessions with a total of 2,201 students on Tuesday, August 20, 2019. Library staff look forward to helping students have a smooth transition into the Tarleton community in the future. For more information about the American Democracy Project, visit the [AASCU's website](#).

Scholarly Communication

Tarleton Libraries expanded services this year by adding a Scholarly Communication Librarian. Scholarly Communication includes both the formal and informal ways researchers communicate, create scholarly content, evaluate work, and share information.

The library's Electronic Resources & Scholarly Communication Department hopes to promote research at Tarleton and increase the university's scholarly impact. Scholarly Communication offers guidance with data management, copyright, publishing, and scholarly impact metrics.



Last fall, the department offered several sessions aimed at supporting research and scholarship:

- How to Design a Research Poster
- Grant and Foundation Funding with Pivot
- Best Practices and Tips for Research

Tarleton Libraries looks forward to offering more research oriented sessions this year.





Open Educational Resource Faculty Grants

In April 2019, the Division of Academic Affairs awarded grants to 10 outstanding faculty members who adopted open educational resources (OER) to use in their classes for the next four semesters. "OER is a relatively new path to save students money and enhance student success. For students at Tarleton that is extremely important," said Associate Provost Dr. Diane Taylor. Grant awardees implemented their OERs last fall semester, and have already saved students an estimated \$242,207.

Library staff coordinated an OER Nuts & Bolts workshop to guide faculty as they selected and

implemented OERs. Then, the Center for Instructional Innovation helped faculty embed OER into Canvas, and created easy to follow modules. So far, the faculty have received positive feedback from students who appreciate using freely available resources. Dr. Faulkenberry used the grant to create his own OER, which quickly gained popularity and is being translated into Japanese! He was also invited to demo his OER at a workshop in Amsterdam.

During Open Access Week in October, the library hosted a reception honoring the grant library winners. Awardees discussed OER implementation, feedback from students, and future plans. Academic Affairs announced they will be offering the grant again for 2020. The library is excited to continue supporting this effort and promoting OER usage.

Tarleton OER 2019 Grant awardees:

Drs. Derrill Watson and Hari Katuwal - Accounting, Finance & Economics
 Drs. Jennifer Edwards, Karley Goen and Tracey Holley - Communication Studies
 Dr. Dana Kay Manning - Curriculum & Instruction
 Dr. Rajesh Vuddandam - Engineering & Computer Science
 Casey Thompson, J.D. - Government, Legal Studies & Philosophy
 Dr. Atsuko Kawakami - History, Sociology & GIS
 Dr. Thomas Faulkenberry - Psychological Sciences

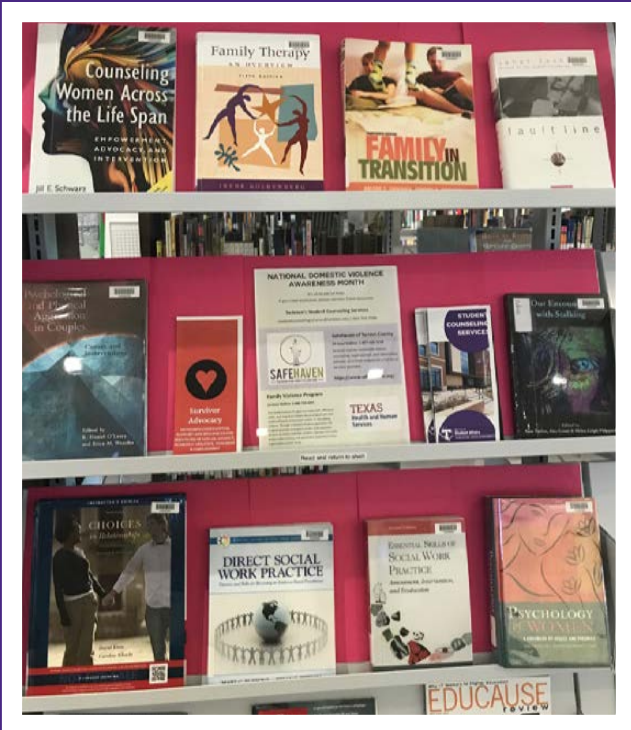
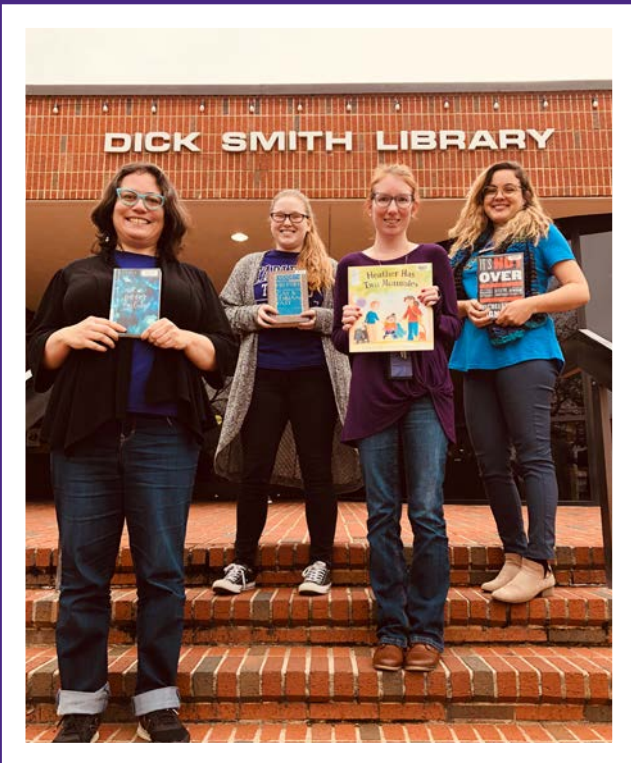
Working Together!

Library Partnerships!

Howwwwdy! During the last week of August of 2019, several employees from the library family greeted students during Howdy Week. Working with Student Involvement and Family Relations, the library staff offered breakfast snacks, directions, and a friendly smile. It was a great opportunity to welcome everyone home!

Joining with the Gay-Straight Alliance, a group of library employees greeted students at the Tarleton Pride event in October of 2019. A sample of LGBTQ+ books were displayed and bookmarks were handed out to attendees. Students were encouraged to visit the library to learn more about available resources.

Books related to domestic violence were displayed at both the Dick Smith Library and Rickett Library during October for Domestic Violence Awareness month. A helpful poster was included listing contact information for those in need of assistance. The display included brochures from the Department of Counseling offering details about their services and other cooperative partnerships.





Awesome Library Spaces

Dick Smith Library is the perfect cozy library in which to get your studying done. It's filled with different types of study spaces to meet the needs of those who wish to study alone or in groups. On the main level you'll find collaboration tables with large monitors and computers alongside the windows. Located behind the Reference desk, you can study and get a work out on our study bikes. More study rooms with monitors, and computers are conveniently situated near the main level printers. The third level offers quiet individual study rooms and more group study rooms as well. For group studying, rooms are available for reserve on a first-come, first-serve basis. Many of the first-come, first-serve study rooms are new additions. You'll be able to recognize them because they are surrounded by window panels. These rooms are each fully equipped with

a monitor, computer, white board, and USB port. The upper level also features new purple study booths along the walls. These are good for studying alone or in pairs. Lastly, located in the lower level, are more study spaces. Through the Reference Legal Collection doors, there is a reservable presentation practice room packed with a projector, recording device, white board, speakers, and table with chairs. Located by the stairs, are two more collaboration tables with large monitors and computers.

Share what your favorite library space is on Twitter using [@TarletonLib!](https://twitter.com/TarletonLib)

Dr. Hurley's Tour of the Library

“Tarleton Libraries strive to enlighten, educate, and connect.”
-Dr. James Hurley



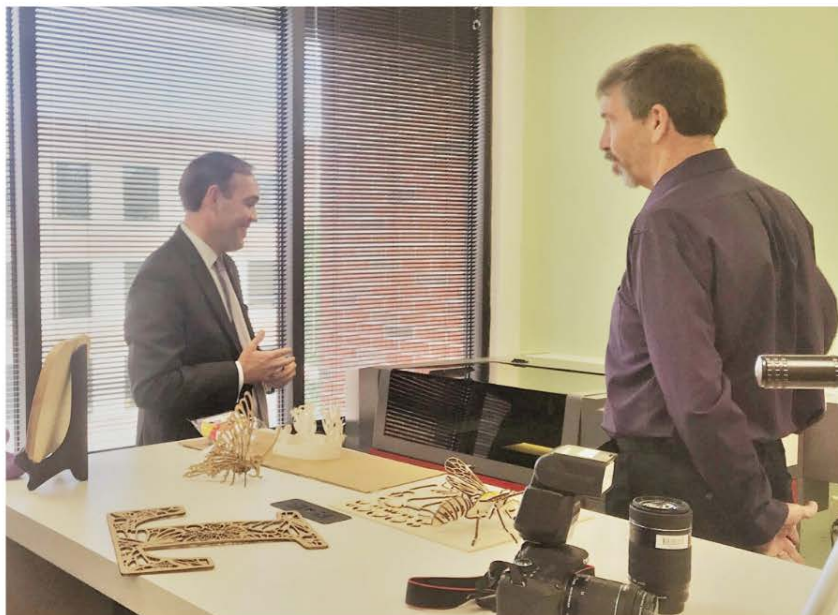
Checking out the archives on the lower level.



Meeting Tarleton's library users.



Exploring the study bikes!



Discovering all that The Maker Spot has to offer.



Helping out a fellow Accounting Major.



Staff Stirrings

We will forever remember 2019 as a year of phenomenal library transformations. Retirements, resignations, educational advancements, and the creation of the new Rickett Library in Fort Worth provided opportunities to hire new people, create new positions, and reassign existing staff.

We said bittersweet goodbyes to six staff members: Sharon Alexander, Cataloging Specialist (13 years); Jodie Baker, Reference Librarian (15 years); Amanda Pape, Coordinator for Archives and Special Services (13 years); Ally Warren, Periodicals Associate (2 years); Kay Wiley, Acquisitions Associate (18 years); and Cathy Wilterding, Coordinator for Outreach and Instruction (18 years) for a total of 79 years of service.

We welcomed eight new staff members: Alexa Beeman, Marketing and Outreach Specialist; Nikki Bossaller, Acquisitions Associate; Tristan Fesmire, End User Support Specialist; Adam Keim, Reference & Instruction Librarian; Katie Pierce Farrier, Scholarly Communications Librarian; Carrie Pike, Circulation Specialist at Rickett Library; Gwen Sherman, Electronic Resources Associate; and McKenna Wiley, Cataloging Specialist.

We congratulated four staff members for educational achievements. Kym Schow and Christy Tabors earned Doctor of Education (EdD) degrees from Hardin-Simmons University. Kim Gragg and Yeidi Rios earned Master of Library Science (MLS) degrees from Texas Woman's University.

We reorganized the library through promotions and position changes of the following: Amy Castillo, Manager of Electronic Resources & Scholarly Communication; Melissa Cookson, Coordinator of Cataloging & Metadata; Tonya Dobson, Business Coordinator; Kimberly Gragg, Coordinator of Access Services; Chris Grantham, Coordinator of Library Technology Services; Tracy Holtman, Associate Director of Resource Management & Discovery; Natalia Juarez, Periodicals Associate; Yvonne Mulhern, Undergraduate Engagement Librarian; Yeidi Rios, Reference Librarian; Kym Schow, Manager of Global Learning & Outreach based in Fort Worth; Jennifer Sherwood, Associate Director of User Services; Christy Tabors, Manager of Research & Learning; Joshua Wallace, Coordinator of Information Literacy & Academic Engagement; and Lisa Wan, Coordinator of Tarleton Fort Worth Library Services.

We also celebrated the arrival of a library baby. Christy Tabors became a new mom to Eleanor in June.



*New
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recent
graduates
and
goodbyes!*



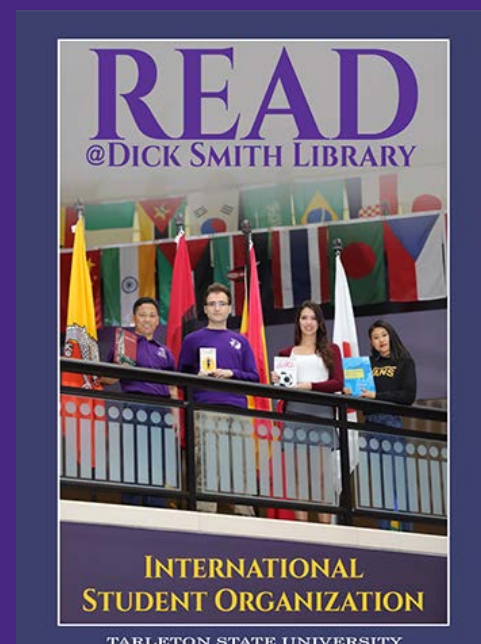
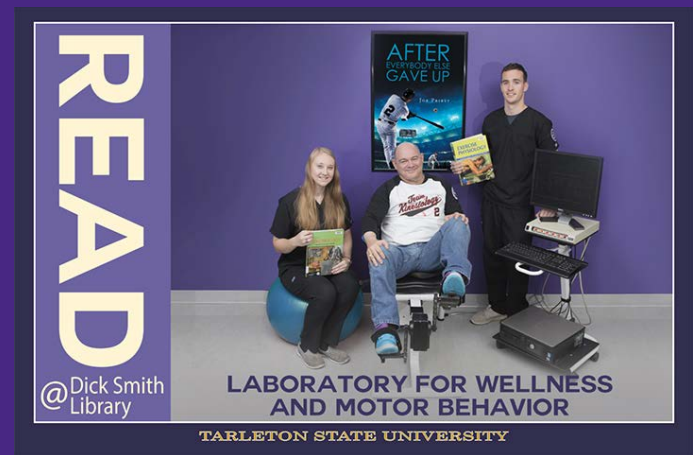
READ Posters: Laboratory for Motor Wellness & International Student Organization



During National Library Week (April 9-15, 2019), Tarleton Libraries revealed the honorees for the newest READ posters, a tradition that has now lasted ten years. Celebrating the value of libraries and literacy, the posters showcase Tarleton organizations or individuals that exhibit the university's core values. In 2019, the library honored the Laboratory for Wellness and Motor Behavior (LWMB) and the International Student Organization (ISO).

The Laboratory for Wellness and Motor Behavior (LWMB) exhibits the core values of service and integrity. LWMB personnel develop customized training programs for people dealing with complications from neurological disorders, strokes, and spinal cord injuries. Clients participate in the personalized LWMB programs for as long as needed, free of charge.

The International Student Organization (ISO) was created to unite, aid, and identify the needs and concerns of international students, as well as Tarleton students interested in foreign cultures and studying abroad. Members of the ISO promote and cultivate the spirit of fellowship through engagement and interactions with other students and involvement in campus events and activities. ISO provides opportunities for members to share and learn about the customs and heritage of different countries; get involved in events that embrace global diversity; and appreciate international cuisine.



Want to see more?

Read about our previous honorees on the [READ poster archive page](#).



Celebrating Denim Day



Service Day at Hook Elementary School Library



National Library Worker's Day and Teal Tuesday

*We have come so far
together*



10 Years of READ Poster Reveals



Banned Books Read-Out



Halloween at the library



Huckabee Kids explore The
Maker Spot



Stephenville Public
Library



Library staff completing
the Homecoming 5K

Let's make more memories together

TARLETON UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES



Library staff on the Tarleton
floor of the TCC Trinity
River Campus