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TCU Texas Book Award

The Friends of the TCU Library and the TCU Press will co-sponsor the 2011 TCU Texas Book Award with a prize of $5000.00 given to the author of the best book about Texas. The award presentation will be made at the annual Friends of the Library Banquet at TCU on March 21, 2011. The author of the winning title is expected to attend and deliver remarks.

Fiction, non-fiction, art and photography books and others will be considered; juvenile and young adult works are excluded, as are dramatic works.

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President’s Message

Founded in 1972, the Friends are dedicated to furthering the goals of Mary Couts Burnett Library at Texas Christian University. In addition to supporting the library financially, the friends sponsor several programs each year which emphasize the importance of books, electronic resources, and other forms of information. These events encourage reading and focus on current events and scholarship. Many of the speakers are authors and most programs are open to the public.

Among our popular endeavors is the Friend’s Faculty Speak Lecture series. Twice a year we feature a TCU faculty member. The 37th annual banquet will be held in the spring.

Friends membership is open to anyone who has an interest in Library programs and activities. We are proud of our TCU Library and encourage you to become a member of the Friends of the TCU Library. Join us and bring a friend to join, ensuring that TCU remains a gateway to global information for its students, faculty, staff, and Friends.

Dean’s Message

There is an excitement for all of us as Fall semester begins when we see the campus alive with students again. There is a “buzz” in the library and as Dean, I’m pleased to see that activity. Fall semester begins 24 hour library access, a change from summer hours. The building opens at noon on Sundays and stays open continuously until Friday nights at 8 pm. Saturdays the library opens at 9 am. and closes at 8 p.m. Particularly during fall semesters, subject liaison librarians teach library instruction classes at the request of TCU faculty.

These sessions help students become knowledgeable about important databases and scholarly journals within the different disciplines. In other news this fall, we will have a major new software enhancement added to the library’s website, enabling students and faculty to search many databases at once, with results displayed in order of relevancy. I’m expecting that easier access to more information will translate into scholarly knowledge and learning!

Dr. Dan Williams, New Director of the TCU Press

Dr. Dan Williams is the new Director of the TCU Press. Dan began his duties in June of this year, after the retirement of Dr. Judy Alter. Under Dan’s leadership the Press will transition some of its publications to electronic formats while continuing to publish scholarly hardback books.

The TCU Press and the Friends of the TCU Library sponsor an TCU Press Authors’ Autograph Extravaganza in early December each year, offering books by TCU Press and local authors in time for selections of your favorites as Christmas presents.

Please join us for this upcoming event on December 3, 2010 at the TCU Kelly Center.
2010 Mary Couts Burnett Library Staff Excellence Award

Jeff Bond received the 2010 Mary Couts Burnett Library Staff Excellence Award. The Friends of the TCU Library sponsor the staff award each year to honor a library staff member recommended for performance excellence. The Award is presented at the Library Staff Luncheon, as part of the annual In-Service Day.

Nominations for the award are solicited from the TCU campus, particularly faculty and students. At the awarding ceremony, the Dean read selected comments included in the nominations: “Since becoming the science librarian Jeff has also worked tirelessly to educate our students and faculty about the library”. Said one Department Chair, “Jeff is the best reference librarian I have dealt with at TCU”. The names of past Staff Award winners are on a plaque displayed in the Library Lobby.

Ms. Barbara Standlee Retires

After 32 years, Barbara Standlee retired from the Mary Couts Burnett Library on July 31, 2010. As an administrative assistant in the Dean’s office, Barbara worked with Dr. Paul Parham, Dr. Fred Heath, Mr. Bob Seal, and the current Dean, Dr. June Koelker. A few days before Barbara’s retirement began, library staff presented her with an individually autographed copy of the image to the right along with a gift.

TCU Texas Book Award (Continued)

The deadline for entries is December 31, 2010. To enter: please send three copies of the book to the TCU Press, Box 298300, Fort Worth, TX 76129, clearly marked for the “TCU Texas Book Award” Books must be postmarked by December 31, 2010 to be eligible. Authors, publishers, agents or any interested party may make submissions. No acknowledgment of entries will be sent, and books cannot be returned. Each entry must include the entrants address and phone number. Only one book by any author will be considered. Books must have been published between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2010. The winner will be notified by February 15, 2011. Previous TCU Texas Book Award winners are listed at http://blogs.lib.tcu.edu/friends

Works published by TCU Press are not eligible for this competition, nor are works by TCU faculty and personnel.

Faculty Speak, October 28, 2010

Dr. Don Coerver, Associate Dean of the AddRan College of Liberal Arts and Professor of History, gives the Fall 2010 Faculty Speak presentation, on Thursday October 28, at 5 pm in the library Conference Room. His presentation, “Drugs, Immigration, and the War on the Border” will be most informative, given recent developments with those issues. Dr. Coerver holds a PhD in History from Tulane University of and has taught at TCU since 1984. Dr. Coerver specializes in Modern Mexico. He Received his PhD in Latin American History from Tulane University in 1973. Dr. Coerver has been a consultant with the Library of Congress and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Sponsored by the Friends of the TCU Library, Faculty Speak is a semi-annual academic lecture presented by TCU faculty at the request of the Friends. The event is open to the public.
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