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READ@DSL: Libraries, Literacy & Tarleton Core Values

Since 2010, Dick Smith Library staff members have chosen specific individuals and/or campus organizations to feature on our READ posters, which are the focal point of the library's celebration of National Library Week each April.

The National Book Council initiated National Library Week in 1958 to promote and acknowledge the impact libraries have on their communities and users. Sponsorship of National Library Week was later assumed by the American Library Association (ALA), which started the READ poster campaign in 1980 to celebrate libraries, literacy, and reading.

As in previous years, Dick Smith Library's READ poster honorees exemplify one or more of the university's core values. In 2015, library staff members chose to feature the Tarleton Bass Club and Tarleton Transition Mentors on our READ posters because of each group's emphasis on excellence, service, civility, and leadership. To add excitement to the event, library staff kept the identity of each poster's honoree cloaked in secrecy until the official unveiling on April 15, 2015.

The posters were unveiled by Dr. Dominic Dottavio, Tarleton State University President; Dr. Karen Murray, Executive Vice President of Academic Affairs and Provost; and Ms. Donna Savage, University Librarian. They each briefly talked about what the library's READ posters represent, why each honoree was chosen, and the accomplishments of each featured group.

READ poster honorees received framed copies of their posters and attendees received postcard-sized versions of the posters as souvenirs. To the delight of Dr. Dottavio, Bass Club members surprised him with one of their team shirts.

Event images are available in the library's [2015 READ Reveal Flickr album](#).



The Bass Club presenting Dr. Dottavio with a Bass Club shirt.

Use QR Codes to Learn More!

Download [NeoReader](#), a QR code reader app, to gain extra insights as you read.



Scan this QR code to access the 2015 READ Reveal Flickr album.

Tarleton Bass Club

Started in 2007 by Tanner Morgan and a group of like-minded bass fishing enthusiasts, Tarleton Bass Club exemplifies the pursuit of excellence and love for the sport of fishing. Members must be committed and disciplined in order to successfully pursue their academic studies while also dedicating the time and energy required to hone their skills and compete in regional and national tournaments.

Collegiate bass fishing has gained momentum in recent years with over 300 teams currently competing. Tarleton Bass Club is a strong competitor and members successfully competed in multiple tournaments throughout last year. For example,

- The club sent three teams to compete in the BoatUS Collegiate Bass Fishing Championship at Lake Pickwick in Florence, Alabama.
- A club team finished 5th out of 89 boats in January 2015 during a Fishing League Worldwide (FLW) tournament on Sam Rayburn Reservoir in east Texas.
- In February 2015, club members placed 3rd in the FLW College Fishing Southern Conference event on Lake Texoma, which is located on the border between Oklahoma and Texas.
- Club teams claimed 2nd and 8th places in a 46-boat field during the Collegiate Bass Texas Shootout at Lake Texoma in April 2015.
- Members qualified to compete in the October 2015 FLW Southern Conference tournament at Grand Lake o' the Cherokees in northeast Oklahoma.

Representing various majors, the club's commitment to members' academic success is shown through its sponsorship of the Bass Club Scholarship that is awarded based on the winning applicant's academic achievement, fishing achievements, leadership qualities, and active participation in the club.

Members are committed to service and giving back to the community. Each year, they sponsor a Fishing with the Foster's excursion for the Foster's Home for Children in Stephenville. They have also hosted a fish fry for Pups in the Park, an animal education event, and often assist with area fishing tournaments.

More information about the Tarleton Bass Club is available from the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences: 254-968-9227, coahs@tarleton.edu, or [their website](#).



[COAHS Website](#)



[READ Poster Archives](#)



Tarleton Transition Mentors

With their willingness to devote countless hours, employ their varied skills, and demonstrate their many talents while serving the university and their fellow Texans, the Tarleton Transition Mentors (TTMs) embody the core values of civility, leadership, and service.

These dedicated upper-level students are instrumental in helping new students adjust to college life and embrace their new campus community. TTMs are affiliated with the Transition and Family Relations office, which serves as a hub to connect new students with peers, faculty, and staff, as well as offer support for parents.



[Transition and Family Relations Website](#)



TTMs assist the Transition and Family Relations staff with three programs:

- During Texan Orientations, mentors serve as guides for new students as they learn about university resources and meet their academic advisors. They also help new students navigate the multi-layered process of registering for classes.
- TTMs serve as Duck Camp leaders during these three-day events. They introduce freshmen to Tarleton traditions, create opportunities to socialize, and help them form peer connections.
- Mentors continue their leadership roles throughout Texan Transition Week by serving as group leaders while new students participate in academic and social activities.

In addition to these programs, TTMs also host New Student Connection Day each spring. During this event, mentors help new freshman and transfer students familiarize themselves with the campus and Stephenville communities.

Information about the Tarleton Transition Mentors is available from the Transition and Family Relations office: 254-968-9490, fye@tarleton.edu, or [their website](#).

2016 READ Posters & National Library Week

Can you guess who will be depicted on our 2016 READ posters? Post your ideas on the library's Facebook or Twitter (@TarletonLib) and watch for announcements about our 2016 National Library Week events.

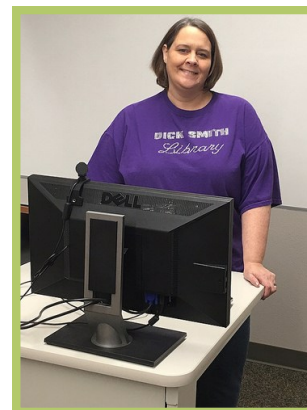
We look forward to reading your social media posts/comments and to seeing you at our National Library Week celebration and READ poster unveiling on April 12 at 3pm.

Lessons@Lunch: Learning in Your Library

The Dick Smith Library sponsored four in-house educational opportunities during 2015:

Interlibrary Loan (February 18) presented by Kimberly Gragg, Library Specialist:

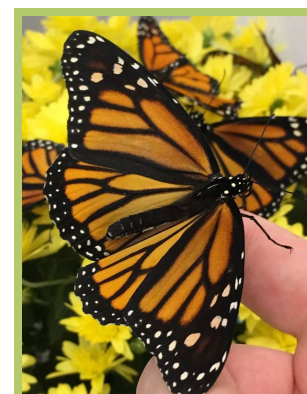
Did you know that Tarleton Libraries can get users' resources from other libraries (usually without cost)? This presentation explored the services offered through Interlibrary Loan (ILL). Kim explained to attendees what ILL is, how it works, and why it is a useful service. To learn more about ILL, email ill@tarleton.edu or call 254-968-9660.



World of Monarch Butterflies (October 8) presented by Crissa Nugen, Grant Specialist at TSU, and co-sponsored by the TSU Horticulture Club:

This presentation explored the incredible life cycle of a familiar butterfly, the monarch. Found throughout the United States, one of the most notable characteristics of the monarch is the astonishing journey they make in the fall to their wintering grounds.

For this presentation, Crissa brought live monarch butterflies and monarchs in their different development stages for attendees to see. Milkweed seeds were given to attendees to plant at their home to help the monarch population flourish.



Preserving Your Family History and Treasures (October 27) presented by Gary Spurr, Collections Archivist:

This presentation, in recognition of American Archives Month, explained how to preserve family documents such as photographs, newspaper clippings, documents, and digital items. Gary shared examples of different types of archival materials needed to help preserve valuable items and answered questions from attendees on how to use archival materials. For more information about archives, email spurr@tarleton.edu or call 254-968-1808.



Traveling the Globe Electronically (November 16) presented by Amy Castillo, Periodicals and Electronic Resources Librarian, and Lacey Cook, Electronic Resources Specialist:

This presentation explored e-resources that can help library users learn a new language, view newspapers from around the world, listen to and learn about music from other countries, and research new travel destinations. Some of the e-resources discussed include Mango Languages, Global Road Warrior, Alexander Street Press, and Access World News. For more information on e-resources, email periodicals@tarleton.edu or call 254-968-9867.



Look at the library's homepage and social media accounts for additional Lessons@Lunch sessions to be offered in the spring.



Going Green: Saving Resources

Did you know the library supports the campus conservation initiative in several ways? We have recycling bins for paper, aluminum cans, and plastic bottles spread on each level of the library. Also, bottle refill water fountains are located on two floors (Learning Commons and upper level) of the library.

We encourage users to view print jobs before printing to reduce unused printed pages and to be in support with the university's "Green Printing" initiative. If you want to save money and paper on printing or copying, we also offer free scanning at our two KIC scanners located in the periodicals and the upper level copy centers.

The library asks its users to turn off lights when leaving study rooms to save energy. Some rooms in the Learning Commons have motion sensor lights to help save electricity too.

Outside the library, we have a number of bike racks to encourage students, faculty, and staff to ride bikes to and from campus. Along with the bike racks, we have new outdoor seating to entice our users to enjoy the fresh air while studying.

Live Green, Breathe Purple!



[Click here for more information on Tarleton State University's conservation initiative.](#)



Supporting Innovation and Collaboration: New Maker Spot and Collaboration Technology



It's been an exciting year for technology at the Dick Smith Library! We added new collaboration technology to the lower level and installed a second laptop vending machine on the upper level in August. We are especially excited about our new Maker Spot, which opened early in spring 2016. With these additions, we can support student learning and faculty research in new and innovative ways.

The Maker Spot, located on the upper level, will be open from 8am-5pm, Monday-Friday. It features large format poster printing, 3-D printing, and 3-D scanning, with some charges for the materials used in prints.

Also GoPro cameras, microcontroller boards and maker kits are available for checkout from the space. Using tables and workstations in the Maker Spot, you can use the space to work individually or collaboratively on your projects and get assistance from the Maker Spot staff. For additional information about specific equipment in the Maker Spot, checkout policies and pricing, please [see our website](#) or scan the QR code.

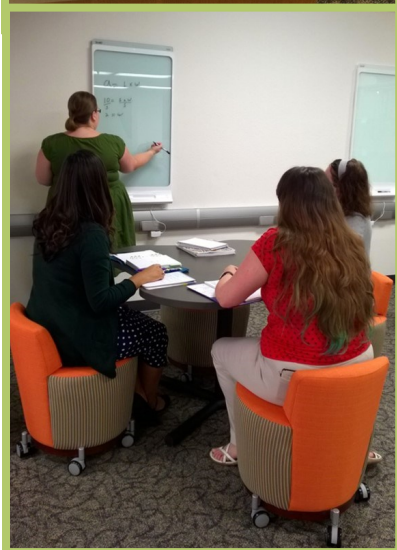
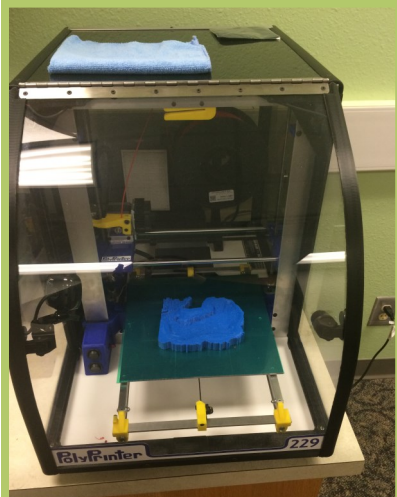
In August, we redesigned part of the lower level with new furniture and additional technologies to support collaborative learning. We added two extra collaboration tables, for a total of ten collaboration tables throughout the building. We also added two SMART kapp boards, which use cameras embedded in the boards to take pictures of the boards' contents. You can also share the board live with group members who are at a different location. See our SMART kapp FAQ for more information.

On the upper level, we added a second laptop vending station, which brings the total number of laptops available for checkout to 36! Now you can find 12 laptops available in the Library Learning Commons near the Reference Desk and 24 on the upper level near the desktop computers. Laptop chargers are also available for checkout at the Circulation Desk.

[Maker Spot Website](#)



[SMART kapp Video](#)



Tired of Textbooks? Read for Fun with Overdrive

In 2015, Tarleton Libraries joined several A & M System libraries to subscribe to OverDrive, a digital provider of e-books, audiobooks, and videos. With OverDrive, all of these resources can be downloaded to a mobile device or used on a desktop computer. Currently, there are over 500 items in this shared collection, with new titles added regularly. Many items are chosen from *The New York Times* bestseller lists. Users can access OverDrive by going to the [library's website](#), then click on the [Databases: A-Z](#) link, and select [OverDrive](#) from the database list. You will then be prompted to enter your NTNET login information. You must be a current Tarleton State University student, or faculty, or staff member to obtain access to OverDrive.

[OverDrive](#)



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On the Horizon: Tarleton's New Fort Worth Campus

In December 2014, Dr. Dottavio announced that Tarleton had received the gift of 80 acres of land running alongside the Chisholm Trail Parkway in Fort Worth. Since then Tarleton has begun to make plans for the first building on its new Fort Worth campus. The new building will have a library!

In November 2015, the Steering Committee met for two days with Broaddus, the planning group for the new campus. Information was gathered from the various departments, including the library, regarding the specific needs for each. Another meeting with Broaddus was held in January 2016. The estimated date for the opening of this new Fort Worth campus is fall of 2019.



Artist's concept of a fully developed Tarleton State University campus in Fort Worth.

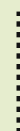
A year in review: Library Events



Feb. 11, 2015
Library Lovers Day



April 15, 2015
READ Poster Reveal



Feb. 18, 2015
Interlibrary Loan
Lesson@Lunch



June 24, 2015
DSL Sponsored
Blood Drive



Trudy Carlson: The “Librarian Lady”

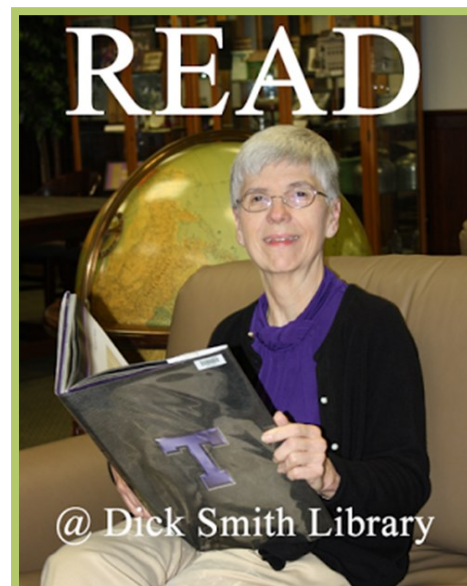
No one has ever worked at the Dick Smith Library longer than Trudy Carlson! Her career spanned 45 years serving the students, faculty, and staff with a smile and a gracious manner!

Trudy began working at Tarleton State University as the Education Librarian in 1970. She started the current Children's Literature collection and purchased teacher resource books with her own money; creating the collection that became known as “Trudy’s Books.”

Trudy has worn many different hats in her tenure at the Dick Smith Library. Her various positions include: Education Librarian, Head of the Education Library, Division Head of Special Services, Division Head of User Services, and Associate Director for Library Services.

In 1998, Trudy was awarded Employee of the Year! She volunteers for Alpha Gamma Delta, Delta Kappa Gamma and at her church. She is an animal lover, angel figurine collector, and avid reader.

Trudy retired in August 2015, but she will always be known as the “Librarian Lady” whether on campus or around Stephenville.



**Thank you, Trudy, for all your
years of service and for
smiles!**

Aug. 3, 2015 Blu Dornan leaves the Evening Circulation Supervisor position ⋮	Aug. 28, 2015 Trudy Carlson retires after 45 years of service ⋮	Sept. 27-Oct. 3 2015 Banned Books Week ⋮
⋮	Aug. 18-19, 2015, Transition Week Tour of the library	⋮ Sept. 8, 2015 Ginger Cousins starts as new Evening Circulation Supervisor

New Library Databases for User Needs



The library acquired numerous databases this past year to help supplement academic and recreational needs. Check the left QR code for our [A-Z Database list](#).



The new database, [Britannica Online Academic Edition](#), provides access to articles from the Encyclopaedia Britannica, Merriam Webster's Collegiate Dictionary and Thesaurus, and various periodicals, including the New York Times.

Another addition is [Counseling and Therapy in Video](#), available from Alexander Street. This collection allows viewers to see therapeutic techniques in action. These videos can be clipped and shared.



The library acquired music databases from Alexander Street that can be streamed and shared. Some contain music, photos, videos, biographical information, historical events, and scores. Examples of the new music databases include [American Song](#), [Classical Scores Library: Volumes I, II, and III](#), and [Jazz Music Library](#). These can be searched individually or simultaneously at [Music and Performing Arts](#).

[American Song](#)



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The [Artemis Literary Sources](#) database brings Gale literary databases together in one interface: Literature Criticism Online, Literature Resource Center, Scribner's Writers Series, and Twayne's Author Series. This resource contains a "Topic Finder" tool to help users analyze and visualize search results in order to discover new terms and connections. Its "Term Frequency" tool shows how often a word or term was used over time.

The library added two new EBSCO databases. [SPORTDiscus with Full Text](#) contains articles about sports and sports medicine. [Philosophers Index with Full Text](#) offers access to philosophy journals from around the world.

[SPORTDiscus](#)



[Philosophers Index](#)



Sept. 28, 2015

Stairwell Art Reception

"Taking Art to New Levels"



Oct. 27, 2015

Preserving Your Family

History Lessons@Lunch



Oct. 8, 2015

The World of Monarch

Butterflies Lessons@Lunch



Nov. 17, 2015

Traveling the Globe

Electronically Lessons@Lunch



New Library Search Tool Helps Faculty Curate Course Content

In 2015, the Center for Instructional Innovation (CII) and Tarleton Libraries partnered to offer Library Discovery: Curriculum Builder. This library search tool lets faculty simultaneously search the library's catalog and many of its subscription databases so they can create resource lists to integrate into their courses with Blackboard components. Faculty and their students will no longer need to visit multiple locations to obtain and read course materials.

With this search tool, faculty can

- Help their students easily access selected course materials via curated lists in Blackboard.
- Use Discovery@Tarleton to locate desired resources (books, videos, articles, audio, theses, dissertations, etc.) included in the library's catalog and subscription databases.
- Import resources from library collections and organize them into reading lists.
- Copy items from their other Blackboard courses.
- Add resources from the open web.
- Annotate reading lists with instructions, deadlines, and notes.
- Update and archive reading lists.
- Collect usage statistics and monitor students' participation.

To make the tool's purpose more apparent, links to Curriculum Builder are sometimes labeled Library Discovery Tool on CII resource listings. Information about adding Curriculum Builder to Blackboard courses and instructions for using Curriculum Builder are available on the CII site:

[Printable Instructions](#)



[Video Instructions](#)



If you have questions about Curriculum Builder (Library Discovery Tool), please contact your library liaison:

- [Brochure with library liaison assignments and contact information](#)
- Information Desk (254-968-9249, reference@tarleton.edu)



Nov. 19, 2015 Presentation of <i>The Starfish Throwers</i> for Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week ⋮	Nov. 30, 2015 Christmas Lighting Ceremony ⋮	Feb. 11, 2016 Library Lovers Day ⋮
Nov. 19, 2015 International Game Day	Dec. 7, 2015 Kelsie Tobin starts as Interlibrary Loan Assistant	

Staff comings...

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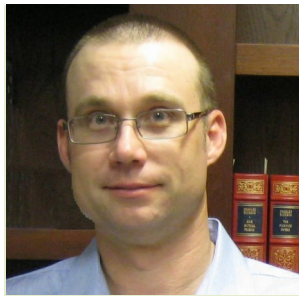


Kelsie Tobin hopped on board in December 2015 as the new Interlibrary Loan Assistant.



...and goings

We said goodbye to Blu Dornan, our Evening Circulation Supervisor, in August 2015.



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