

Library Chronicles

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Just for You! New Library Resources

Tarleton Libraries strive to continuously bring new and exciting changes to our services and resources. Over the past year, we had numerous opportunities to make our offerings better than ever. [BrowZine](#) was recently acquired, which allows users to virtually browse our online academic journal subscriptions by subject with a computer, tablet, or smartphone. Users can create a personal library of their favorite journals and set up notifications to know as soon as the newest issue “hits the shelf.”

Thanks to funding provided by the College of Graduate Studies, we added [Pivot](#) to the libraries’ resources. Pivot allows users to search a comprehensive database for research funding opportunities. Currently, Pivot’s database accesses \$52 billion in funding opportunities, so don’t miss this chance to investigate how you can apply Pivot to your own research needs.

We collaborated with the Stephenville and Dublin public libraries to successfully acquire grants to digitize the *Stephenville Empire-Tribune*. A grant from the Ladd & Katherine Hancher Library Foundation allowed us to digitize issues from 1882-1923. Thanks to a Tocker Foundation Grant, we’re currently digitizing 1924-1949 and will digitize 1950-1965 in the next phase of the project. These publications are hosted in the [Portal to Texas History](#), along with many other digital Tarleton resources: *Alumni J-TACS* (1971-2000), *Grassburr* (1916-2017), *J-TAC* (1919-2018), *Journal of Effective Schools Project* (1994-2016), and *Anthology*, volumes 1-24 (1995-2018).

Also, we added and expanded several library services. The Dick Smith Library now has an online system for [reserving rooms](#), which lets users view our room availability and place a reservation online. We also transitioned to a cloud-based interlibrary loan (ILL) system over the summer. Beyond some cosmetic changes, very little has changed for the user requesting ILL materials, but the switch has streamlined processes behind the scenes.

The past year provided great opportunities for growth, but we will always be on the lookout for new ways to help our university community succeed.

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Did you know?

We answered over 31,000 questions via our online chat, service desks, and email.

People still check out print books! Last year we checked out over 12,000 items (that’s more than 1 item per student!).

Since fall 2017, our 3-D printers have used nearly 20,000 grams of plastic. That’s 44 pounds!

E-books were all the rage, topping 70,000 checkouts.

Over half a million people entered the library this year.

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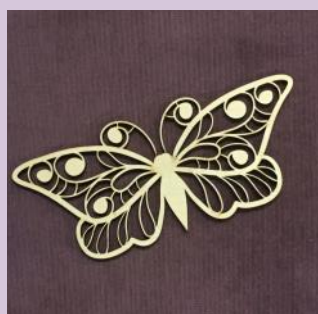
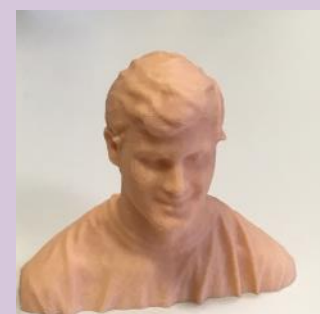


Service Day Projects

Tarleton's Service Day was held on March 22, 2018. Library staff participated in projects at four locations: Stephenville Public Library, Dublin Public Library, Hook Elementary (Stephenville), and the Recovery Resource Center in Fort Worth.

At Stephenville and Dublin libraries, library staff members helped shelf-read, inventory the collections, and mend books. At Dublin Public Library, another team got their hands dirty as they created raised garden beds to be used for educational activities and community gardens.

A library staff member joined psychology students at the Recovery Resource Center in Fort Worth to create a relaxing outside environment for staff and patrons by clearing rocks and debris from outdoor areas and shoveling sand around picnic tables. These service projects benefited library patrons, elementary students, clients, and staff at their respective locations.



The Maker Spot Takes Off!

The Maker Spot is super busy, and we couldn't be happier! Records show that over 440 items were created last year. One of the most used tools of The Maker Spot has been the large format printer, which prints on several types of media – paper, photo paper, outdoor polyester, and artist canvas. The DSLR and GoPro cameras were also a frequently checked out item. Don't forget the 3-D printer! This past year, we printed everything from art projects, trophies, and dolls, to the Flintstone's footmobile.

We continue to improve and add resources to The Maker Spot. You can create almost anything – from a cardboard dinosaur to a remote control R2D2 droid. Last summer we added a laser cutter, which can cut and engrave on paper, cardboard, wood, stone, acrylic, and even leather. We also added more GoPro cameras, a video-camera and mounts, littleBits, and several new maker/creation kits.

We are always looking to expand our tools. Stay tuned to find out what is next for [The Maker Spot](#)!

New Fort Worth Campus—Coming in August 2019

Tarleton's first building on the new Fort Worth campus rises singularly on the west side of the Chisolm Trail Parkway, just south of McPherson Boulevard. From ground breaking in February 2018 to a three-story, 76,000 sq. ft. building ready for sheet-rocking in December, this building shows the intentional plan to provide a student/staff friendly educational environment.

The building's grand entry features a double-sided, three-story atrium. The 9,000+ sq. ft. library space will include six study rooms, individual study pods, computer tables, bookshelves, circulation/reference desk, and a porch view of the grasslands from its first floor location. Also available in the library will be a writing lab, accounting lab, and Information Technology Services.

A café and lounge area will reside just outside of the library. Study spaces will be tucked in throughout the building. Student services will be found in a one-stop location. Faculty offices will be on the second and third floors.

In just a short six months, Tarleton folks will be driving up Tarleton Way, locating the new campus on Texan Rider Drive, and starting their learning adventures at Tarleton's new Fort Worth campus. [See the Tarleton Fort Worth Master Plan.](#)



LIRT Summit

The annual Library Instruction Round Table (LIRT) Summit was held at the Hickman building of Tarleton – Fort Worth on September 21, 2018. A division of the Texas Library Association (TLA), LIRT provides a forum for discussing library instruction standards, activities, programs, issues, and strategies. The LIRT Summit, a professional development opportunity for Texas instruction librarians, is hosted by different libraries each year. This year's summit was hosted by Tarleton State University Libraries.

Forty-two librarians from around the state gathered to exchange ideas about best practices and instructional strategies with their colleagues. Sessions at the summit covered a range of topics that included how to address fake news, high school and college librarian collaboration, and instructional assessment.

Attendees also had the opportunity to learn about Tarleton's new Fort Worth campus, set to open at the end of summer 2019, during a brief talk by Dr. Phil Sudman, Executive Director for the Fort Worth Center. They also toured the Texan Hall Library and learning commons.

Tarleton Libraries Host Brown Bag Sessions

Last year, Tarleton Libraries renewed efforts to provide in-house Brown Bag sessions highlighting library resources. The Reference Department, with support from the Instruction Department, hosted two Brown Bag sessions in 2018

- **Company & Industry Databases:** A session highlighting Business Insights: Essentials and Nexis Uni®
- **Literary Databases:** A session highlighting Literary Reference Center and Literature Criticism Online

In addition to the database sessions, Tarleton Libraries also sponsored a Brown Bag for Dr. Marcy Tanter in October. This session allowed Tanter an opportunity to discuss her experiences as a Fulbright Scholar in South Korea. Tarleton Libraries will continue efforts to provide free Brown Bag sessions for the Tarleton community.

If you are interested in offering a Brown Bag, contact Kym Schow to start planning your session: schow@tarleton.edu or (254) 968-9871.



Copyright Task Force

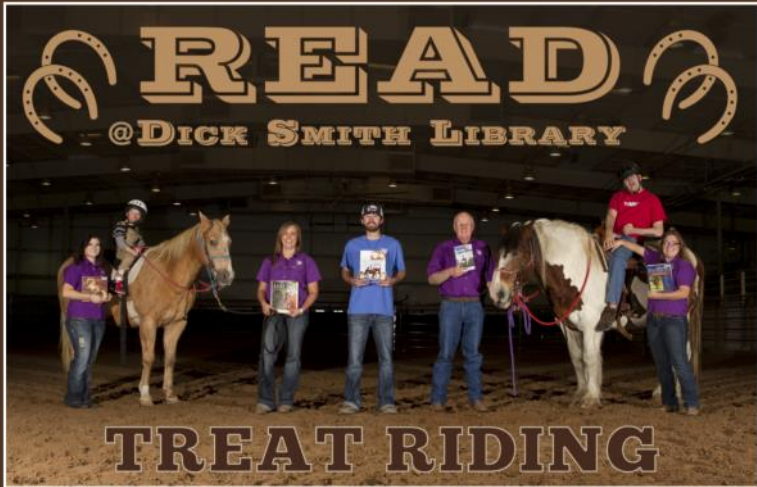
The Copyright Task Force serves as a source of information about copyright related to research, teaching, and learning. The task force members are responsible for investigating, identifying, creating, and disseminating best practices regarding copyright issues to the campus community.

Last spring, in collaboration with the Center for Instructional Innovation, the library purchased the video, *Copyright for Educators*, which was shown to faculty in Stephenville, Fort Worth, and Waco. The viewings were followed by a question and answer sessions with members of the task force. In October 2018, the task force presented *Videos: Educational Exemptions vs. Performance Rights* as part of Tarleton's research symposium. The session focused on films in the classroom, online, or in Blackboard and explored ways to determine when/if you need permission, how to obtain public performance rights, and related library resources.

The task force encourages your questions regarding copyright issues. You can submit questions to mylibrary@tarleton.edu. You can also view our videos about copyright on [Tarleton Libraries' YouTube channel](#).

READ Posters: TREAT Riding Program & Texan Cheer

In April 2018, Tarleton Libraries revealed our newest READ poster honorees—the Tarleton Equine Assisted Therapeutic (TREAT) Riding program and Texan Cheer. The honorees were chosen by library committee because of the many ways they exemplify Tarleton’s core values. The READ posters were revealed during National Library Week (April 8-14), which celebrates the value of libraries and literacy.

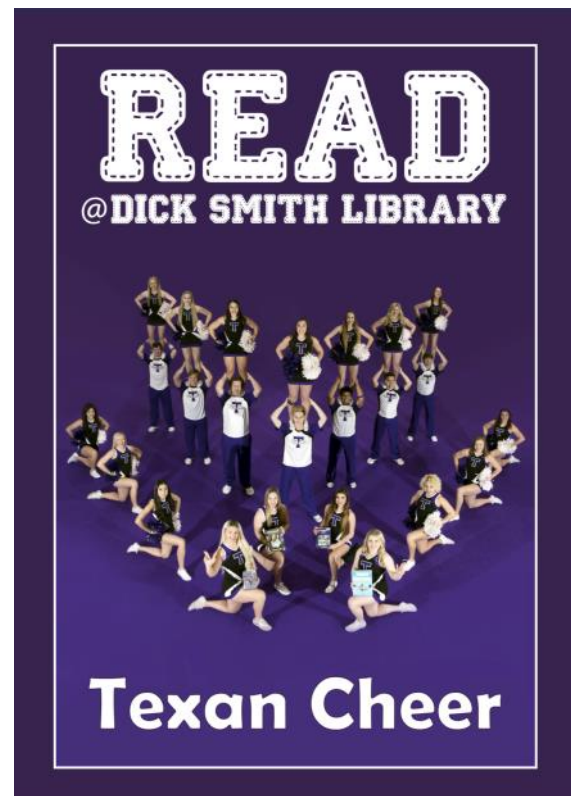


Since its inception in 1995, the TREAT Riding program has become a Premier Accredited Center with the Professional Association of Therapeutic Horsemanship International. The program uses horseback riding to facilitate physical, emotional, and recreational therapy and is primarily led by students taking basic and advanced equine assisted therapy classes. Their work with TREAT helps the students prepare for equine assisted therapy careers and careers involving special needs children.

TREAT personnel work with community groups and individuals, provide riding time for veterans and their families, and research the effects of therapeutic riding. They also host events like the bi-annual Special Kids Rodeo to strengthen participants’ self-confidence, self-awareness, and discipline. Visit the [TREAT program](#) website for more information.

Texan Cheer embodies the traditions of promoting school spirit, encouraging student engagement, and cheering athletic teams on to victory. Texan Cheer members perform at Tarleton football, basketball, and volleyball games. They also perform during many special events like Tarleton Rally, Midnight Madness, pep rallies, and homecoming activities.

Over the summer, Texan Cheer, Texan Stars, Plowboys and the Texan Rider partnered to compete in the 2018 National Cheerleaders Association contests and placed first for NCA Game Day Performance, Division II. Visit [Texan Cheer](#) to learn more.



Want to Know More? You can read about [previous READ posters](#) on our website.

FTW Banned Books Week | Sept.



Teal Tuesday | April



LIRT Session | September



Move-In Day | August

Banned Books Week | September



Service Day | March



Voter Registration | September

Research Week | October



Story Time | July



FTW Service Day | March

Library Events & Partnerships 2018

Library Spotlights

Comings . . .



Kortney Davis moved from User Services Assistant to Administrative Associate effective May 21. Natalia Juarez is our Periodicals Associate and joined our team on July 2. Jacob Martin joined the library on August 6 as our User Services Assistant for Access Services. Brandon Assmann started working with us on November 5 as our Evening Circulation Supervisor.

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May was a period of high transition for the Dick Smith Library. Margie Huth left the Systems Librarian position, Shaelynn Enquist left the position of Periodicals Associate, and Leslie Newcomb left the Administrative Associate position. In August, Ginger Cousins accepted the position of Event Coordinator with Tarleton's Residence Life, Facilities, and Events Department.



Kay

Kay Wiley received the All-Purple Award in April for her outstanding support of the Tarleton Athletics Program.



Baby Gia

The library staff is overjoyed that Yeidi Rios added a baby girl to her family on December 23, 2018.