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Swap! Swipe! Share!

By Ann Darnley

Books are like love ... they need to be shared!

The Muntz Library Outreach Team will sponsor "Swap, Swipe, Share" (a book) April 13-17. This free event, which coincides with Student Appreciation Week and National Library Week, will allow students, faculty and staff to recycle gently used books as well as choose from the more than 400 books donated to start the event. Additional books that are traded and shared during the week will also be available.

Books by bestselling authors such as John Grisham, Stephen King, Dean Koontz, Danielle Steel, and Karen Kingsbury, as well as self-help, hobbies, special interests, inspirational, and children's books will be available on a first-come basis. All gently used books, except textbooks (*keeping it fun*), are welcome as "swaps" or "shares." The rules will allow unlimited "swapping" or "sharing" and a one book limit for "swiping."

Watch for library staff and our groovy mobile cart in various locations on campus during the week. However, for the best selection, visit the library!



Poetry Month by April Borromeo

In honor of National Poetry Month, Club Muntz is hosting two poetry competitions. We will have a Poetry Slam on Thursday, April 16, from 4:30pm-6:30pm in the library second floor lounge area. All of our time slots for performances are now filled. However, you may sign-up for our "wait list" should any performers drop out. Feel free to drop by just to listen and appreciate the talent of your peers.

We also have a written Poetry Contest in which any interested student may submit one or two original poems by April 16. Winners will be announced April 24th via Robert R. Muntz Library, UT Tyler Library Facebook page. All interested performers and poets may send inquiries and submissions to April at aborromeo@uttyler.edu with subject line: POETRY SLAM or POETRY CONTEST.

Please include all contact information: name, email, and phone number. Want to know more? Go to <http://libguides.uttyler.edu/poetry>. We look forward to seeing what you can do! As for some inspiration, here's a little something to get you started:

Inspiration

*Words pass me by
skipping along the brick road
haphazard, and careless,
and bumbling along,
but not one trips or stubs a toe.
No pause, no thoughts, no hello,
as words pass me by
spareless along the brick road.*

At Club Muntz, we're big appreciators of irony. Send us some nice words and we'll give you some nice prizes, and of course, serious bragging rights! Happy Poetry Month!

PETS

(Pets Eliminate The Stress)



The Library will again host PETS this spring. Therapets will be on campus:

Monday, April 27th
2-4pm

Tuesday, April 28th
6:30-8:30pm

Wednesday, April 29th
2-4pm

Coffee Hours Inside



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FROM THE DIRECTOR:

What's going on in the library?

Jeanne Standley, Executive Director of the Library



Libraries have always been a part of my life. One of my earliest memories is one of going to the Bonham Public Library in the late 60's as a young child and taking a basic art class. Unfortunately, no artistic talent stuck, but I still remember how to draw a three-legged stool! My point is that libraries, regardless of type, have always been about more than just shelves of books. Libraries are community centers where people can come to expand their horizons through reading or gather with others to learn about new things.

Times have changed and some people wonder whether or not libraries are still needed. When I hear comments such as those, I know that they aren't seeing the incredible energy that fills libraries. Libraries today offer a variety of services, from meeting spaces for book clubs or literacy tutoring, to basic

computer classes for those who don't have computers at home.

This love for libraries and the impact I know they can have on people's lives and individual success is one of the reasons I became a librarian. It's also one of the reasons that I have become involved at the legislative level to show my support for libraries.

Because I believe so strongly about this, I've taken my personal time to go to Austin and meet with our legislators to tell them about libraries. I was fortunate enough to be able to take the time and experience the workings of our Texas Legislature and testify before both the House and Senate appropriation committees on behalf of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission.

If you have something that you feel passionately about, study the issues and let your representatives hear from you. You don't have to make a trip to Austin, although I highly recommend it if you have the opportunity. Call, write, email, or go to the local office of your representative and let your voice be heard!



"The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go." **Dr. Seuss**

Library Read-In

By Vandy Dubre, Librarian

On June 16th, the library will be invaded by little guests and riveting readers. In an effort to illustrate the power and fun of the written word, children from the Stepping Stone Summer Program will visit the library for a day of story time - including stories about Ancient Egypt. Children will also have opportunity to write their own story!

Stay tuned for pictures in the summer newsletter edition.

EDITOR'S CORNER

Alma Ravenell
Public Services Librarian



Sign the Declaration For Your Library!

April 11-17 is National Library Week. During this week, it's a great time to reaffirm your belief that libraries are important to our institution, community, nation and world! Read the excerpt below from the American Library Association's webpage on National Library Week!

"The Declaration for the Right to Libraries is the cornerstone document of ALA President Barbara Stripling's presidential initiative, *Libraries Change Lives*, which is designed to build the public will and sustained support for America's right to libraries of all types - academic, special, school and public."

Go to the ALA site to sign: <http://www.ilovelibraries.org/>

Also, if you have a favorite library worker, you would like to give a star to, go here and put in your request!

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/SubmitAStarforNLWD>

It's a great week to work in a library and to be a lover of libraries! Enjoy National Library Week!

Spring Displays and Events at Muntz Library

The Library showcased several displays this month. Below is a list of them. Collaborative events and displays include the name of the person or group beside them.

January

Hot Tea Month Display
Mad Hatter Tea Party
Pharmacy Past, Present, and Future – Brad Brazill
Counseling/Resolutions Display – Sam Dwight
Fitness/Diet
MLK Day Display

February

Black History Month
Relationships/Eating Disorders – Sam Dwight/
Wellness and Prevention Education
Faculty /Staff Publications- Display & Reception
Distinguished Lecture Series

March

Mindfulness/Eastern Spirituality Display
Women's History Month Display
Ancient Literature Display
First Ladies Display

April

Autism Awareness – Student Services/Sam Dwight
Preservation Week
National Library Week 12th-18th
-Poetry Slam (16th)
-Poetry Contest
-Book Swap/Swipe/Share
-Posters on Glass

Finals Week 25th-30th

- Free Coffee 11pm-1:30am

Finals Hours at Muntz Library

Saturday	10:00am - 7:00pm
Sunday	1:00pm - 2:00am
Monday - Thursday	7:30am - 2:00am
Friday	7:30am - 5:00pm

Study Grounds Hours -Finals Week

Saturday & Sunday	closed
Monday - Thursday	7:00am - 11:00pm
Friday	7:00am - 5:00pm

Library Free Coffee -Finals Week

Sunday -	7:00pm– 1:30am
Monday - Thursday	11:00pm - 1:30pm

New Library Personnel

Antonio Sanchez is the newest circulation student worker. Antonio is a sophomore majoring in accounting.

Christina Gutierrez– No she is not new, but she is doing great things in her new full time position as circulation night supervisor.

Gavin Sanders recently joined the reference team as the late night graduate reference assistant. He is pursuing his masters in psychology.

Upcoming Library Events

PETS - Therapets will visit us April 27-29

Poetry Slam - April 16th at 4:30 p.m.

Swap Swipe Share - April 12-18

Quick Library Stats

Ref Questions Asked and Answered - 1,333

Book Checkouts - 5,367

Book Renewals - 1,242

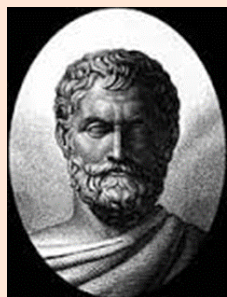
Total Transactions = 6,609

-ILL Borrowing (UT Tyler)-1916

-ILL Requests/Loans (Others) -272

WHAT WE'RE DOING...

Famous Librarians



Eratosthenes of Cyrene was a Greek mathematician, geographer, poet, astronomer, and music theorist. He was a man of learning, becoming the chief librarian at the Library of Alexandria.



Mayme Agnew Clayton was a librarian, and the founder, president and spiritual leader of the Western States Black Research and Education Center, the largest privately held collection of African-American historical materials in the world.



Beverly Cleary is an American author of more than 30 books for young adults and children. One of America's most successful writers of children's literature, she has sold 91 million copies of her books worldwide.



Vandy Dubre (*Reference Librarian*) resurfaced her role as *Ms. Librarian* for the intermission "entertainment and education segment" of the children's opera on March 30th.

April Borromeo (*Reference and Outreach Assistant*) designed the poster for Dr. Spencer Acadia's presentation at ACRL. She is also serving as the Assistant Editor of the *Chronicles of Smith County, Texas*.

Vicki Betts (*Reference Librarian*) presented "For the Citizens of East Texas: The Integration of Tyler State Park" to Meadow Lake Retirement Center on February 10. She served as a step-on bus tour guide for the East Texas Preservation

Conference on March 27, and portrayed Bessie Clarinda James Gaston at the Spirits of Oakwood tour on March 28. On April 2 she presented "Pray for This War to End: The Civil War Letters of William Smith Herndon and Mary Louise McKellar Herndon" to a joint meeting of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and Meadow Lake Retirement Center.

Dr. Spencer Acadia (*Reference Librarian*) taught graduate-level PSYC 4341: Personality Theory and SOCI/CRIJ 3302: Deviant Behavior this spring semester. Dr. Acadia also presented the poster: "Books be gone! Reducing a library's print collection by half to meet strategic planning initiatives and participate in a joint library sharing facility" at the 75th Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) Conference, March 2015, Portland, Oregon. As well as now serving a four-year term as a Standing Committee Member in the Knowledge Management Section of IFLA.

Alma Ravenell (*Public Services Librarian*) attended the Access Services Conference in Atlanta, GA, November 11-13. Ms. Ravenell also recently became a member of the North Texas Library Assessment team. She has visited with the Library Assistant at the Longview campus four times during the fall semester. She also serves as an usher for the Cowan Center on occasion.

Aaron Ramirez (*Archives Assistant*) Volunteers with the Smith County Historical Society on their long-range planning committee for outreach. He also exhibited materials from the Tim Anthony Jackson Collection at the Cowan Center performance of *The Capitol Steps* on March 19, 2015.

Terra Bianchi (*University Archivist*): Presented UASC rare books to UT Tyler's Webb Historical Society, and attended the North Texas Library Assessment group meeting.

Vicki Betts and **Vandy Dubre** attended the Civil War Exhibit at the Tyler Museum of Art. Ms. Betts supported and provided Texas Civil War civilian life and textiles expertise in the development of the exhibit.



Open Access at UT Tyler

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Terra Bianchi, University Archivist

Open Access is the free, immediate, online availability of research articles, including the rights to use articles fully in the digital environment. It increases visibility of scholarly work, prevents users from having to pay for research articles, and accelerates discovery because researchers don't have to wait for access to works. Open Access also helps to prevent authors from signing away their copyright to publishers.

To aid in the access of UT Tyler scholarly work, the [UT Tyler Institutional Repository \(IR\)](http://dspace.uttyler.edu/xmlui/) (<http://dspace.uttyler.edu/xmlui/>) is a digital service that stores, preserves, and displays documents and publications of our University's faculty, staff, and students. Recently, faculty across UT Tyler have become interested in supporting more access and visibility of their work. By adding their scholarly work to the IR, our faculty are ensuring that their research is available to the widest audiences.

If you are interested in learning more about Open Access or the types of materials allowed for deposit into the IR, please contact us at archivist@uttyler.edu or (903) 565-5849.



"A university is just a group of buildings gathered around a library."

— Shelby Foote, American historian and novelist

Weeding Project Update

Rebecca Fernandez, ERM Librarian

Muntz Library is entering Phase II of the weeding project which began last year. The librarians have been checking lists of books to determine what we can part with and what we will keep on the shelves. The initial list of books to be weeded starts with books that have not been checked out in five to ten years -with most books having not checked out since 1988. From there, the librarians and faculty comb through titles to select those that need to be kept. The resulting books are removed and sent to either Books for Africa or another library in need of books for their collections.

We will start pulling more books from the shelves in May. Then we will consolidate the retained books, shifting them to one section of the Library.

The weeding project is being performed to allow for more floor space for student project work /study areas, to make the shelving units more ADA compliant, and to make room for newer books.

***Need Silence?* Use Library Room 422!**



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MUNTZ LIBRARY

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Sunday
1:00 pm –Midnight
Mon-Thurs
7:30 am - Midnight
Friday
7:30 am - 5:00 pm
Saturday
9:00 am - 6:00 pm

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Faculty and Staff Recognitions

By Isabel Altamirano

The Faculty and Staff Publications & Presentations Ceremony took place on February 3, 2015 in the Living Room of the library. UT Tyler faculty or staff who had made scholarly presentations, written an article, book chapter, or book, or participated in a significant event in the community during 2014 were recognized at the ceremony. Interim Provost Ross Sherman presented a certificate of achievement to the 200 honored guests.

The viewing before the ceremony was animated. Faculty who had not seen each other recently were happy for the opportunity to speak with their colleagues. Dr. Ronald Sherrod and a guitar music student provided music.

For the rest of the month, students were able to view the display which included abstracts of articles and presentations, or a flier, with the details of the achievement of the faculty or staff member.

To view pictures from the event, go to the link below and scroll down: https://www.facebook.com/muntzlibrary/photos_stream?ref=page_internal



Because of the positive response to this event, there will be a ceremony next year to recognize 2015 accomplishments.

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