# Library Chronicles

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# Boost Your Brain with Mango Languages



If you've been thinking about learning a new language, you're in luck. The library has an easy-to-use online resource named Mango Languages to help you. Offering fun and engaging interactive lessons, Mango makes learning a new language fast, easy, and incredibly effective. In the process, it also teaches many of the conversational skills needed for practical communications.

Mango is similar to Rosetta Stone, but even better because the library has an **unlimited** users' license, so there is **no time limit or waiting list**. You can start learning a new language today.

Through Mango, Tarleton students, faculty, and staff have access to over 30 languages, as well as English courses for 15 languages. In addition to

offering this wide range of languages, Mango features two learning levels:

- Mango Basic -- simple, practical skills for common situations and polite conversation.
- Mango Complete -- in-depth and comprehensive language and grammar skills.

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Parlez vous français?
Sprechen Sie Deutsche?
¿Hablas español?

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#### Mango Methodology

Mango emphasizes the method by which people most often learn a language – through practical conversations. Every lesson incorporates four key conversational components, which are critical to being able to communicate fluently: *Vocabulary*, *Pronunciation, Grammar*, and *Culture*. (Read more about MANGO LANGUAGES, page 11)

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### Brown Bags Offer Global Perspectives

The library sponsored several Brown Bag presentations in 2011 that gave faculty members a venue for discussing various global topics, current research projects, and their travel experiences. The presentations gave attendees opportunities to gain cultural insights and learn more about study abroad opportunities.

#### Change and Fluidity in Belize



Dr. Carol Key, Dept. of Social Work, Sociology and Criminal Justice, discussed her sociological research trips to Belize and shared her findings about changes in the country's political and environmental situation/issues, which have occurred during the last several years. She also talked about the study abroad course she teaches at the Monkey Bay Wildlife Sanctuary in Belize.

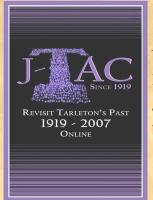
#### Colombia: Politics and Culture



Dr. Adolfo Benavides, College of Business Administration, conducted an interactive presentation during which he asked attendees to share their knowledge of Colombia. He discussed some common misperceptions about the country; presented slides of demographic, geographic, sociological, and economic information; and showed pictures indicative of the culture.

(Read more about GLOBAL BROWN BAGS, page 4)

# The J-TAC: Digitized & Ready for You



ssues from 1919 to 2007 of *The J-TAC*, Tarleton State University's student newspaper, can be read ▲ online due to archival work by the Dick Smith Library staff and the library's partnership with *The* Portal to Texas History, hosted by the University of North Texas (UNT) Libraries' Digital Projects Unit.

In the near future, issues of *The J-TAC* for 2008 to April 2011 will be added to this online collection.

The J-TAC Digitization Project was a labor-intensive endeavor, but it was a natural fit for the library because The J-TAC is one of Tarleton's most important historical documents. The newspaper offers

- a unique glimpse into Tarleton's history,
- a means of viewing "snapshots" from the past, and
- opportunities to research many topics not recorded anywhere else.

The library's J-TAC Digitization Project, which has spanned six years so far, was initiated with a \$1,000 gift from The Friends of the Dick Smith Library, a volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the library and funding educational amenities that are not included in the library's budget.

The library's original plan was to have all issues of *The J-TAC* saved to microfilm in

order to provide a more stable archive than was possible with the print issues -- many of

#### **2003**

View selected images from the J-TAC Digitization Project in the library's slideshow.

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which had deteriorated through time and repeated use. This plan evolved to include digitizing the issues and publishing them online so they would be more accessible and could offer enhanced features like searchable text. (Continued, next page)





To date, the project has cost more than \$25,000 and involved a multi-layered process:

- Library personnel inventoried the library's print collection of *The J-TAC* and determined coverage gaps. Requests for missing issues were sent to the Tarleton community, which generously responded by digging through files, closets, and storage areas to locate the needed issues.
- Print pages were measured, counted, and inspected for damage.
- Over 400 issues of the newspaper required repairs -- some minor and others extensive. Filmoplast, an acid-free tape, was used to repair holes and tears, pages were pressed flat, and seams were reinforced.
- The 2,332 issues in the collection were inspected to ensure they were in sequential order. They were then sent to be microfilmed and digitized. This archival process involved scanning print copies of *The J-TAC* and transferring the scans to silver halide microfilm. The digitized version was created from this high-quality microfilm.
- When the microfilmed and digitized pages were returned to the library, staff proofread both versions to check that pages were in sequence and that the quality was acceptable. Correction

requests were sent. This sequence was repeated as needed.

- Once corrected, the microfilmed and digitized issues of *The J-TAC* were returned to the library as finished products.
- Next, the library began the process of finding a place willing to host such a large online collection. Fortunately, UNT Libraries' Digital Projects Unit widened the scope of *The Portal to Texas History* to include historical Texas newspapers. The library's J-TAC project met the Portal's objectives and the Digital Projects Unit agreed to host the collection.

#### Search the J-TAC Archive

- 1. Go to Dick Smith Library's home page. http://www.tarleton.edu/library
- 2. Click "Databases" link.
- 3. Click "J-TAC Newspaper Archive" link.
  - Browse issues by year.
  - Use the "Advanced Search" feature to search by topic, time period, etc.

The remaining print issues of *The J-TAC* (2008 to April 2011) are currently being prepared by library staff for transformation into microfilm and digital images. Once ready for publication, these issues will also be hosted on *The Portal to Texas History*.

Since *The J-TAC* is no longer published in print format, library staff members hope to discover effective methods of "capturing" newly published online issues so readers in the future will be able to read about Tarleton in 2012 and beyond.

### International Databases Open Up the World

The library has several databases that offer economic, social, political, and geographic information about numerous countries. Their in-depth content makes these databases useful in many contexts: preparing for trips, learning about global finance, and comparing the United States to other nations. All you need is your NTNET login and you're ready to explore and learn.



- *Global Road Warrior* is an excellent cultural reference source that provides information about 175 countries. It is a quick, easy way to research basic facts and customs. For example, it offers extensive information about each country's etiquette, economy, climate, internet access, travel requirements, educational systems, security systems, expectations about women's roles, and much more.
- *Economist Intelligence Unit* offers analytical reports about management, economic, political, and industry trends/developments for over 200 countries, as well as country profiles. In addition, it provides access to webinars and podcasts on a variety of topics like broadband technology, global economic forecasts, and trade policies.
- *A-Z Maps* provides access to over 145,000 maps of countries, continents, and the world, as well as specialty maps: antique, earthquake, environment, fishing, political, and more. Users can also view over a dozen interactive NASA maps plus download and print royalty-free maps. A-Z Maps also offers geographic and GIS data for thousands of locations.

#### ~ GLOBAL BROWN BAGS ~

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#### **Egypt & the UAE: An Experience in Contrasts**



Ms. Betsy Ball, Dept. of Marketing, Management and Administrative Systems, shared information about her travels to Egypt and the United Arab Emirates. Her trip was sponsored by the University of South Carolina's Center for International Business Education & Research (CIBER) program and Tarleton's College of Business Administration. During her presentation, she discussed differences between the two countries (i.e., demographics, culture, economics, politics, etc.), showed pictures of places she visited, shared her impressions of the areas, and displayed several of her travel souvenirs.

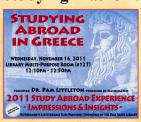
#### Music in China



Dr. Cara Pollard, Dept. of Fine Arts-Music, shared highlights from her trips to the World Conference of

Music Education in Beijing, the Shanghai World Expo, and the Museum of Qin Terracotta Warriors and Horses in Xi'an. She showed attendees several Chinese musical instruments, demonstrated how to play them, and gave everyone opportunities to examine the instruments.

#### **Studying Mathematics Abroad in Greece**



Dr. Pam Littleton, Dept. of Mathematics & the Cubic Academy, discussed the experiences she and her students in MATH 407/507 had during their 2011 study abroad excursion to Greece. She explained the value of visiting sites connected to the genesis of modern mathematics,

discussed the course's structure, shared pictures of the historic sites they saw, and related stories about their experiences and the students' reactions.

### **Did You Know?**

The **Contemporary World Music** database offers access to music from every continent:

- -- African film, Arab swing and jazz,
- -- Balkanic jazz, Bollywood, fado,
- -- flamenco, gagaku, Indian classical,
- -- klezmer, reggae, worldbeat,
- -- world fusion, zydeco, and many more.

Interested in sharing your research, study abroad experiences, or travel tips? We can help! Call (254) 968-9456 or email wilterding@tarleton.edu



# DSL Staff Support the Tarleton Community

Not only does the staff at Dick Smith Library support campus educational and research needs, they also contribute to the whole Tarleton community and surrounding communities by participating in special events and activities like Fill the Field, Move-in Day, Family Weekend, Tarleton Homecoming, and Tarleton's Angel Tree.



In support of the 2011 Fill the Field event sponsored by Tarleton's Student Government Association and Athletics Department, library staff donated and collected enough items to cover their 7.5 ft. X 7.5 ft. area on the football field with printer paper boxes full of canned goods, linens, towels, children's books, non-perishable food, and clothing.

To solicit donations from library users, the library's Access Services Department held a "Fine Forgiveness" campaign: canned food donations were accepted in lieu of fines.

The items collected by the library and other campus groups were donated to 17 local charities, food pantries, and social service organizations. Yea, Tarleton!



To help get the 2011 fall semester underway, the Dick Smith Library participated in Move-in Day and helped new and returning students move into their residence halls.

When students arrived, the Dick Smith Library team and many other volunteers directed traffic, unloaded vehicles, welcomed students and their families to campus, and hauled countless boxes, bags, suitcases, and furniture pieces to hundreds of students' rooms so they could settle in for the semester.



For the 4th year, Dick Smith Library participated in Family Weekend.

Library staff set up a lemonade stand, served over 40 gallons of lemonade, and extended Tarleton greetings to parents, students, and other guests. Staff members also told attendees about the library's services and resources offered to students,

other Tarleton community members, and campus visitors.

The Friends of the Dick Smith Library also participated and sold tote bags and books about Tarleton's history.



Library staff showed their Tarleton pride during homecoming by having a float in the annual parade and creating displays in the library featuring Tarleton history and the J-TAC Digitization Project.

During the parade, library staff and student workers rode the float and handed out candy. This was the library's 3rd year to participate in the parade. Participants had a great time and are looking forward to next year's parade.



The Tarleton history display featured historical images and traced Tarleton's progress through time.

The library's J-TAC Digitization Project display included online presentations of selected images from *The J-TAC* for the

years 1919-2007 and souvenir postcards about the project.



In December, library staff bought gifts for two "angels" they adopted from Tarleton's Angel Tree. Staff members were able to collect \$200 for presents by having a silent auction.

The library also made ornaments for the Tarleton Family Holiday Tree and gave

a \$100 donation to the Come Eat Mobile Soup Kitchen.

Want to learn more about
Dick Smith Library's
activities, services & resources?

Read the LOL Blog!

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Call Us @ 254-968-9249

# READ Posters Celebrate Libraries & Literacy

National Library Week (NLW) was begun in 1958 by the National Book Council as a way to recognize the importance of libraries and library staff to their communities of users. In 1980, the American Library Association (ALA), current sponsor of NLW, started the READ poster campaign as a way to celebrate libraries, literacy, and reading.

The Dick Smith Library celebrated NLW in April 2011 by revealing its two new READ posters. In keeping with the library staff's desire to spotlight Tarleton history, traditions, and iconic images, the 2011 posters feature two long-standing Tarleton entities: the Reserve Officers' Training Corps (ROTC) program and the Tarleton Players.



To start the celebration, the posters were unveiled by Ms. Donna Savage, University Librarian, and Dr. Dominic Dottavio, Tarleton State University President.

After a brief presentation by each, event attendees enjoyed tasty refreshments, lively conversations, and opportunities to visit with members of the ROTC and Tarleton Players. They also picked up souvenir postcard-sized versions of the READ posters.

#### **ROTC Poster**

Known as the Texan Battalion, the Tarleton Army ROTC program dates back to 1917 and is one of the oldest traditions in Tarleton's rich history. Ranked in the top 10% of the 272 universities that offer ROTC, the Texan Battalion is one of the nation's premier global leadership programs.

The program commissions second lieutenants for the active United States Army, Reserves, and National Guard. It instills dedication to excellence and the seven Army values of loyalty, duty, respect, selfless service, integrity, honor, and personal courage.

Pictured in the library's ROTC READ poster are

- Cadet Thomas Ross, kinesiology major from Joshua;
- Cadet Jessica Sylvester, animal science pre-vet major from Austin;
- Cadet Deriek Iglesias, nursing major from Killeen; and
- Cadet Abrel Hicks,\* accounting major from Del Valle.

The books pictured in the ROTC READ poster were selected from the Army's professional reading list:

- 1776, a Revolutionary War narrative by David McCullough, depicts the roles that persistence, dedication, and leadership played in saving the American Revolution from the effects of hardships and defeats.
- We Were Soldiers Once... and Young by Harold G. Moore and Joseph L. Galloway is a firsthand account of the personal side of soldiers during the November 1965 Battle of the Ia Drang, which was the first major battle between U.S. military forces and the North Vietnamese Army.





- The Red Badge of Courage by Stephen Crane is a Civil War novel that traces the personal transformation of a Union soldier after his "baptism by fire" into the realities of war.
- Once an Eagle, an historical novel by Anton Myrer, depicts experiences of combat soldiers in Vietnam; analyzes the challenges, leadership, and moral dilemmas in conflicts; and portrays the confusion created by battle, the bonds soldiers form, and the responsibilities of command.

Lieutenant Colonel Henry, Professor of Military Science, chose these books for the ROTC READ poster to symbolize history's importance in military science. (Continued, next page)



When asked to explain, LTC Henry said, "There is no better way to learn the military art, science, values and the principles of leadership than to read history. The values and leadership principles highlighted in these four books are applicable to any profession. The books complement materials used in the Army educational system and help bridge the intervals between periods of formal instruction at Army schools. To quote General George S. Patton, Jr. who wrote to his son, then a cadet at West Point, 'to be a soldier, you must know history.'"

The ROTC program is available to all Tarleton students who have the propensity for service to country, can meet the physical and academic rigors, and have the desire to lead. More information about the program is available at http://www.tarleton.edu/rotc.

#### **Tarleton Players Poster**

Members of the Tarleton Players stand in the spotlight on their READ poster, which showcases their enthusiasm and energy, as well as their enjoyment of drama anthologies, stagecraft books, and scripts from their past productions. Many of the books pictured are from the private library of Ms. Lori LaRue, a Tarleton graduate and employee.

The Players began as an extension of the Public Speaking and Expression Department and have been active in theater at Tarleton for over 80 years.



In 1986, after the Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater program was established by Dr. Mary

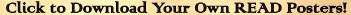
Jane Mingus, the Players enhanced their emphasis on arts advocacy and support.

Currently, the Players promote interest and experience in the theatrical arts. Members encourage campus and community involvement, participate in several campus productions each year, and provide support to the Cross Timbers Fine Arts Council through philanthropic activities.

Membership in the Tarleton Players is open to all current students. To learn more, visit http://www.tarleton.edu/theatre/studentorganizations.html.

#### Permanent Display

The library's 2011 ROTC and Tarleton Players READ posters are now on permanent display in the Dick Smith Library alongside last year's posters that feature Dr. Dottavio and the Purple Poo.











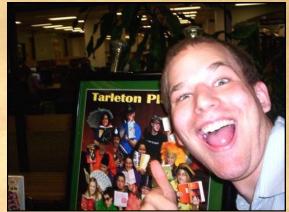
#### \*IN TRIBUTE:

The Tarleton community suffered a great loss in June 2011 when Cadet Hicks lost his life in an automobile accident. To honor him, Dick Smith Library purchased a copy of *Once an Eagle* by Anton Myrer, which was added to the library's collection in his memory. Library staff also sent his family copies of the ROTC READ poster and postcard.

# We've Got Spirit - Yes, We Do!













































We've Got Spirit - How 'bout You?

### Library's Social Media: Let Us Hear from You

he 2011 Pew Internet & American Life Project reports that "Two-thirds of online adults" . (66%) use social media platforms such as Facebook, Twitter, MySpace or LinkedIn."

To provide information about library resources, events, and services using tools our users prefer, the Dick Smith Library has a strong social media presence with accounts on Facebook, Twitter, Flickr, and Foursquare, as well as a regularly updated blog and an RSS feed.

Library staff are dedicated to keeping up with new ways of sharing information and creating content because it helps us serve the Tarleton community . . . AND because it's fun. Visit us online and give us feedback, ask us questions, or just say "Hi" on any of our accounts. We'd love to hear from you!

#### Facebook, Twitter, Flickr & Blogger

So far our Facebook page has over 400 followers and over 300 check-ins. It's a great way to find out what's going on at the library, ask questions, and make comments. Also, you can share pictures you've taken in the library. Just "like" our page, upload your pictures, tag us, and they will be added to the library's photo collection. Stop by, become a friend, and join the conversations.

Our Twitter account, with over 150 followers, is a good place to go if you want quick updates about library and campus events, as well as library resources. If you have suggestions and comments or want to share a clever research or study tip, tweet us at @tarletonlib.

We welcome suggestions, and you might get "retweeted."

Dick Smith Library's Flickr photo gallery has over 500 pictures of library events/displays and well over 15,000 views. Want to see the livelier side of libraryland? Then, check out our pictures of the library staff's special displays, halloween costumes, homecoming parade

float, celebrations, and much more.



With 300+ posts and over 15,000 page views, our Library Online Lounge (LOL) blog offers interesting tips, snippets, observations, and fun facts. Topics vary widely from "Tarleton Thursday" posts discussing

Tarleton history/traditions and "Top Ten Tuesday" lists to news about social media, event announcements, and opinion pieces. We welcome your comments. Why not join the fun?

#### Foursquare & RSS feed

Foursquare, a location-based application, lets users "check in" to tell their friends where they are, get interesting tips, and leave recommendations about places.

The library's Foursquare account can help you find your study group, gather your friends, and earn "check-in" points. So far we've had over 300 check-ins.

RSS (Really Simple Syndication) makes it easy to collect posts from many sources and have them delivered to email or an RSS reader. Activate the library's RSS feed and get library news delivered directly to your inbox. It's an efficient way to get the latest library news!

### Lessons @ Lunch Explore Social Media & Online Security

Toontime Lessons@Lunch at the library cover a variety of subjects and provide fun, convenient opportunities to pick up new skills, explore software features, and learn about technological changes. In 2011, these sessions focused on social media, online privacy, and computer malware:

- Kelsie Ray, Emily Noggle, and Megan Matthews, Texas Institute of Social Media Research (TSMRI) interns, presented sessions during which they demonstrated Google Docs, Facebook, and Twitter features and usage tips.
- Alana Hefner, Career Services, and Yvonne Mulhern, Dick Smith Library, illustrated how to personalize Facebook privacy settings.
- Stephen Wilson, Information Technology Services, explained techniques for guarding against malware and computer viruses. He also discussed the importance of installing software upgrades and patches, using antivirus protection, and identifying the traits of "infected" emails.

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### Music Databases for Your Listening Pleasure

The library now provides two databases that will let you listen to free streaming music: Classical Music Library and Contemporary World Music.



In both databases, you can create playlists and share them with others. You can also listen to playlists created by Alexander Street Press, the database vendor, and by users who have opted to share.

These playlists are great places to start choosing songs if you're not sure what you'd like to listen to. Another useful feature is the browsing option available in both databases:

- Classical Music Library lets you browse by genre, composer, instrument, time period, and more.
- Contemporary World Music has similar browsing options. In addition, it lets you browse by cultural groups and places.

In order to listen to playlists and albums, you need to be on either a PC or Mac computer, but those of you who have smartphones can send individual tracks to your phones and listen to them whenever you'd like.

#### ~ MANGO LANGUAGES ~

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You'll increase your ability to use what you learn because Mango lessons include critical thinking and memory exercises.

Also, you'll learn more than just words and phrases; you'll learn how the pieces can be used to create new conversations, new ideas, and even more practical communications.

#### **Getting Started is Easy**

The Mango system is completely web-based, so you can learn

#### ~ Get the Mango Mobile App ~

The application was designed for the iPhone and iPod Touch, but also works with the iPad.

It offers the same functionality as Mango's online software. Once installed, the program does not require Internet access. You can download what you need when you need it.



anywhere you have an internet connection -- at the library, in a coffee shop, at home, or even on the road.

The link to Mango is on the library's databases page. On that

page, select the Mango Languages link and log in with your NTNET login.

#### Did You Know?

Becoming bilingual may offer long-term health benefits. Ellen Bialystok, research professor from Cognitive Development Laboratory at York University, found that bilinguals exercise parts of their brains involved in higher functions like attention, problem solving, and multitasking. This finding suggests that bilinguals may perform better than monolinguals. Also, her work indicates that bilingualism can protect us against cognitive decline as we age and may even delay the onset of dementia by 4-5 years.

#### ~ Mango Languages for English Speakers ~

Arabic (Levantine) French Indonesian Russian Chinese (Cantonese) French (Canadian) Irish Slovak Chinese (Mandarin) German Spanish (Latin America) Italian Croatian Greek Japanese **Tagalog** Haitian Creole Czech Korean **Tamil** Danish Hawaiian Norwegian Thai Turkish Dari Hebrew Pashto Portuguese (Brazil) Ukrainian Dutch Hindi Urdu Farsi (Persian) And Pirate, too! Finnish Vietnamese

#### **Keeping Track of Your Progress**

You do not have to create an account to use Mango -- you can just hit the "Start Learning" button and select a language. However, this option will not keep track of your progress.

We recommend that you create a profile and then log in so you can keep a record of your progress.

Mango is both effective and fun. You'll see progress with every session and be encouraged to keep learning.

In no time at all, you will be able to navigate all sorts of everyday situations: get directions, order a meal, make new friends -- the possibilities are endless!

### Library Services Expand to Meet Needs

ost people on Tarleton's Stephenville campus are aware of Dick Smith Library's many services, meeting and study rooms, in-house collections, computer workstations, and other resources. However, they may not know about library resources and services available to Tarleton students, faculty, and staff at the Tarleton State University Southwest Metroplex outreach teaching sites: Hickman Building and R.C. Schaffer Building.

### Texan Hall - Ready Reference & Research Help

The Texan Hall Library in the Hickman Building (Tarleton's Southwest Metroplex Center) was created in 2009 to enhance library services for that outreach campus.

For several years, Tarleton has occupied the 5<sup>th</sup> floor of the Hickman Building, 6777 Camp Bowie Boulevard in Fort Worth. As the class offerings and faculty numbers on that campus increased, so did the need for more space. Therefore, the university expanded to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor and added more classrooms, offices, and a long narrow room, which became the Texan Hall Library.

Dr. Karen Murray envisioned the space being used as a library and collaborated with Ms. Donna Savage, University Librarian, to make that vision a reality. As a result, Texan Hall Library was created as a dedicated library space.



Furniture from the Dick Smith Library was used to furnish the space, copies of the library's READ posters are showcased on the shelves, and historic Tarleton pictures hang on the walls, which help visually tie Texan Hall to the Stephenville campus library.

(Read more about TEXAN HALL LIBRARY, next page)

### MLS Library - From a Bookshelf to So Much More

The Medical Laboratory Sciences library was originally a shelf of books that was used as a divider wall. Fortunately much has changed since its beginnings.

In the late 1960's, the Clinical Laboratory Sciences (CLS) program in Fort Worth was located in a creamery behind what was then called All Saints Hospital. Both entities have changed names since then -- CLS is now Medical Laboratory Sciences (MLS) and All Saints is now Baylor/All Saints Hospital.

The creamery was a simple, large room with plain walls. The room was divided into spaces by a bookshelf, which separated the building's main study area from

the instructors' desks. It also served as the library.

After a large fund-raising campaign, a new facility was built at 1501 Enderly. The CLS program relocated in 1978 and the library took

root -- first, as a multi-purpose room that housed library books and acted as a staff break room.

From the start, the library provided teaching support for the clinical laboratory sciences students and faculty. Despite an extremely tight budget, books were purchased for the library through the assistance of Dr. Lamar Johanson, Dean of Biological Sciences at Tarleton in the 1980s.

Ms. Virginia Reyes, MLS faculty, volunteered to maintain the library in addition to teaching courses. She was faced with very limited funds. So limited, in fact, that she used to complete the year-end book inventory using her children as helpers and a low-tech inventory system: They would place smiley-face stickers on the book spines as they were inventoried.

Soon, space in the library became cramped. In addition to its roles as a library, staff break room, and multi-purpose room, it served as a storage facility and housed class computers. Also, counseling students and their professor met in the library space for skills assessment sessions.

(Read more about MLS LIBRARY, page 16)

### Always on the Go? You Can Stay in the Know!



id you know you can use your smartphone or tablet computer to access the library's catalog to search for items, renew your checkouts, ask for research assistance, and search databases? You now can because Dick Smith Library continually strives to provide services and resources that meet our users' ever-changing needs. Since many people want to be able to use their mobile devices to perform the same tasks they've been performing on their computers, library staff have made many of our services and resources accessible through multiple venues.

#### **Mobile Library Website**

Check out our new mobile-friendly website on your smartphone or tablet computer. You can save time by searching the library catalog or renewing books while you're out and about -- no more detours to your dorm or the nearest computer lab. You can also find our top ten databases, ask a librarian for help, get our hours and contact information, or browse our services/resources.



#### **Mobile-friendly Databases**

Several of our database vendors now have mobile sites: American Chemical Society, JSTOR, IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers) Explore, EBSCO (a source for many databases), and others. These mobile sites let you search for and read articles without having to scroll through different parts of the pages.

#### Apps: Search for and Request Library Books



The BookMyne mobile app (free), which is available for both Apple and Android devices, can help you search for items in nearby libraries (including Tarleton Libraries), create a virtual bookshelf, and get reading recommendations.

You can also use BookMyne to access your Tarleton Libraries account via the library catalog so you can renew checkouts,

put items on hold, and view your fees. Log in with your UID and the catalog password, and you're ready to go.



Worldcat's mobile website lets you search the collections of over 72,000 worldwide libraries on your mobile device. You can find out which library nearest you has a desired item. It will also give you an item's bibliographic citation, as well as directions and phone numbers to your library of choice.

### Research Apps: Search for Articles, Read the News & Listen to Music

Do you sometimes think of great research topics when you're out and about with friends? Do you need to find some articles for class, but you're on the road? Help is at hand. Dick Smith Library subscribes to several databases that offer mobile interfaces: • EBSCO and Gale databases, Annual Reviews, SciVerse, STAT!Ref, Taylor and Francis, and the list keeps growing.

More Info: holtman@tarleton.edu ~ 254-968-9466 ~ www.tarleton.edu/library/mobile.html

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Texan Hall is a ready-reference library, meaning that the books and materials in the print collection are used to answer quick reference questions and remain in the library. This small collection consists of books, newspapers, and a few journals.

The library has four computers so students can access Dick Smith Library's online resources. In addition, courier services deliver items from the main campus to Texan Hall as needed.

Despite its small size, much research is accomplished at Texan Hall; therefore, on-site research assistance has been enhanced. When the library was first created, Dick Smith Library staff made routine trips to the Hickman Building to offer services. These trips became less necessary when Ms. Lisa Blackwell

was hired to provide library services at Texan Hall.

Before being hired as a half-time librarian, Lisa worked at Texan Hall while she was a Tarleton graduate student taking classes in the Hickman building. In May 2011, she earned her Master of Science in Counseling. Lisa had previously earned a master's degree in library science and had several years of prior experience as an academic librarian; therefore, she met the requirements for this new position. Since she truly enjoys librarianship, she applied for the position and was accepted.

Lisa is on duty in Texan Hall in the afternoons to provide reference and research help for students, faculty, and staff at Hickman. She also spends one morning a week at the Medical Laboratory Sciences (MLS) library to offer in-person library services. Dick Smith Library staff also visit the Southwest Metroplex campuses to offer assistance and library instruction.

### Dick Smith Library Staff Information



**Donna Savage**University
Librarian



Sharon
Alexander
Cataloging
Specialist



Jodie Baker Reference Librarian



Jennifer Barrera Head of Access Services



**Trudy Carlson**Associate Director for User Services



**Melissa Cookson** Catalog Librarian



Sandy Dennis Periodicals Specialist



Tonya Dobson Administrative Services Coordinator



Chris Grantham
Computer
Technician



Rashelle Hansen
Electronic
Resources
Specialist



Kris Hendon Interlibrary Loan Specialist



Tracy Holtman
Head of Library
Systems



Yvonne Mulhern Instruction/ Reference Librarian



Amanda Pape Special Services Librarian



Kim Resendez Circulation Manager



Peggy Smith
Access Services
Specialist



Vickie Sowell
Special Services
Assistant



Gary Spurr
Collections
Archivist



Jodee Tennyson Acquisitions Librarian



Kay Wiley
Acquisitions
Specialist



Cathy Wilterding
Coordinator for
Outreach &
Instruction
Services

# Staff Comings ...



Lisa Blackwell SW Metroplex Librarian Began September 2011



Danni King
Graduate
Assistant
Began February
2011



Crystal Money Reference Assistant Began October 2011



Leslie Newcomb
Administrative
Assistant
Began September
2011



Christy Singleton Access Services Assistant Began January 2011

Learn more about Library Staff at the LOL blog!

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Linda Land
Retired January 2011
Tarleton employee for 34+ years

- ♦ Tarleton State University Graduate,
   Outstanding Magna Cum Laude
   BAAS degree in Business Occupations
- ♦ Staff Council Employee of the Month & Staff Council President
- Member of TAEOP, Steering Committee,
   Delta Mu Delta & Friends of the Dick Smith Library
- Currently traveling & enjoying retirement with grandchildren



Janie Jones
Retired November 2011
Tarleton employee for 10 years

- ♦ Tarleton State University Graduate
- ♦ University of Texas Graduate, MLS
- ♦ Previously worked for U.S. Geological Survey
- ♦ Currently enjoying retirement by traveling, gardening, dancing & doing yoga



Glenda Stone
Retired January 2012
Tarleton employee for 40 years

- ♦ Tarleton State University Graduate, BS in Education
- ♦ Texas Women's University Graduate, MLS
- Member of Stephenville Museum Board of Directors & Friends of the Dick Smith Library
- Chair of the Spirits of Erath Cemetery Walk & Director of Cross Timbers Historic Images Project
- Plans to travel, spend time with grandchildren, continue local history/genealogy research & write family history book



**Thomas Schilb**Left to Study Abroad September 2011
Tarleton employee for 4+ years

- ♦ Tarleton State University Graduate, BA in English, Minor in Spanish & Bachelor of Fine Arts in Theater
- ♦ Currently pursuing MA in Information Studies at the University of Brighton

# Friends of the Dick Smith Library: Going Strong

The Friends of the Dick Smith Library celebrated their 20th anniversary with their fall 2011 "Dinner in the Stacks" featuring Ms. Sherri Knight and Mr. James Pylant, who presented highlights from their book *The Oldest Profession in Texas: Waco's Legal Red Light District.* 

Friends members support the library by collaborating with library staff to identify needs and by offering financial help to acquire library enhancements and resources not addressed by the library's budget.

Examples of the items they have purchased for the library are quite varied: display cases and a lobby TV, student art, "Book of the Month" best sellers and popular fantasy/science fiction magazines, flip video cameras and a scanner for patrons' use, an atlas stand, book carts, a tent for events like Tarleton's Family Weekend, and furnishings for the Local History Room.



The Friends have also provided aid by creating library endowments and seeking bequests to the library. They also contributed \$1,000 to help defray the cost of microfilming *The J-TAC*.

The Friends are able to provide this support through donors' generosity,

membership dues, and annual book sales.

The group champions the library's value to Tarleton and the area by sponsoring book talks and programs promoting the library's collections and resources.

Friends members also partner with members of the Friends of the Stephenville Public Library to offer the *Spirits of Erath Cemetery Walk*, an annual event celebrating the area's history.

### A Treasure Trove of Recipes & Culinary Delights



If you enjoy cooking and baking, you will probably be pleased to learn that several of the library's databases can be used for more than research and class assignments. You can find recipes in them, too!

For example, Alt HealthWatch, Consumer Health Complete, and Academic Search Complete offer a variety of recipes that include dishes for people with special dietary needs due to food allergies or the desire to reduce sodium intake, as well as vegetarian and vegan recipes.

Locating recipes in these databases is quick and easy:

- In Alt HealthWatch, you can browse the recipes by choosing "Recipe" in the "Document Type" dropdown menu on the search interface and clicking "Search." Then, you can add search terms for ingredients, such as strawberries and yogurt, or for a type of recipe like vegetarian, gluten-free, and so on.
- In Consumer Health Complete, just search for "recipes" to browse a list, then you can narrow by subject or publication.
- In Academic Search Complete, type "recipes" in the first search box and choose "Subject Terms" in the dropdown menu next to it. You can then add ingredients or recipe types in the other search boxes to locate more specific recipes.

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Another fund-raising project in the 1990s made it possible to greatly expand the building. As a result, the computers and stored goods were moved out of the library. Finally, the room became a dedicated library space.

Various methods for keeping track of checked-out books have been used at the MLS library -- all of which relied on an honor system because the library has no full-time staff.

In recent years, the library has received stronger budgetary support. Consequently, the library has designated computers so

library users can access Dick Smith Library's online resources.

In addition, the library has a well-maintained, comprehensive book collection and a sizable collection of print periodicals.

Ms. Lisa Blackwell, a half-time librarian, offers research help one morning a week and manages the collection. Dick Smith Library staff visit the campus for library instruction sessions.

The library is an active resource for the students and faculty of the Medical Laboratory Sciences program. MLS students often use the library as a place to study and faculty meet there to discuss plans for the program. Also, members of the Baylor medical community occasionally use the library for research.