

# Library Chronicles

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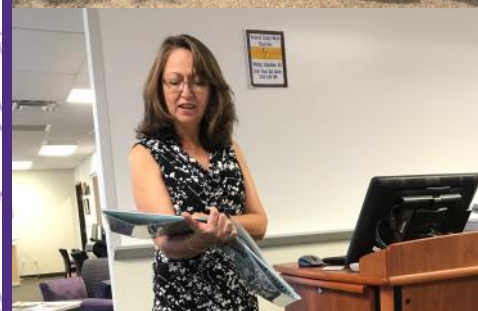
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## Celebrating 100 Years of Banned Books

Tarleton State University spent 2017 celebrating the 100 years as founding member of The Texas A&M University System. When planning started for our annual Banned Books Week (September 24-October 1), the Centennial celebrations across campus inspired library staff to dig deeper into the history of banned and challenged books. Library members identified a banned or challenged title to represent each year between 1917 and 2017. These book titles were made into a graphic and printed on t-shirts to give away during Banned Books Week.

The library didn't want to stop with just t-shirts though. We also wanted to encourage others to share their favorite banned books and to emphasize the 2017 national theme of "Our Right to Read." This spawned our Banned Books Read-Out where students, staff, faculty, and community members from both Stephenville and Fort Worth campuses emphasized this uniquely American perspective by reading aloud selections from previously challenged or banned books. The response we received was inspiring. Forty-two people signed-up to read. Readers shared the reasons their selected books were banned or challenged, what the books meant to them, and read short passages, which resulted in three and a half hours of total Read-Out time. Throughout the event, anyone was welcome to pick up a snack and free t-shirt while learning about books that were banned or challenged.

Our recorded readings were submitted to the American Library Association's "[Stand for the Banned and Virtual Read-Out](#)" YouTube page. Tarleton readings are numbers 91-132 on the playlist.







## Library Staff Help with Service Day 2017

Tarleton State University's annual Day of Service was on Thursday, April 6, 2017. This marked the second time that Tarleton set aside an entire day to serve area communities. Service Day was part of Tarleton State University's Week of Service (April 1-April 7, 2017), which showcases one of Tarleton's seven core values.

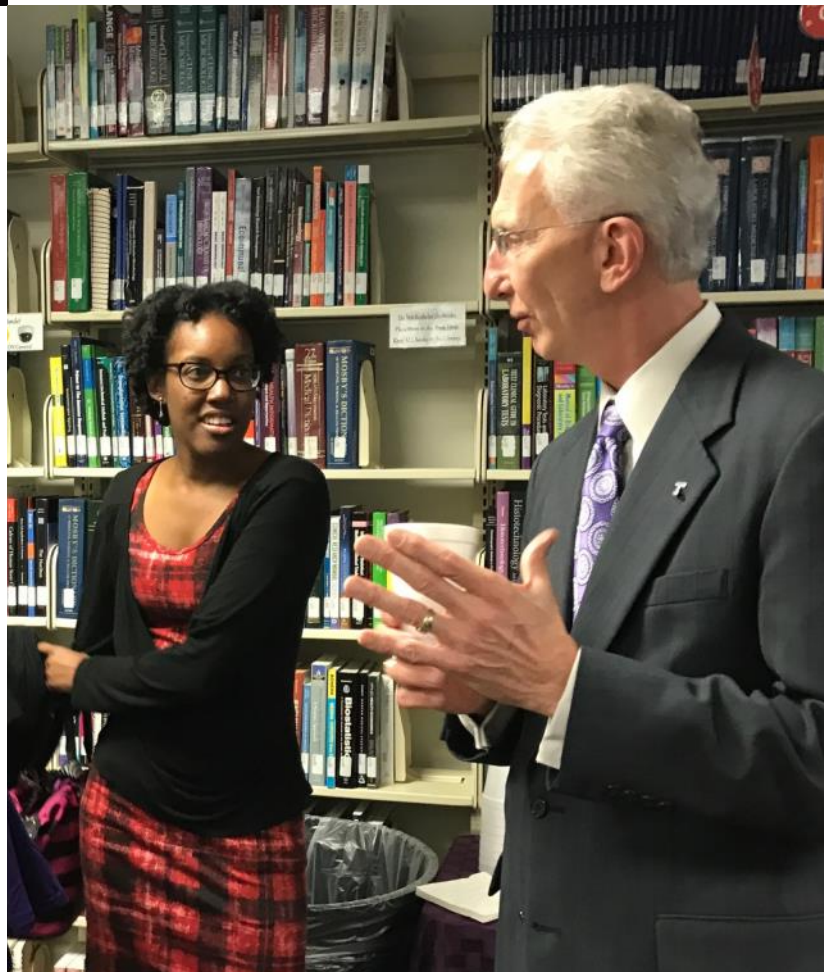
During the day, library staff split into various teams at different locations in the Stephenville area. Staff members at the Stephenville Public Library flipped collections by moving books into new rooms and then also helped verify that books were shelved correctly throughout the building. Another group working at the Chamberlin Elementary School library organized their audiobook collection and mended damaged books. One team traveled to Stephenville High School's library to organize and label their CD and DVD collection. The last team inventoried and organized the collection at the Gilbert Intermediate School library. Both student workers and full-time staff pitched in throughout the day to make Tarleton's 2017 Day of Service a memorable one.

## President's Coffee Gatherings Held in Texan Hall

The Texan Hall Library Learning Commons was the location for the first *Coffee with the President* for Tarleton Fort Worth students, staff, and faculty.

On March 8, 2017 more than 125 people attended this event which included the presentation of the new Texan Rider logo and distribution of free t-shirts, followed by a brief information and Q&A session with Dr. Dottavio.

In September 2017, the Library Learning Commons hosted another opportunity for Tarleton Fort Worth folks to attend *Coffee with the President* followed by an information and Q&A session with Dr. D. Attendees enjoyed visiting with the president and fellow students, staff, and professors.







## Tarleton Libraries Remember World War I

In 2016, Tarleton Libraries formed a Grants Task Force to pursue external funding sources for the library. With the assistance of Dr. Marcy Tanter, Professor of English, and Dr. Mattie Fitch, Professor of History, the Grants Task Force identified the "World War I and America" initiative as a potential stipend to pursue in order to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of America's entrance into WWI. This [Library of America initiative](#) involves "public programs in all fifty states, a traveling exhibition, a multimedia website, and the publication of an unprecedented anthology of writings by Americans who experienced World War I."

The Grants Task Force applied for and received the \$1,200 award in early 2017. From there, the task force started preparing for programming to take place the week of Veterans Day, November 10, 2017.

With the assistance of Marcy and Mattie, the task force organized the following events:

- A WWI film night featuring *All Quiet on the Western Front*, which highlighted an ordinary soldier's experience of the First World War.
- A ceremony honoring Tarleton alumni who fought in the First World War that included distributing red poppies, placing a ceremonial wreath at the Tarleton Military Memorial, presentations by invited guests, and the playing of taps in remembrance.
- A lunch panel, featuring scholars from Tarleton State University and the University of Texas at Arlington, exploring various historical topics regarding WWI.

Additionally, on December 4<sup>th</sup> the Dick Smith Library held an exhibit reception where library staff read selections from A. Scott Berg's work, *World War I and America: Told by the Americans Who Lived It*, provided by the Library of America in order to spread campus awareness of the traveling exhibit. The Dick Smith Library hosted the World War I traveling exhibit from November 28<sup>th</sup> until December 19<sup>th</sup>.



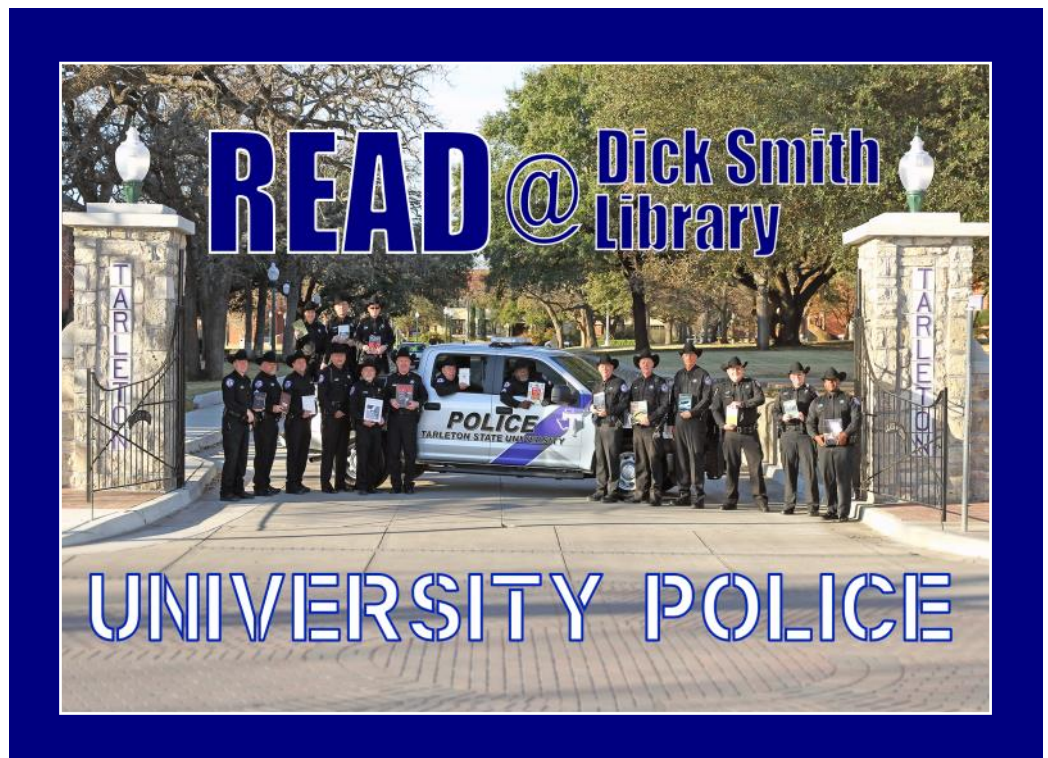
## READ Posters: University Police & Student Publications

During National Library Week (April 9-15), Tarleton Libraries revealed the honorees for our latest READ posters. As in the past, the posters showcased Tarleton groups or individuals that demonstrate the University's core values. They also celebrated the value of libraries and literacy. For 2017, we chose to honor the Tarleton State University Police and the Department of Student Publications.



Tarleton State University Police exemplify the core values of service, integrity, and civility. The mission of the department is to ensure that Tarleton provides a safe and secure learning, living, and working environment.

These certified police officers are responsible for multifaceted services. They take crime reports, resolve disputes, promote crime prevention initiatives, enforce traffic rules, facilitate campus awareness programs, and make arrests. They also offer educational programs about personal safety and self-defense, as well as provide security escorts, motorist assistance, and event security.





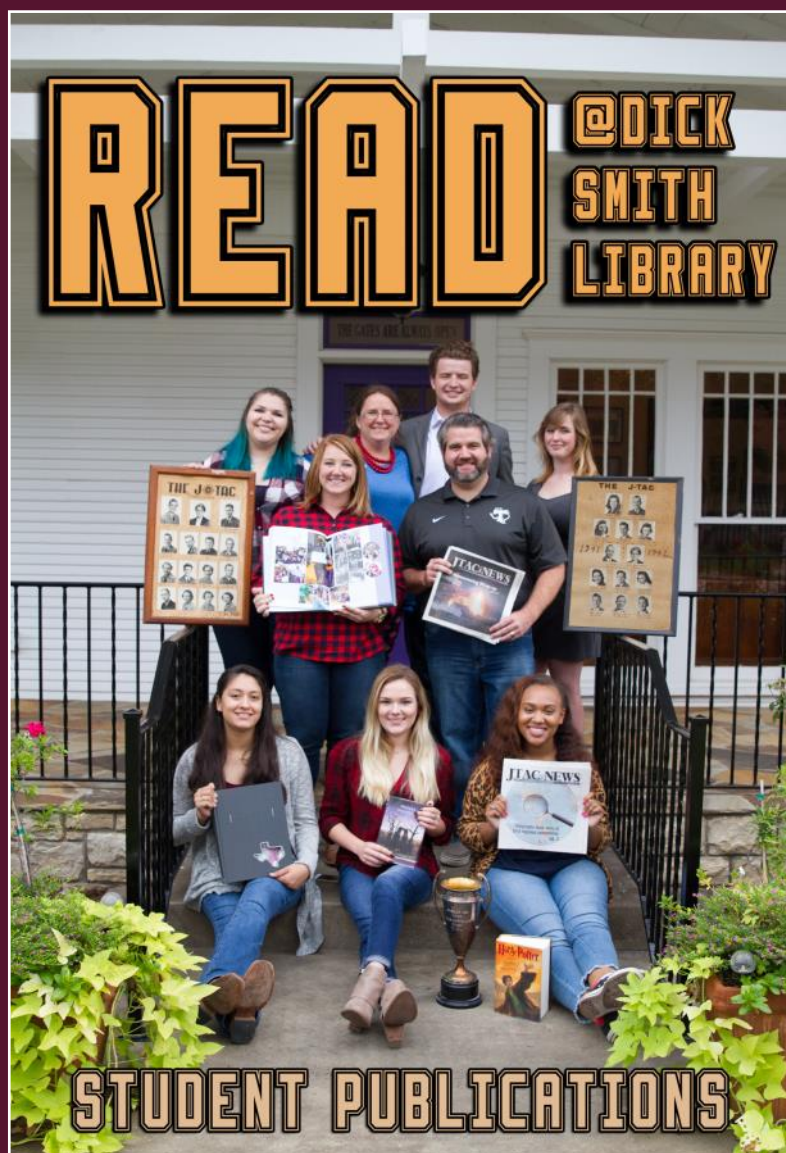


The Department of Student Publications is home to two student-run publications: *JTAC News* and *The Grassburr*. Through their involvement with these publications, students gain experience in journalism, graphic design, photography, video production, management, and sales.

The students also participate in the annual Texas Intercollegiate Press Association (TIPA) Conference. Due to their commitment to excellence and tradition, the student publications staff have earned TIPA awards in many categories: sports stories, news and feature writing, page and infographic design, and photography.

## Want to Learn More?

- View videos of [University Police](#) and [Student Publications](#) members discussing their reactions to being chosen for our 2017 READ posters, the importance of reading, and their roles on campus.
- Read about our previous posters on the [READ poster archive](#) page.





## LibAnswers Service

In summer 2017, the Reference Department introduced a new online service— LibAnswers. This service allows users to chat with a Reference staff member in real time from wherever they happen to be located. In addition, incoming questions help populate the FAQ section of LibAnswers. The FAQs are searchable and provide speedy answers to common questions. So far, questions submitted to LibAnswers ranged from database inquiries, placing holds, to student worker job applications.

Submit your question directly through [LibAnswers](#) or via the chat box on the [library's home page](#) and [Discovery @ Tarleton database](#). LibAnswers chat services are available Monday-Friday from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. But no worries! Users can still access the library's FAQs or submit a question when LibAnswers is offline.

Users can also email the Reference Department at [reference@tarleton.edu](mailto:reference@tarleton.edu). Replies to questions are returned by the next business day. Reference assistance is also available by phone at 254-968-9249.



## Helping Freshmen “Transition” in 2017

During Transition Week (August 21-25), the Class of 2021 took the campus by storm and got an up-close-and-personal tour of the library. Over 2,000 students walked through our doors in just two days. Groups of students were led by their residential leaders through each floor of the building. Tours stopped at various stations where library staff informed students about library services, facilities, and equipment.

You can get a detailed look at the Class of 2021 exploring the library by checking out our [YouTube video](#).

## Library Staff Trained in Mental Health and Violence Prevention

This year, some library staff pursued training specifically aimed at helping others with mental health and preventing violence on campus. Over the summer, six staff members completed Mental Health First Aid training, which totaled eight hours over the course of four weeks. The program taught participants how to identify, understand, and respond to mental health and substance abuse crises. Upon completion, participants gained the skills to help others navigate specific crises, such as panic attacks, and to guide those struggling to the appropriate resources.

In October, fourteen staff members completed basic Green Dot training. The Green Dot curriculum teaches participants to recognize and respond to occurrences of power-based personal violence, which includes stalking, sexual assault, and domestic violence. Green Dot promotes bystander intervention and equips the Tarleton community to help prevent violence in ways they feel comfortable. Three library staff members have been certified to lead this training as part of Tarleton's plan to improve prevention and campus response to these situations.

## A Painting Pair Up

Assistant Professor of Art, Mr. Tim Harding's, Painting I & II students created some beautiful renderings of *Artforum International* magazine covers in May 2017. When Tim reached out to the Periodicals Department about hosting the paintings in the library, we jumped at the chance to show off the amazing work of his students alongside the original issues of the magazine. Check back this spring for our next collaboration!

We hope to host additional mini-exhibits in the future. Have ideas for displays? Contact [mylibrary@tarleton.edu](mailto:mylibrary@tarleton.edu).



## The Stephenville Empire.

### Preserving Our Town's Newspaper History in Collaboration with the Stephenville Public Library

Last year the Dick Smith Library's Grants Task Force collaborated with Mary Meredith, Director of the Stephenville Public Library, to apply for a grant to digitize microfilm of historical Stephenville newspapers. Thanks to the Ladd & Katherine Hancher Library Foundation the project was funded for the full amount (\$10,450), which made it possible to digitally scan issues of *The Stephenville Empire* & the *Stephenville Tribune* published from 1882-1923 and make them available online in the [Portal to Texas History](#).

The papers are now [openly accessible](#) and searchable to help genealogists, historians, and other researchers locate articles much more quickly. Visit the [Ladd & Katherine Hancher Library Foundation](#) to learn more.



# New Databases

The library added 46 databases to its collection in 2017. These databases provide access to 5,395 eBooks and over 14,000 articles covering diverse topics. See the library's [Guide to Databases](#) webpage for a description of each.

## General Interest Databases

*Culinary Arts Collection*  
*Chilton Library* (vehicle repair)  
*Gardening, Landscape & Horticulture Collection*  
*General OneFile* (general interest magazines)  
*Life Magazine Archive*  
*Tourism, Hospitality & Leisure Collection*

## Multidisciplinary Academic Databases

*Academic OneFile*  
*Global Issues in Context*  
*Informe Académico* (Spanish and Portuguese)  
*Opposing Viewpoints in Context*  
*Popular Culture Collection*  
*Student Resources in Context*  
*World Scholar: Latin America & the Caribbean*

## Race and Gender Studies Databases

*Contemporary Women's Issues*  
*Diversity Studies Collection*  
*Gender Studies Collection*  
*Race Relations in America*  
*Slavery in America and the World: History, Culture & Law*

## History Databases

*Biography in Context*  
*US History Collection*  
*U.S. History in Context*  
*World History Collection*  
*World History in Context*



## Specialized Academic Databases

*Agriculture Collection*  
*Book Review Index Plus*  
*Communications & Mass Media Collection*  
*Computer Database*  
*Criminal Justice Collection*  
*Educators Reference Complete*  
*Environmental Issues & Policy Collection*  
*Fine Arts & Music Collection*  
*GREENR* (Global Reference on the Environment, Energy, and Natural Resources)  
*Information Science & Library Issues Collection*  
*LegalTrac* (Law)  
*LitFinder* (Literature)  
*Military & Intelligence Database*  
*Nursing & Allied Health Collection*  
*Physical Therapy & Sports Medicine Collection*  
*Psychology Collection*  
*Religion & Philosophy Collection*  
*War & Terrorism Collection*

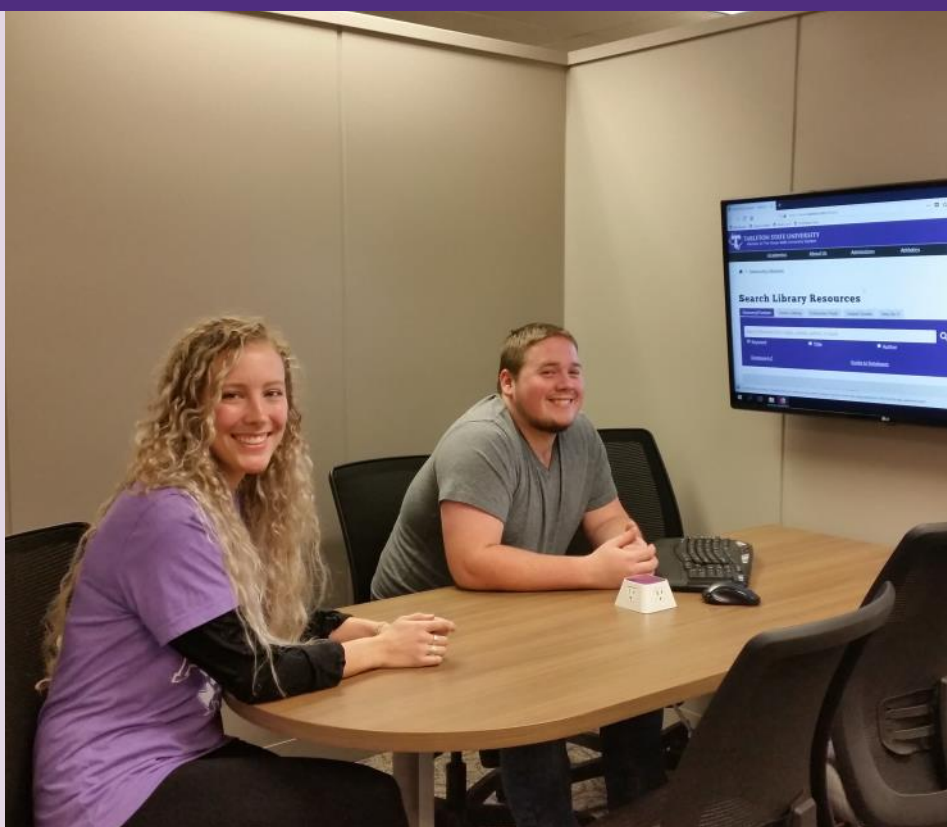
## You Asked for It; You Got It!

According to library surveys, students want more study rooms! In response, last fall the library added five enclosed study rooms on the upper level near the Quiet Zone.

Each new room includes a computer and large monitor with seating for up to five people, which makes them perfect for group study or team meetings!

The rooms are available on a first-come, first-served basis; no reservations needed.

Come see us and check 'em out!





# Student Worker Success

## Library Student Worker, COE Commencement Speaker

Jessica Alexander, former student worker for the Texan Hall Library, earned the honor of being the December 2017 graduation speaker for the College of Education commencement ceremony.

Jessica transferred from Tarrant County College to Tarleton Fort Worth where she worked in the library for a year. Her outstanding academic record allowed her admittance to Alpha Chi National Honor Society and Kappa Delta Pi International Education Honor Society. She also served as President of Tarleton Professional Educators.

Jessica's career as a teacher began in January 2018 at Tidwell Middle School, Northwest ISD, Roanoke, Texas where she is the 6<sup>th</sup> grade science teacher.



## Friends of the Library Scholarship Recipient

In April 2016, The Friends of the Dick Smith Library established a scholarship specifically for students who work in the Tarleton Libraries. The scholarship requires a GPA of 2.5 or higher, a minimum of nine semester credit hours, and employment in the library for at least one year.

Jacob Martin, who has worked for the Cataloging Department in the Dick Smith Library since August 2015, was selected as the 2017 Friends of the Library scholarship recipient. He is on track to graduate with his bachelors in August 2018, with a major in English and a minor in Spanish.



# Staff Comings & Goings



Shaelynn Enquist joined the library team in September 2017 as the Electronic Resources Associate.

Phillis Kinnison joined the library team in September 2017 as the Archivist.



Alejandra Moncada joined the library team in September 2017 as the Interlibrary Loan Specialist.

Kortney Davis, User Services Assistant, gave birth to a baby boy on January 23, 2018. He is named Mark Errol in honor of Kortney's father-in-law, Mr. Mark Davis, retired Tarleton art professor.



Gary Spurr, who served as the library's Archivist since January 2008, retired in April 2017.



Lacey Cook, who served as the library's Electronic Resources Associate since April 2014, left in April 2017.

Kelsie Tobin, who served as the library's Interlibrary Loan Specialist since January 2016, left in May 2017.

