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# Muntz Library Musings

## Weeding: *Full Speed Ahead!*

- Alma Ravenell  
Public Services Librarian

*"Weeding is the process of removing old and underused books to make room for new services and collections."* - Jeanne Standley (Director of Robert R. Muntz Library)

The Library staff, headed by the Director of the Library (Jeanne Standley) are currently undergoing a major weeding project. We've never done a weeding project of this magnitude in almost ten years. Some concerned persons have gone as far as to one of the Senator of Texas to express their outrage.

While it is understandable that patrons, friends, students, and citizens are concerned about a move that involves deselecting over 25,000 print books, it is for a good purpose.

Those opposing this effort may be surprised to find that most of the selected books have not circulated in over 25 years! That's older than many of our students! They are basically taking up space that could be used for new resources and/or spaces for library users.

We realize that it is painful to think of so many paper treasures being removed, but in order to continue to meet your needs, it's a task that must be done! This hurts us more than it hurts you. So bear with us as we continue progress!

Evers, Summer. "Library Weeds Out Unneeded Books to Donate to Non-Profit." *The Patriot Talon* 9 Dec. 2014: 6-7. Print.



## What is "Club Muntz"?



It's the nickname that students have given our library. We like it so much that we put it on a t-shirt! Check our Facebook page to see how you can win one!

## Write Your Heart Out!

by April Borromeo

*Once upon a time, in a little library in a wood, a group of writers came out to play. Some published and some not, some wrote of love and some of life, at some we cried and at others laughed. And...well I'm not a writer.*

Just want to say we were quite thrilled to see all you writers emerge from your draft piles and scratch paper to join us at our National Novel Writing Events, A Novel Idea (Nov. 5) and Story Time (Nov. 20). We shared in the lives of four great published

authors, Tina Bausinger, Traci Borum, Dr. Robert Stevens, and Kelly K. Lavender, and enjoyed quite a few creative passages from some talented students and community members. We even acquired a few new books from our local authors. Keep writing East Texas. Make us laugh, make us cry, make us swoon, just keep writing your hearts out!



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## FROM THE DIRECTOR: What's going on in the library?

- Jeanne Standley, Director of the Library



Remember all the focus groups, surveys and meetings we had last Fall and Spring? The ones where we heard from students and staff who asked for things such as “more study space” or “more computers in quiet zones”? In keeping with the Li-

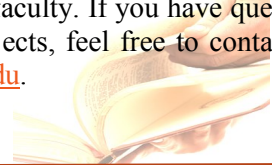
brary's efforts to meet the needs of our students and faculty, we have begun the “weeding” process mentioned in last semester's newsletter. I recently met with members of the University's Space Allocation Committee to determine which seating and study areas will be addressed first as space becomes available.

We identified books that no longer meet the needs of the University curriculum and offered them to

other libraries in the state. Even they couldn't use such outdated material! On November 24, staff began removing, boxing and packaging weeded print items from our collection to ship to Better World Books/Books for Africa. This is an ideal partnership that allowed us to keep within the required rules and guidelines regarding the disposal of state property. To date, an estimated nine thousand volumes have been transferred to make way for more study spaces for our students.

Our staff has done a great job in addressing feedback from students and staff concerning the Library's Strategic Plan. We will be upgrading our network wiring and adding additional network and electrical outlets to improve the connectivity and availability of computers.

With these changes, the Library continues to strive to serve our students and faculty. If you have questions on any of these projects, feel free to contact me at [jstandley@uttyler.edu](mailto:jstandley@uttyler.edu).



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*“Libraries are essential for any civilized nation.” - Anonymous*

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## New Librarian

### In Town

Rebecca Fernandez came onboard as the new Head of Electronic Resources and Collection Management on January 5<sup>th</sup> of this year. Originally from Puerto Rico, she has lived in various foreign countries and a few different states throughout America. When not working, she enjoys reading, studying, painting, and playing with her two Pekingese, Abby and Buddy.

Rebecca has experience in different types of libraries, but says that working in an academic library is her preference. She feels strongly that education is the “golden ticket” to changing and improving a person's life and that it is a privilege to work in a profession that contributes to the academic success of our students.



**Alma Ravenell**

Public Services Librarian

## EDITOR'S CORNER

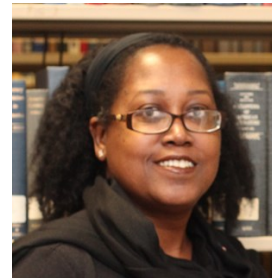
### The Marketability of Librarians

There's one place where a focus on librarians has proven to be quite profitable and that's on the silver screen! Librarians seem to be a popular subject matter for films. Need proof?

To name a few movies where librarians had a major role: “Agnes and His Brothers”, “The Time Traveler's Wife”, “The Handmaid's Tale”, “The Mummy”, “Where the Heart Is”, and “Party Girl”. These are just a few of many! There are numerous films with minor roles and scenes in libraries!

TNT now has a TV show, “The Librarians” which portrays librarians almost on the super hero level, although most of us would argue that the show gives a very poor example of what a librarian does. Also, there is (or was) a show in Australia with the same title, but it's a little more realistic and humorous.

Futuristically, who knows what we will see in film in regard to librarians! The sky is the limit!



## Fall Displays and Events at Muntz Library

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

### September:

- American Hispanic Heritage
- Constitution Day (DAR)
- Art of Peace
- Resume Writing
- Banned Books Week (at Cosplay Event)

### October:

- Mole Day
- Women's Voting (League of Women Voters)
- Breast Cancer Awareness (Susan G. Komen)
- Archives Month
- Cross Cultures (GATE)
- Mole Day (Event)

### November:

- Tie One on for Safety (MADD)
- Veteran's Day (UT VA Office)
- National Novel Writing Month
- Writing Workshop (Local Authors)
- National Novel Closing (Local Authors/Students)

### December:

- Pharmacy Display (Pharmacy)
- AIDS Awareness (GATE)
- Graffiti Wall
- Canned Food Drive
- Counseling/Resolutions (Student Services)
- Free Coffee for Finals

Contact the library Outreach Assistant, April Borromeo (5731), if you would like to plan a display or event in the library.

## Upcoming Library Events

Coming this Spring:

**January**—"Mad Hatter's Tea Party" for Hot Tea Month

**February**—Faculty and Staff Publications Reception

**April**—Poetry Slam; Poetry Contest; Book Swap/Swipe/Share; Therapets; Free Coffee for Finals; Ann McCready (Author Visit); G.B. Tran (Author Signing GATE event)

We hope to see you at some of these exciting events! Exact dates and places will be revealed this Spring!

## Librarian Goes to France

By Dr. Spencer Acadia, Reference Librarian

In August 2014, I had the pleasure of attending and presenting a paper at International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA)2014 in Lyon, France.

The distance from Dallas to Lyon is 5,135 miles. Lyon is situated about 300 miles south of Paris near the Swiss border in the Rhône-Alpes region. By population, Lyon is the second largest metropolitan area and the third largest commune in France. The major rivers Rhône and Saône run through the city and, due to its historical and architectural landmarks, the city is an official UNESCO World Heritage Site.

I spent eight nights in downtown (old town) Lyon near Opéra Nouvel, the city's opera house. Seven of my days were spent at the Palais des Congrès attending the IFLA conference, presenting my paper to an audience of over 150 persons, attending interesting sessions, and networking with fellow librarians from around the world.

I took one day off from the conference to travel north to Oingt in Beaujolais country to visit a wine-making factory and vineyard. I made time also to visit the ancient town of Pérouges, believed to be built in year 1666.

The trip was exciting and I am very grateful to have actively contributed to the library profession at the international level.



## Fall 2014 Quick Library Stats

**2695** Ref Questions Asked and Answered

**1438** Book Checkouts

**401** Book Renewals

**1839** Total

**774** ILL Checkouts (UT Tyler)

**1,970** ILL Requests (UT Tyler)

**376** ILL Requests/Loans (Others)



## WHAT WE'RE DOING...

### Famous Librarians



**The Librarians**  
TNT  
2014



**The Librarians**  
Australian TV Show  
2007-2010



**Giacomo Casanova**  
Author  
"Histoire de ma vie, Of Mistresses"



**Tiffany LeMaistre**  
(ERM Librarian)

Accepted a librarian position with Nevada State College. We wish her all the best in her future endeavors. Ms. LeMaistre had served as a librarian at Muntz Library since 2011.

**Muntz Library** welcomes two new full time library assistants: Aaron Ramirez (*Archives*) and Christina Gutierrez (*Circulation*).

**April Borromeo** (*Outreach Assistant*) Organized events for National Novel Writing Month, including a workshop and a reading. Ms. Borromeo also designed a T-shirt that will be part of the Library's marketing campaign.

**Vicki Betts** (*Reference Librarian*) presented "For the Citizens of East Texas': The Desegregation of Tyler State Park" at the fall meeting of the East Texas Historical Association.

**Dr. Spencer Acadia** taught Graduate-level *Research Methods (5396)* for the Social Sciences Department and *Personality Theory (4341)* for the Psychology Department during the Fall semester.

**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.

**Jeanne Standley** (*Director*) is part of the Steering Committee for the East Texas Book Fest. The event will take place August 21st & 22nd; Ms. Standley also attended her first TexShare Board meeting November 10<sup>th</sup> and a TCAL meeting September 21<sup>st</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>. She serves as "member at large" for the Texas Council of State and University Librarians.

**Vandy Dubre** (*Reference Librarian*) served in the capacity of Teaching Assistant for the Literature Department during the Fall. She served as narrator for the "Hansel and Gretel" children's opera on October 31st.

**Michael Skinner** (*Reference Librarian*) Taught three library sessions at off site campuses. He taught two classes at the Longview site and one at the Palestine site.

### Authors from National Novel Writing Event:

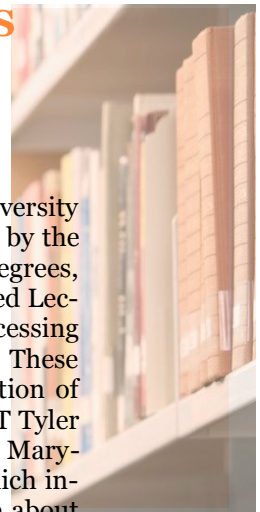


From left to right:  
Kelly Lavender,  
Dr. Robert Stevens,  
Tina Bausinger, and  
Traci Borum

## What's Going On in the Archives?

Terra Bianchi, University Archivist

This fall, UASC staff worked hard on a variety of projects. Terra Bianchi, Head of University Archives has been working on the George F. Hamm Papers—records created and stored by the 2<sup>nd</sup> President of UT Tyler. His papers include information on bachelor and master's degrees, campus building construction, new departments, and special events such as Distinguished Lecturers and the Eisenhower Golf Classic. Aaron Ramirez, Archives Assistant, is processing (arranging, preserving, documenting) records from the UT Tyler Nursing Department. These records include photographs, awards, programs, Silver Jubilee planning, and the creation of the Nursing Master's program. The UASC fall intern, Mary-Elizabeth Smith, from the UT Tyler Honors Program, created a new brochure about our archival and special collections. Mary-Elizabeth also began cataloging materials from the Tim Anthony Jackson Collection, which includes over 12,000 unique items about US Presidential campaigns. You can read more about her experience cataloging items from the McKinley election (1896), on the UASC blog, at <http://uttyleruasc.wordpress.com/>

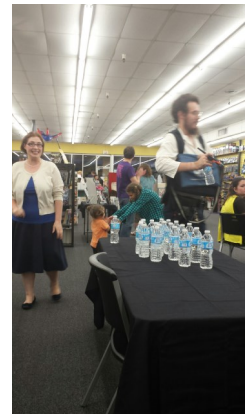


*"...when violent protests this week led to the burning of more than a dozen businesses and the uncertainty caused schools to close, the library stayed open."*  
(NPR— ref. to Ferguson, MO)

## Cosplay at Banned Books Week



In partnership with Ground Zero Comics, Rose City Comicon, and Rocket Fizz, the Muntz Library sponsored a cosplay event on Thursday September 25<sup>th</sup>. Banned Books Week, sponsored by the American Library Association, is an annual celebration of intellectual freedom. This year's theme was the banning of comic books and graphic novels, so the library held the cosplay event at Ground Zero Comics on 5<sup>th</sup> Street. The event featured a presentation on the history and politics of banning comic books (by Dave Seigler), a display of the Tyler Comic Book Committee started in the 1950's to address censorship of comic books in Tyler, and a cosplay costume contest.



by Vandy Dubre

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



## Stress Breakers!

The library put up a graffiti wall during finals week as a positive way for students to relieve stress.

Student Services set up cut outs to encourage students to think of the end result of all of their hard work.

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## MUNTZ LIBRARY

### Normal Hours

#### 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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Jeanne Standley

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## Rumors about the Weeding Project

(by Vandy Dubre, *Reference Librarian*)

Below are some of the many miscommunications about the Weeding Project with the correct answer below them.

*"The Library is taking all the books to the 'pulpers' to be made into pulp."*

-No. We have never done this. The weeded books are going to Books for Africa, and possibly a few other non-profit entities. Only the weeded state docs will be recycled.

*"The Library is going to dump the books on the curb for the trash."*

-No. Again, we will not do this. See the above answer.

*"The Library is tossing all of the print books."*

-No. The sacrilege! We are using a methodical screening process to identify the books to be weeded. In most cases, the initial criteria is books that have not been checked out or looked at since 2000. With that criteria a results list is generated. The subject librarian, all of the subject librarians, and then the faculty review the list marking any books they want to keep. What is left over on the list is what is finally pulled from the shelf. These are typically books that have either never been checked out/looked at or have not checked out/looked at since 1990.

*"The Library should give the books to students."*

-Unfortunately we cannot. Since we are a state institution, there are rules in place as to what we can do with these materials.

*"The Library is going to resell the weeded books to get money for upgrades."*

-No, unfortunately since we are a state institution, we cannot resell the books. They must go to a non-profit institution. This is why we try to partner with area schools and now other non-profit organizations to find good homes for the books.

*"Everything is free on the internet."*

-No it is not and will likely never be. Librarians are keenly aware of these issues.

*"We will only have eBooks."*

-No. Some departments like Nursing, Business, and Math do not use as many print resources now. So we can use that shelf space for departments such as History, Music, and Literature that still rely on print materials.

## Library Supports Global Quiz Night

On October 30th, several library staff supported Global Awareness Through Education (GATE), annual Global Quiz Night. This year the event included a costume contest.

Four librarians participated in the event—pictured from left to right: Vandy Dubre (costume judge); Alma Ravenell (appeals judge); Tiffany LeMaistre (judge); and Terra Bianchi (judge).

Dr. Paul Streufert is in center.

