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grams of filament used in 3-D printer





The 3-D printers have run a total of

416.5







The large format printer has used **201 sq. ft.** of paper



Maker Spot Madness

In spring 2016, the Dick Smith Library proudly premiered The Maker Spot and its wide-ranging technology to the campus community. Our two 3-D printers proved to be the most popular tools and have been used to make a variety of things.

Class projects ranged from

- An orthotic brace for a stroke victim designed by kinesiology students
- Sculptures created by art students
- Topographical maps planned by geography students

Personal projects have included keychains, puzzles, and Pokémon figurines. At a cost of only ten cents per gram of materials, items can be affordably 3-D printed.

For aspiring filmmakers, we offer four GoPro action cameras that students, faculty, and staff can check out for a one-week period. The GoPros can be attached to a wide variety of mounts to fit all needs. The library offers straps that attach a GoPro to the body, as well as mounts that will help film a more stable image. The GoPros have already been used for a variety of projects. For instance, during Transition Week several Residential Leaders recorded their library tours using GoPros to help create a video of the freshmen's first library experience. Multiple students have also utilized the GoPros while traveling.

Library print services were expanded by adding a large format printer in The Maker Spot. Library users can print large posters up to 36 inches wide and any length, for only two dollars a square foot.

The Maker Spot also offers tools to enhance learning. A variety of maker kits are available that help teach computer, robotic, and electronic skills in a fun and interactive way. In addition, computer microcontroller development kits allow users to program and design their own computer-based projects. These kits support learning across multiple disciplines.

Visit The Maker Spot to learn more!

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New library resources

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Friends of the Dick Smith Library Awards First Scholarship

Last April, on the first Tarleton Day of Giving, The Friends of the Dick Smith Library endowed a scholarship specifically for student employees of the library. The Friends' board was approached about the creation of the scholarship by University Librarian, Donna Savage. President of the Friends' board, Glenda Stone, said they collected seed money for the endowment over several years. Once the endowment was established, "We used business membership dues and fundraising from the book sales to help it grow faster . . . I am glad The Friends of the Library were able to create the scholarship. I think it is a great thing to be a part of," said Stone.

The first recipient, Alicia Cody, was awarded the \$1,500 scholarship this past fall. She met all the requirements of the scholarship: good standing with the university,

2.75 or higher GPA, enrollment in a minimum of nine semester credits hours, and library employment for at least one year.



Friends of the Dick Smith Library 2016 Scholarship Recipient, Alicia Cody.

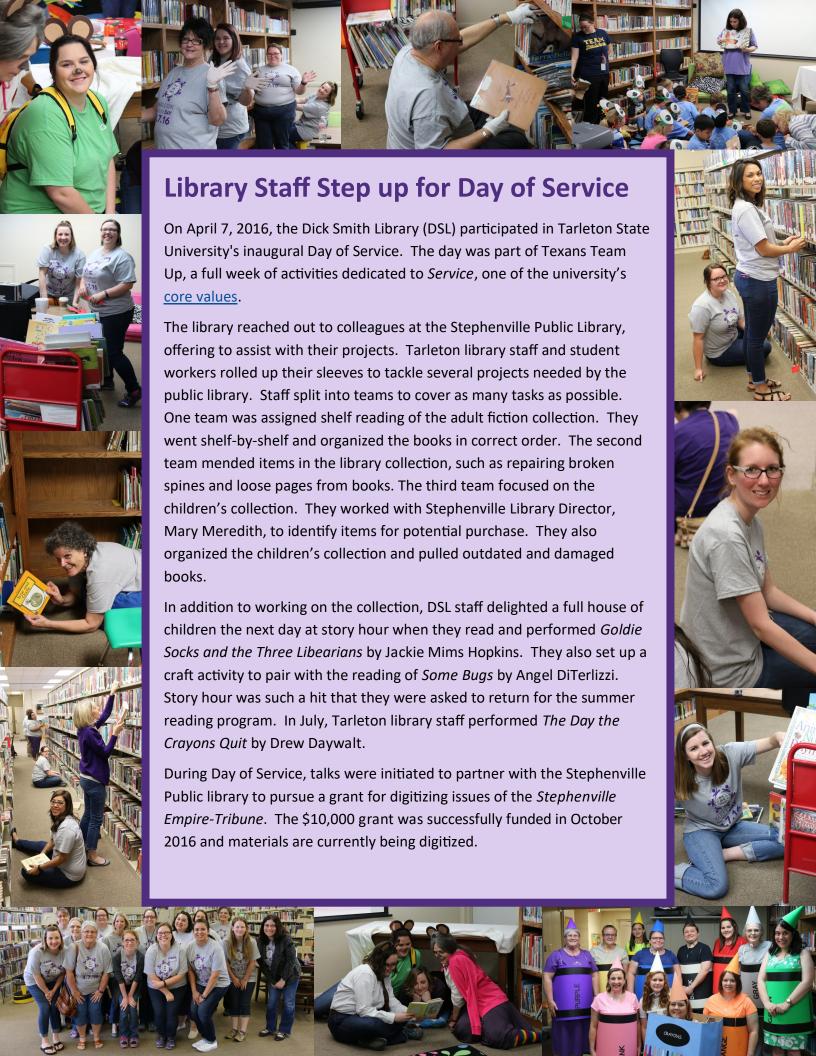
Cody is working on her bachelor's degree in business administration with a major in accounting. She is a member of the National Honor Society and on track to graduate in May 2018. When asked how she

felt about receiving the scholarship, she replied, "I was very proud and excited to be able to pay for my tuition." Along with providing great financial support, receiving the scholarship also included additional perks such as getting into the classes of her choice. "It gave me a chance to pay my tuition early, which allowed me to register for my classes on time, which was very helpful," said Cody.

The Friends of the Dick Smith Library is a volunteer organization founded in 1990. Members graciously dedicate their time and effort to supporting the library. They help fund educational amenities that aren't included in the library's budget: lectures, gifts to the library, and the scholarship. Anyone can donate to the scholarship. All donations are appreciated and will help students achieve success in higher education.

Friends' members, library staff, and student workers show support as the endowment was established





New Resources @ Tarleton Libraries

During the past year, the library acquired several new resources for our users. Two categories of resources are highlighted below.

Anatomical Models

The library purchased anatomical models as requested by the Department of Kinesiology. These anatomical models can be manipulated to demonstrate the interplay between muscles, tendons, and bones. Models can be checked out for one week. Currently, the library offers eight life-sized models of the following body parts:

- right knee
- mini-muscled joint set
- muscled hip with sciatic nerve
- muscled shoulder
- knee joint
- cervical vertebrae
- shoulder joint
- three-fourths muscled arm



Citation Resources

The library now provides two robust resources to help users format papers and cite sources. <u>Chicago Manual of Style Online</u> has the full contents of the 15th and 16th editions, search tips, and a searchable Q&A section. The <u>APA Style CENTRAL</u> database is divided into four main sections:

- Learn, with tutorials, quizzes, example papers, and other tools
- Research, with planning and tracking templates
- Write, with paper templates
- *Publish*, with insider tips on publishing, tutorials, and a searchable database of over 2,000 possible publication outlets

The Tarleton Libraries also offer print editions of these and many other style manuals in the Reference Collection.

New Databases

The <u>CQ Researcher</u> database (formerly Editorial Research Reports) was created in 1923 to provide reports on current issues to editorial writers. Continuing in that tradition, CQ Researcher provides original, in-depth reports and analyses.

Education Week provides premium educational resources. It includes a searchable archive (dating back to 1981) of the Education Week Newsletter and Teacher magazine. Special features include blogs covering current events and technology, links to past webinars, special reports, and job listings.

The Stephenville EmpireTribune newspaper is now available through the
NewsBank database. Users can read full-text issues dating from January 2000 to the present. The library also carries older issues in both print and microfilm format. More information on the library's holdings for the EmpireTribune can be found in the library catalog.

Library users can remotely access our databases by using NTNET credentials.

New Children's Literature Collection at Texan Hall Library

Texan Hall Library has a new Children's Literature Collection with over 1,000 books. Interdisciplinary Studies and Curriculum & Instruction students can now browse books and make real-world applications for their classroom teaching. The collection includes picture, poetry and science books, as well as biographies, and novels. The books cover topics such as homelessness, immigration, special needs, cultural awareness, death and dying, and money management.

Children's literature professor, Dr. Rebecca Putman, stated that having the collection "has had a major impact." The collection has helped her students see the importance of a diverse classroom collection, as expressed in this quote:

If children never see themselves in books, they receive the subtle messages that they are not important enough to appear in books.... Conversely, if children see *only* themselves in the books they read, they come to the conclusion that those who are different from them are not worthy of appearing in books (Boyd, Causey, & Galda, 2015, p. 379).

Some of the students' favorite titles included: *The Princess Boy, Maddie's Fridge, Crossing the Wire, Jacob's New Dress, Out of My Mind, Wonder,* and *Once.*

The Children's Literature Collection was made possible, in part, by Dr. Rebekah Miller-Levy who donated books from her personal collection. Major monetary donations from Tarleton's College of Education and the Department of Curriculum & Instruction enhanced library funds for purchasing award winning books spanning from the 1970's to the present including Caldecott, Newberry, Coretta Scott King, Belpre, Sibert, Geisel, and Schneider awards. You can find this collection at Texan Hall Library on the Fort Worth campus.



Boyd, F. E., Causey, L. L. & Galda, L. (2015). Culturally diverse literature: Enriching variety in an era of Common Core state standards, *The Reading Teacher*, *68*(5), 378-379. doi: 10.1002/trtr1326

READ Posters Celebrate Literacy, Service & Civility

During National Library Week (April 10-16), Dick Smith Library staff revealed our 2016 READ posters and announced the latest honorees: Tarleton Horticulture Club and Tarleton Gay-Straight Alliance.

Each year, our READ posters showcase the importance of libraries and literacy, plus celebrate Tarleton community groups or individuals that embody the University's core values. Through their dedication to service and to promoting civility, our most recent honorees are no exception.

After the Tarleton Horticulture Club "took root" during the 1979-1980 school year, its members set their sights on making the world more beautiful through fellowship and service. Club members foster appreciation for the art and science of growing plants through many methods. For example, they help with campus pollinator-friendly landscaping initiatives and Tarleton Round-Up. They also participate in recruiting events and the Texas Nursery & Landscape

Association Expo, conduct Horticulture Center tours, and offer seasonal and specialty plant sales.

The Tarleton Gay-Straight Alliance (GSA) was founded in 2012. Members strive to raise awareness of topics important to the LGBTQ+ community and work to foster inclusion. GSA members help provide a campus support network. They collaborate on projects with the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, sponsor special events, and are engaged in a variety of campus awareness initiatives. For example, they offer educational presentations, distribute anti-bullying resources, sponsor Second Chance Prom and Transgender Day of Remembrance, and participate in NOH8 Awareness Week activities.

Tarleton Horticulture Club and Tarleton Gay-Straight Alliance memberships are open to all students. Information about the library's previous READ posters is available online (READ poster archive).





Library Support for Centennial Celebration

January 2017 marked the beginning of the Centennial Celebration, to acknowledge the 100 years since Tarleton became a member of the Texas A&M University System. In planning the yearlong celebration, Tarleton librarians and university archivist helped document and research the history of Tarleton. The Dick Smith Library has long been responsible for the preservation of institutional history, safely storing documents and memorabilia important to Tarleton's past.

Some archive items were selected from the collection and included in the Centennial Gallery exhibit as well as a Dick Smith Library display. Items used for the Centennial exhibit included a scroll from 1970 that depicts an early Texan Rider and photos of various buildings, events, classroom scenes, and faculty members. The library display included a ROTC uniform from 1930 and a letterman sweater from the 1960s.

Current and former librarians worked together to gather items and information for the exhibit. Their research revealed that the collection lacked a photograph of one Tarleton university president. Retired Tarleton librarian Glenda Stone searched through many resources to locate a picture of James Duncan Hughlett, Tarleton President from 1912 to 1913, to add to the presidential section of the exhibit. When traditional genealogical resources did not help, she continued by phone. Knowing that he registered in 1918 for the military draft in Greenville, Texas, Stone contacted the public library in Greenville. Their staff found his faculty photograph in a 1916 yearbook from Wesley College, which closed in 1938.

Recently located in the Tarleton archives is <u>President James</u>

<u>Cox's 1918 annual report</u>, which includes more information about the transition to the Texas A&M System.

Learning Opportunities at the Library

The Dick Smith Library (DSL) hosted a number of continuing education opportunities throughout the past year. Two notable sessions were the 15th Annual South Central Unified Users Group (SCUUG) Conference and the Cross Timbers Library Collaborative (CTLC) Scholarly Communication and Digital Curation (SCDC) winter meeting.

Over 40 attendees from Arizona, Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas attended the SCUUG Conference on October 28, 2016. The library was selected to host this year's conference due to the leadership roles of DSL staff: Jennifer Barrera, Assistant Director of User Services, who serves as SCUUG President and Tracy Holtman, Assistant Director of Collection Management, who serves as the SCUUG Treasurer. The conference sessions covered a variety of topics including system updates, electronic resources management tools, cataloging procedures, and tips for overcoming pest issues in a print collection.

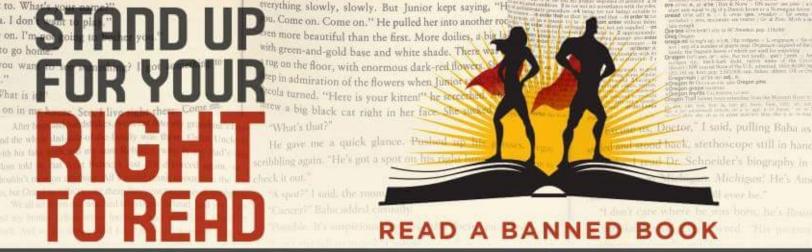
The CTLC-SCDC winter meeting was held on December 16, 2016 with 13 attendees from various Dallas/Fort Worth area universities, as well as Tarleton library staff members. This meeting provided opportunities to network and share expertise on a variety of topics: institutional repositories, open access educational resources, and copyright issues.

In addition to these regional meetings, the DSL also sponsored an Open Access (OA) Panel as a Brown Bag presentation in October. The panel of Tarleton OA advocates was comprised of Dr. Credence Baker, Ms. Lacie Harris, and Ms. Amy Castillo. The panelists discussed topics related to OA, such as benefits to authors and researchers, the availability of OA journals through Tarleton, and useful tools to identify OA journals. The presentation was open to Tarleton students, faculty, and staff. If you are interested in learning more about OA, visit our web page.

The Dick Smith Library strives to provide continuing education opportunities for students, faculty, and staff throughout the academic year, which will be posted on the University Calendar. Your ideas for future sessions are welcome. Contact Kym Schow at schow@tarleton.edu or 254-968-9871 to provide more information.



Dillon Wackermen,
Digital Repository Librarian
from Southern Methodist
University, presenting at
the CTLC-SCDC winter
meeting.



ala.org/bbooks

Banned Books Week

"Censorship is the child of fear and the father of ignorance."
-Laurie Halse Anderson, young adult author

The <u>American Library Association</u> chose <u>diversity</u> for the 2016 Banned Book Week's theme, which focused on books about or written by people of color, the LGBTQ+ community, and/or people with disabilities. We joined the banned book celebration by making a selection of banned books readily available to library users.

For last year's celebration, library staff wrapped previously banned or challenged books in brown paper, wrote brief descriptions about the books and why they were challenged, and then placed them on carts for students to peruse. At the DSL, patrons were not allowed to unwrap the books until after they checked them out. At Texan Hall Library, staff wrote a list of titles on the white board. Patrons were encouraged to match titles to their descriptions, and the books were unwrapped at the end of the week to reveal the correct titles.

If you could go back in time, which book would you give your younger self?

Which book would you go to jail defending?

Which banned book character would you want to have lunch with?

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I was banned due to propanities uttored by soldiers.

I convey a very powerful message to victims of sexual assault; but I was banned because someone perceived me to be soft por nography.

I explore complex issues of race, class, and identity and hour boon targeted for violence, sexual content, and language.

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Staff Comings...



Josh Wallace joined the library team in June 2016 as a new Instruction Librarian.



Yeidi Rios joined the team in August 2016 as a User Services Assistant.



Kortney Davis also joined as a User Services Assistant in August 2016.



Ally Warren,
Periodicals Associate,
joined the team in
February 2017.

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- Vickie Sowell, User Services Assistant, left in June 2016.
- Crystal Stanley, Archives and Reference Assistant, left in July 2016.
- Sandy Dennis, Periodicals Specialist, retired in January 2017 after 12 years of service.



Dr. Dwayne Snider presenting Sandy Dennis with a distinguished service award at her retirement celebration



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