

Library Chronicles

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Power Up Your Search with Discovery@Tarleton



In 2012, Dick Smith Library rolled out its new search tool, [Discovery@Tarleton](#), which lets users locate research materials quickly, filter search results using several options, and save/share items.

With Discovery@Tarleton, users can search 85% of the library's databases and the library's online catalog at once, which saves time and increases the number of useful articles retrieved.

Searching with Discovery@Tarleton yields many resources that users may not find otherwise. In addition to searching across multiple information platforms, Discovery@Tarleton has other features that help ensure productive research sessions. With this tool, users can

- narrow results by date, source type, library collection, subject, publisher, language, geography, and content provider;
- collect and email item records to themselves or other class members;
- view AMA, APA, Chicago/Turabian, Harvard, MLA, and Vancouver/ICMJE citation examples for items in search results;
- create a free account to save search histories and receive search alerts;
- send bookmarks to their online accounts (i.e., Evernote, Facebook, Twitter, Digg, StumbleUpon, etc.); and
- export records to bibliographic managers: EasyBib, EndNote, Zotero, and others.



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Discovery@Tarleton offers other useful features. For example, item records have permalinks that users can copy/paste or email to themselves. They can then use these links for direct access to items with an NTNET login.

To locate tips and tutorials for using this search tool, visit the [Discovery@Tarleton](#) information page and read these [Library Online Lounge](#) blog posts. Power up!

Want to own a Discovery@Tarleton t-shirt? It's easy. Stop by the circulation desk in the Dick Smith Library and mention this article.*

*while supplies last

Wondering What's Behind the Signs?

The Dick Smith Library is getting a renovation and facelift in a three-phase project that began in summer 2012.

Phase 1 expanded the library's remote storage capacity in the basement of the Tarleton Center. Completed in August 2012, this renovated space now provides a safe and secure location for county records, legal reference books, a growing archival collection, and thousands of periodicals that were relocated from the library.

This relocation helped us clear out a large portion of the library's main floor, which gave us the opportunity to reinvent how that space can be used.

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Making Changes for You @ Dick Smith Library

LIBRARY RENOVATION, continued from page 1

Phase 2 of the renovation project involved relocating the [Center for Instructional Innovation](#) (CII) to the library and was completed in April 2013.

The renovated space houses CII offices and offers an inviting area where faculty and CII staff can develop materials, meet, and utilize instructional technology.

This area also offers a content capture studio, training areas, a Faculty Innovation Room, and a centralized space for faculty support services: [Office of Faculty Research](#), [Academic Assessment](#), [Writing Intensive Program](#), and [Applied Learning Experiences \(ALE\)](#).



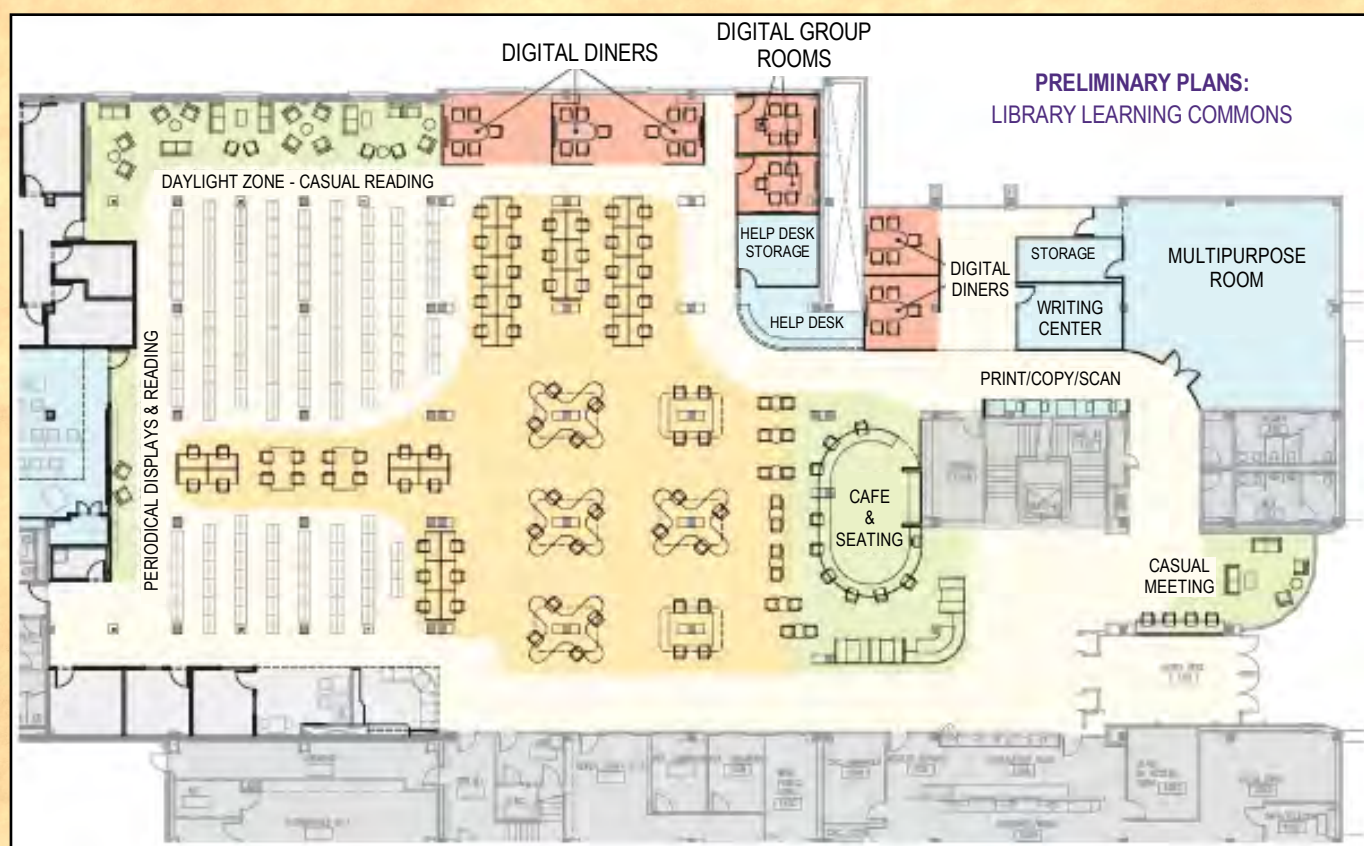
Phase 3, establishing a Library Learning Commons, is being designed. Construction will begin in late summer 2013 with expected completion in February 2014.

As the architect's rendering to the left indicates, plans for the Library Learning Commons call for a technology-rich environment that is configured to support collaborative group work and individual research/study.

Plans also include a technology help desk, work stations for [University Writing Center](#) sessions, and an expanded

coffee bar. The image below gives a preliminary idea how the Library Learning Commons might be configured.

Library staff members are excited about the opportunities offered by these partnerships. We'll keep you updated as the project progresses. Be sure to check the [library's blog](#) for updates and watch for postings on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), [Flickr](#), and [Pinterest](#).





Dick Smith Library Staff



Photos by Tracy Holtman

Beating the Odds: Library Poker & Academic Success

Tarleton's first [Texan Transition Week](#) was held in August 2012. The week was planned by the Transition & Family Relations staff and offered academic and social activities designed to assist new students with "successful transition into the academic and campus life community." The Dick Smith Library staff helped facilitate this goal by hosting a [Library Poker](#) event.

During the event, groups of students went to seven different library stations. At each station, students chose playing cards so they could build winning poker hands to qualify for prizes. They also learned about the [library's services and resources](#) and found out ways the library can help them become academic winners:

- student lounge offering a vending machine with class supplies and a place to visit with friends or relax;
- library laptop and video camera checkouts, [TexShare Card](#) program, and [interlibrary loan](#) services;
- research assistance at the library, by phone, through our "[Ask a Librarian](#)" service, and by email (reference@tarleton.edu);
- types of periodicals (magazines, newspapers, journals, etc.) in the library's online and print collections;
- group and individual study areas, first-come first-served study carrels and study rooms, and meeting rooms;
- [curriculum collection](#) resources, work area with die-cuts and laminating services, and audiovisual items; and
- [archival collections](#) of Tarleton State University history, Stenholm papers, Texas history, and more.

The goals for most college students include "beating the odds" and successfully attaining academic success. Luckily, the Library Poker players learned that taking advantage of the library and its resources can give them winning hands.

READ@DSL: Libraries, Literacy & Tarleton Icons

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

On April 11, 2012, the Dick Smith Library revealed its newest READ posters. In keeping with the library staff's desire to spotlight Tarleton history, traditions, and iconic images, the 2012 READ posters feature the Texan Rider and the Plowboys.



Dr. Dominic Dottavio, Tarleton State University President, and Ms. Donna Savage, University Librarian, presented the posters and spoke briefly about what the posters symbolize and the importance of the featured Tarleton traditions.

Attendees enjoyed refreshments while visiting with our READ "stars," admired the library's READ display, and collected their souvenir postcard-sized versions of the READ posters.

Texan Rider READ Poster

In 1961, a Student Council referendum showed that students wanted to change the athletics' team name from Plowboys to Tarleton Texans. Later, the women's teams adopted the name TexAnns.

This name change led to the adoption of the [Texan Rider](#), represented by a horse and rider icon, as the new Tarleton mascot.

Elected by the student body, the Texan Rider symbolizes Tarleton spirit and pride, attends athletic events to boost support, and represents the University at official campus events.

Jordan McCrory, the current Texan Rider, is pictured holding *Traditions Remain*, a limited edition book about Tarleton history and traditions.



Photo by Tracy Holtman



Plowboys READ Poster

In 1925, Tarleton's athletic teams were officially named Plowboys; they kept that name during the time Tarleton was a junior college. In 1961, the student body voted to change the teams' name to Tarleton Texans.

The [Plowboys](#) name was revived in 1983 by Dr. Barry B. Thompson, Tarleton's 13th president, and a group of students when they launched a new spirit organization.

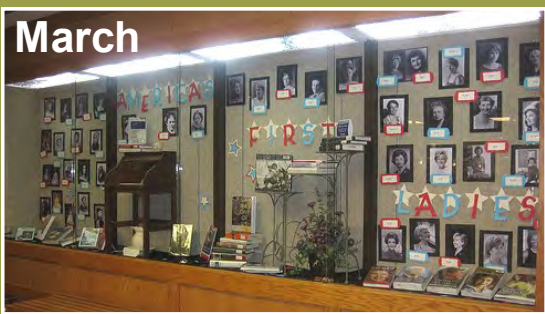
To show their support for Tarleton, the Plowboys attend most athletic events and official campus events. They also sponsor community service projects.

For their READ poster, the Plowboys chose books that reflect their diverse interests and academic studies.



Permanent Display

The library's 2012 Texan Rider and Plowboys READ posters are on permanent display in the Dick Smith Library along with previous years' posters featuring [Dr. Dottavio](#), the [Purple Poo](#), Tarleton Army [ROTC cadets](#), and the [Tarleton Players](#).



2012

on Display



Library's New Offerings Address Diverse Needs

Several resources and services were added to Dick Smith Library's offering in 2012 in order to help our users be more productive and to address a variety of technological needs.

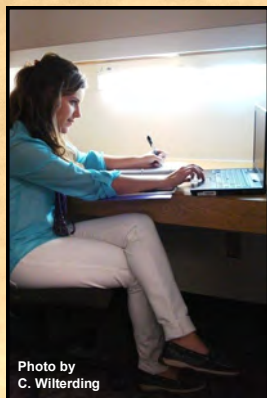


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C. Witterding

The library cut public copier prices by 50% to align with printing prices. Black and white copies now cost five cents per page instead of ten cents.

A [charging station](#) is available so you can recharge devices like cell phones and mp3 players while you're in the library. It's located by the new book display on the library's main floor.

Five first-come, first-served [individual study rooms](#) are now available on the library's upper level. These study spaces are designed to accommodate one person, but are large enough for two. Students can use these rooms for studying and test taking or as a quiet space for uninterrupted work.

We've also added a Campus Store [vending machine](#) filled with supplies for classes: scantrons, pencils, pens, bluebooks, flash drives, highlighters, and more. The machine accepts cash and prices vary per item. Located in the library's student lounge, the vending machine offers quick access to basic supplies -- you can get what you need and still be on time for class.

In January 2012, we opened our [presentation practice room](#) on the library's lower level. This room will seat 6-8 people and is equipped with a Smartboard, projector, computer, and podium. It's a great place to practice with the technology, fine-tune your timing for a presentation, and build your confidence. You can book sessions for the presentation practice room at the library's circulation desk or by calling 254-968-9450.

Six [mobile whiteboards](#) are available in the library for your use. They can be moved to anywhere in the library you need them for your study sessions -- we just ask that you put them back in view when you're finished with them. Markers and erasers can be checked out at the Circulation Desk on the main floor.



Photo by Sandy Dennis

The Texas Miner: An Online Glimpse into Yesteryear

To digitize *The Texas Miner* newspaper and get it published online, the Dick Smith Library applied for and received a Texas Cultures Online grant that was awarded through *The Portal to Texas History*, a University of North Texas Libraries project. This digitization project has been completed.

[The Portal to Texas History](#) offers a gateway to Texas history materials. It features unique collections from Texas libraries, museums, historical societies, private families, genealogical societies, and archives.

First published in 1894, [The Texas Miner](#) was the company newspaper of the Texas and Pacific Coal Company located in [Thurber, Texas](#). In 1897, the paper's title was changed to [Texas Mining and Trade Journal](#). Both newspapers are now online and full-text searchable due to the library's digitization efforts.

The Dick Smith Library's collection of this newspaper consists of 99 issues covering the years 1894 to 1900, and the library's digitized copies constitute the only online collection of the newspaper, as well as one of the largest and most complete collections of the paper. The Texas Newspaper Collection at the Dolph Briscoe Center for American History at UT-Austin offers a collection of its successor the *Thurber Journal*.

Articles in the newspaper recount life in the company town of Thurber, which was a community of 10,000 residents at its peak and the site of a coal mine and a brick plant. Most of the miners were from Europe. Ethnic groups in Thurber included Italians, Poles, Hispanics, African Americans, and Anglos.

While the majority of the newspaper stories are in English, the
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**Want to learn more about
Dick Smith Library's
activities, services & resources?**

**CHECK
US
OUT!**



Friends' Events & Activities Support the Library

Established in 1991, the [Friends of the Dick Smith Library](#) is a volunteer organization dedicated to supporting the library's efforts to meet the information and service needs of our library users.

Members lend support to the library by collaborating with library staff to identify needs and by offering the group's financial help so the library can enhance its offerings and acquire resources not fully addressed by the library's annual budget.

Examples of the items the group has purchased for the library are quite varied and include student art, "Book of the Month" best sellers, popular fantasy/science fiction magazines, video cameras and a scanner, book carts, an atlas stand, furnishings for the Local History Room, and a tent used by library staff at events like Tarleton's Family Weekend.

Also, members have provided financial assistance by seeking bequests to the library and by creating library endowments. In addition, they helped pay for microfilming *The J-TAC*.

The Friends of the Dick Smith Library are able to provide this financial support to the library due to the generosity of donors



and through the group's membership dues and book sales.

Each fall and spring, the group hosts their *Dinner in the Stacks* programs, which feature authors, musicians, Texas and local history, singers, storytellers, and an array of other subjects of interest to area residents.

The Friends also partner with members of the Friends of the Stephenville Public Library to offer *Spirits of Erath Cemetery Walk*, an annual event celebrating local history with historical vignettes of people and events from the area's past.

THURBER NEWSPAPERS, continued from page 6

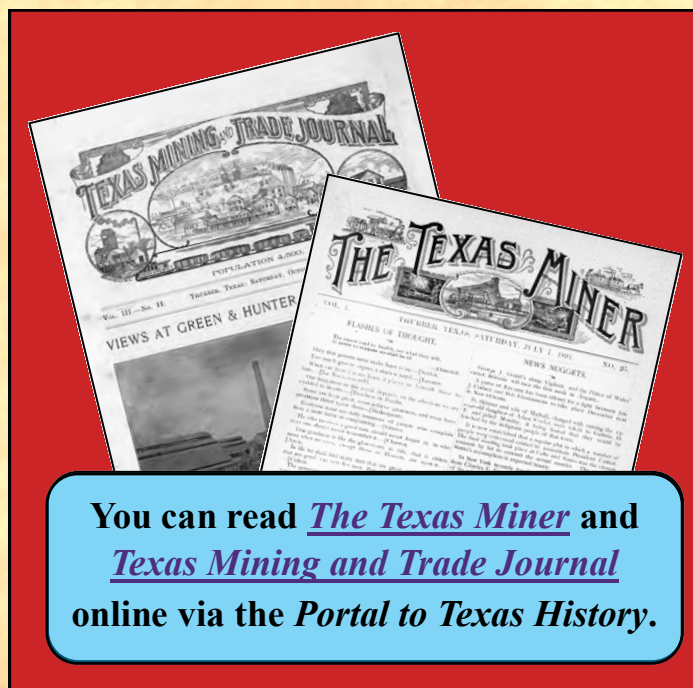
papers also feature a section in Italian and some public notices in Polish, Italian, and Spanish.

Published weekly, these stories describe company and community events such as meetings of the community's fraternal organizations, company promotions, and donations to African American schools.

The stories also clearly illustrate what daily life was like in a town as diverse as Thurber. For example, stories indicate that sometimes order was maintained in the town by keeping the different groups apart during major celebrations.

This situation is illustrated by a July 7, 1894 article recounting that year's Fourth of July festivities. The article makes it clear that each ethnic group held its own celebration, instead of having a community-wide celebration. The article goes on to note that everyone who attended had a good time and there were minimal conflicts.

These stories provide a wealth of information about historical events in the Thurber and Erath County area. For instance, the September 1, 1894 issue gives an account of a shooting in Thurber and the assailant's capture.



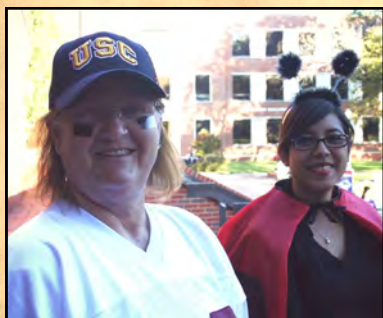
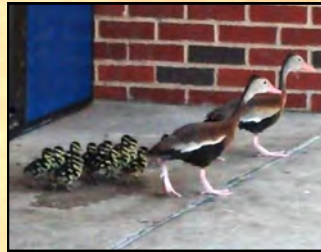
The papers include international and national news along with local news. Issues also feature several pages of advertisements for goods available for sale at the company store.

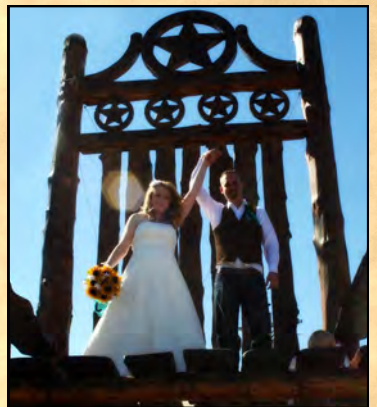
While reading the stories, it's important to remember that the *Texas Miner* and its successors were company newspapers. Stories often reflect the social and political views of the Texas and Pacific Coal Company.

Reading [The Texas Miner](#) and the [Texas Mining and Trade Journal](#) online is a great way to learn about life in a company town. In addition, you can visit the [W. K. Gordon Center for Industrial History of Texas](#) in

Thurber, Texas to learn interesting facts about Thurber, the Texas and Pacific Coal Company, and the brick plant.

We've Got Spirit - Yes, We Do!





We've Got Spirit - How 'bout You?

TERC Tools: Get Prepared for Careers & Grad School

The Testing and Education Reference Center (TERC) database has a wealth of career and academic resources to help Tarleton students, staff, and faculty prepare for careers, graduate studies, and more. These resources include resume and networking guides, practice certification tests, study materials for graduate school entrance exams, and information about scholarship sources and more than 4,000 accredited schools. The following sections give more details about several of this database's specific components.

Career Prep Tools

TERC has over 300 practice certification tests that will help job candidates enhance their credentials. The practice tests cover fields like accounting and auditing, air traffic control, ASE automotive technicians, clerical, cosmetology, firefighting, law enforcement, medical and nursing, military, postal services, real estate, social work, and teaching.

This database includes a Virtual Career Library of articles about creating effective resumes and cover letters, networking, interviewing, negotiating salaries, changing careers, and transitioning out of the military.

In addition, TERC offers basic computer skills tutorials for several Microsoft programs: Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, and Windows 7.



Graduate School Tools

The graduate school section of TERC provides online test preparation materials for graduate school exams: GMAT, GRE, LSAT, MCAT, and Miller Analogies (MAT)

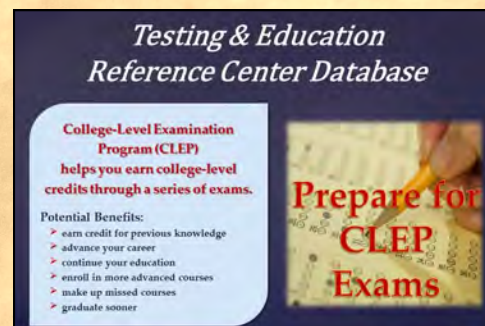
Each test section lets you

- create a free account to save your results,
- read online test preparation books and take online practice tests,
- locate vocabulary builders and quick quizzes,
- find out test dates and deadlines, and
- read articles about test-taking strategies and ways to reduce stress.

This TERC component also offers a graduate school search tool that lets you search through nearly 30,000 accredited graduate, MBA, distance learning, and graduate nursing programs. Entries for each school include program descriptions and admissions contact information. In addition, you can use the graduate scholarship search tool to locate private awards and grants to help pay for your education. You'll also be able to get descriptions of specific awards and learn about eligibility requirements, deadlines, etc.

Other TERC Tools

TERC also offers materials to help people prepare for other exams: CLEP and DSST programs, ACT, PSAT, SAT, and SAT subject tests. In addition, TERC offers materials for international users: TOEFL and TOEIC study aids and U.S. citizenship information.



Accessing TERC

Tarleton students, staff, and faculty have ready access to this database:

- Go to the library's homepage at www.tarleton.edu/library.
- Click the "[A-Z database list](#)" link under the Databases heading.
- Click Testing and Education Reference Center in the alphabetic list. Use your NTNET login when you're off campus.
- Choose the category tab that suits you and click the link for the info you need.
- Register to create your free TERC account, so you can read the online materials, take practice tests, and keep track of your progress.

Library staff members are always happy to help you with your research needs or database questions: call us (254-968-9249), come see us ([library hours](#)), contact us online ([Ask a Librarian](#)), or email us (reference@tarleton.edu).

Off-Campus Services: Designed to Meet Your Needs

If you take/teach classes at locations other than the Stephenville campus or totally online, Dick Smith Library offers [library support services](#) designed to meet your unique needs.

Services include research assistance, online resources (i.e., journals, books, videos, etc.), interlibrary loan, courier delivery, and TexShare cards.



Have you ever searched for research materials or had a question about where to look for resources and wished that you could contact a librarian and get some tips? Good news: Help is just a click or a call away.

You can submit questions to a librarian via an online form: Go to the [library's homepage](#), click "[Ask a Librarian](#)," then fill out and submit the online form. You can also send your questions by email to reference@tarleton.edu. Librarians will respond to you within 24 hours.

If you need answers more quickly, call 254-968-9249 during [library hours](#). Our library staff will be glad to work with you to figure out the answers to your questions. You can also fax questions to 254-968-9467.

The library offers many online resources so you can locate and obtain materials. Our databases, for instance, help you find online articles from journals, newspapers, and magazines; e-books; reports; streaming videos; and more.

To access the library's databases, start on [our homepage](#). Click the "[Databases](#)" link and choose a specific database or choose [Discovery@Tarleton](#) to search 85% of the library's databases and the library catalog at once. You can create detailed searches to find what you need.

Many items are available online. You'll be able to immediately get what you want with no delay.

Need search tips? Check the library's "[FAQs & Research Tips](#)" page and/or [contact us](#) for assistance.

[Interlibrary loan \(ILLiad\)](#) is useful for everyone at Tarleton because it lets them request materials not available in the collections at Dick Smith Library. When our users submit requests, interlibrary loan staff find libraries that have what's needed and get the items on loan.

Interlibrary loan has even more value for students/faculty not on the Stephenville campus. They can use this service to request items from the main campus, as well as other libraries. The items will be delivered to their campus location(s).

If you're one of Dick Smith Library's off-campus users, your motto should be "If I can't click it and get it, then I can use interlibrary loan to get it."

Each semester, register for the library's [off-campus & distance services](#). When you need to request an item, go to the library's homepage, click "[Interlibrary loan \(ILLiad\)](#)," log in with your NTNET credentials, fill out the form, and send it.

When the item is available, interlibrary loan staff will email your go.tarleton.edu account to let you know if your item is online in your ILLiad account or if the courier will deliver it to your campus.

You can download and save online items. You'll need to return physical items like books and CDs to Dick Smith Library via the courier by the due date.

Dick Smith Library also participates in the [TexShare card program](#), which lets qualified users check out materials from participating libraries throughout Texas.

Applying for this service is easy. Each semester, complete the [TexShare Card Request Form](#), which is linked from the library's homepage. You'll get your card in about a week. If you need a card more

quickly, you can send a rush request and a temporary card can be faxed to you.

Having a TexShare card is an asset for all Tarleton students and faculty because they gain privileges at numerous Texas libraries. Each library sets its own guidelines, which can be [read online](#).

Want more info? Check our [Off-campus & Distance Learning Services](#) page.

Discover more
@ Dick Smith
Library

Discovery is the library's new search tool that lets you simultaneously search the library catalog and most of the databases using one interface.

Discovery is easy to find!

You can search Discovery from every page of the library's website. Just look for the search box on the left!

Discovery @ Tarleton

Search

Keyword Title

Author

Does it work? YES!

Mar (20.0%)

Feb (13.3%)

Jan (6.7%)

Apr (26.7%)

May (33.3%)

Over 2 million searches have been done with Discovery during the last year. More than 32,000 full-text articles have been viewed in the last two months alone!

With Discovery you can

- 1 Search 85% of our databases with 1 click.
- 2 Find articles, books, videos, and MP3 files with a single search.
- 3 Limit results by date, type, language, etc.
- 4 Collect, save, and share what you find.

Use Discovery!

No one has time to search EVERY database -- all 217 of them. But, Discovery lets you search most of them and the library catalog with one click. Plus, Discovery's links to full-text articles will help you find what you need and save time!

Don't forget we are here to help you!

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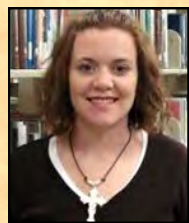
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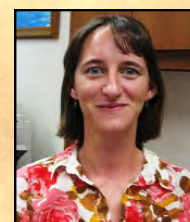
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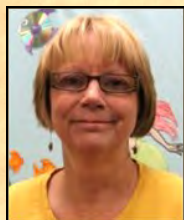


Kym Schow
Access Services
Librarian



Clay Stewardson
Circulation
Manager

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Kris Hendon
Retired June 2012
Tarleton employee for 16+ years
Currently traveling & enjoying
retirement with grandchildren.



Danni King
Left in November 2012 to focus
on her studies while she pursues her
Masters of Education (MED) degree
in school counseling.

Library Staff: Lending Support in Many Ways

Not only do Dick Smith Library staff members support campus educational, research, and professional needs, they also lend their energy and efforts to support campus and community activities and special events in a variety of ways:

- participating in Texan Tour sessions and in orientations for new students, faculty, staff, and graduate assistants;



Photo by Tracy Holtman

- holding an in-house food drive competition to collect items for the Office of Diversity and Inclusion's donations to the Come Eat Mobile Soup Kitchen;
- facilitating Brown Bag presentations and Lessons@Lunch for campus groups and departments;
- riding in Tarleton's homecoming parade and attending campus events and presentations;
- raising funds with an in-house silent auction and using the proceeds to purchase presents for children we "adopted" from Tarleton's Angel Tree.
- sponsoring topical Lessons@Lunch sessions;
- participating in the campus United Way campaign; and
- creating displays to supplement special events and campus activities: Veterans Day, International Education Week, Homecoming, Transitions Week, etc.

Multiply the Power of your Search with **Discovery@Tarleton**

<http://www.tarleton.edu/library/discovery.html>

Search & discover more!

Find the items you need:

books, ebooks, audiobooks, cds, digital music, dvds, streaming videos,
journals, magazines, newspapers, and more.

Collect, save & share what you find!

Find it, save it, share it.
I can do it all with
Discovery@Tarleton.

