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THE PLACE FOR GREAT MINDS Have a paper to write? Need to work on a group project? Want to just hang out with friends? It’s all happening at the TCU Library!
What’s New at the TCU Library?

The READ posters will blow you away. We are making some improvements in the library as we embrace the true spirit of education.

The TCU Library has been very busy this summer working on innovative and creative ways to put the library prominently on the campus map. One piece of excitement is the unveiling of the READ posters – these unique posters give the library a whole new vibe. It’s also the beginning of our ongoing mission to provide the best academic experience for our students.

We partnered with the TCU athletics department to produce twelve READ posters, which are displayed in the library lobby. The student athletes that participated in this project represent a variety of TCU sports, demonstrate achievement on and off the field and exemplify success among our TCU students. They were great to work with and they had a great time in front of the camera in hopes of capturing that perfect pose. I think we got it! Their attitude and commitment in helping the Library accomplish our goal is certainly appreciated and highly visible in the final product.

The purpose of creating these posters is to promote the TCU Library as the place that provides positive benefits to students wanting to enhance their academic experience, at the same time, raising the library’s visibility on campus and in the community. Linking the library to known faces will inspire others to fulfill their aspirations through simple things, such as the value of reading and life-long learning.

The response to the posters have been amazing and the Horned Frog family has given it thumbs up!

On the horizon are more exciting things from the library – it’s going to be awesome.

A special thank you to the Big 12:

Super Frog: Bart Johnson (football)
Jason Coats (baseball): ToJay Johnson (football)
JR Cadot (basketball): Colin Jones (football)
Emily Carter (basketball): Brance Rivera (baseball)
Irene Hester (volleyball): Sarah Scherer (rifle)
Yvonne Igodan (volleyball): Jackie Torda (soccer)

If we encounter a man of great intellect, we should ask him what books he reads.
- Ralph Waldo Emerson
Dean’s Note

Academic libraries are radically transforming their facilities, services and collection. I am frequently asked about the future of the TCU Library, given the transformations that occur around us. What can we predict about the Mary Couts Burnett Library in the near future? I’d like to share a few thoughts with you and welcome your comments!

- Archives and Special Collections material will become even more prominent in the coming decades. As digital information sources become dominant, unique collections at each university will differentiate universities. These collections will be a source of research prestige.

- Technology: There will be an increased variety of options for information display and manipulation: the library’s web presence, already large, will grow with the need to offer searchable, discovery interfaces to a greater number of digital resources: the library may adopt today’s gaming technology (Wii) for academic learning, using literary and historical applications: and there will be more real time, international resources.

- The library is likely to have POD (Print on Demand) machines connected to the Internet in the building in the future.

- Students will continue to use social media and frequently learn in a social setting.

- The library’s physical and digital presence must be flexible and easily changed for the future, since steady-state environments for libraries are gone.

I would like to know what you think! E-mail me your comments to j.koelker@tcu.edu

June Koelker
Dean, TCU Library

We have a new logo
The TCU Library is making strides

There have been a lot of great things going on at the TCU Library, which many of you have heard. One change – a new library logo! I know, it sounds like something little, but actually it is becoming very important. We wanted a more prestigious look and one that leads the way in our efforts to raise visibility with campus and the community. You will begin seeing the new logo integrated into all of our print and online material. It will take some time, but eventually it will be complete.

We hope you like the change...we certainly do!

save the date

APRIL 21.12

THE FRIENDS OF THE TCU LIBRARY CELEBRATES 40 YEARS

Staff Highlighter: Desmond Hemphill
The face at the Information Commons desk

Position: Computer Technical Specialist
Age: 27+
Hometown: Born and raised in Fort Worth
Years of service: 3
Job description: I assist all users who need help with hardware and software in the Information Commons Lab. I also hire, train and supervise all the student workers at the IC desk.
Favorite sports team: New England Patriots, Dallas Cowboys and, of course, TCU Horned Frogs
Greatest album of all time: That’s a tough one, seeing that I love all kinds of music…I’ll say anything by Tweet and John Legend
Any good stories from your days in the library?: Yes and I’ll leave it at that!
Hobbies: Playing piano, singing, wine tasting, cooking, bowling, watching football and spending time with family and friends.
Your path leads where?: Onward and upward!

TCU Library Works with Generation Hope

On Saturday, November 4, the TCU Library hosted 80 eighth grade students from the Crowley, Everman and Fort Worth Independent School Districts who are part of the Generation Hope Laptop Program (www.gen-hope.org). In addition to the library, students also visited the Neeley School of Business, College of Science and Engineering and the Clark Residence Hall where they participated in an activity or heard a brief lecture.

The purpose of the visit to TCU was to introduce the students to a collegiate atmosphere focusing on the college perspective as to how college life culminates and the variety of necessities to become “college ready,” as well as the resources and facilities accessible at Texas Christian University in particular.

At the library, the students were greeted by the Associate Dean, Tracy Hull and the Social Sciences Librarian, Robyn Reid who provided them with a “scavenger hunt” exercise to help expose them to the campus library. The students were very successful in finding the answers to the questions in a short period of time and seemed to enjoy their visit. Some commented they were surprised by the enormity of the library and the different types of resources. All participants received the library’s new Super Frog READ bookmark and the winners were awarded a READ poster highlighting student athletes.

INVITATION COMING SOON
It’s 1923 and Texas Christian University (TCU) receives a big surprise – a donation of more than $3 million. A portion of that donation is used to build a new library. The story of the TCU library’s namesake, Mary Couts Burnett, is one that is intriguing, poignant and heroic.

Mary Couts Burnett was born in 1856 in Parker County, Texas. One of five daughters of James Robertson Couts, a prominent banker and rancher, Mary grew up in Weatherford. She first married Claude Barradel and was widowed. Then, around 1892 in Weatherford, she was wooed by a wealthy Texas rancher and widower Samuel Burk Burnett who she later married. Mary and Burk settled in Fort Worth. Their marriage wasn’t one of happiness, but rather a tense relationship. During the course of their marriage Mary became convinced her husband was trying to kill her.

Mary stayed in the private home until the very day of her husband’s death in 1922, when she engineered her own private home in Weatherford. He claimed her fears were simply hallucinations and had Mary declared legally insane, then had her confined to a facility. Mary wanted her money to remain in Fort Worth, so she made the decision to give most of the $3 million to TCU. While she had no known ties with or interest to the school, her father had been an admirer of Addison Clark, co-founder of the school and had in fact contributed money to the school. Her gift to TCU, at that time one of the largest fortunes ever left to an educational institution in Texas, was announced in December 1923. TCU retained the majority of the initial gift with the stipulation that part of the bequest ($150,000) be set aside for the construction of a building bearing her name. Work on the new library began soon after the announcement.

Though Mary did not live to see it fully completed before her death, she was able to see the Mary Couts Burnett Library partially constructed. The library was dedicated in March 1925.

MARY COUTS BURNETT LIBRARY THE REAL STORY

She was a woman of refinement and culture with a strong interest in education.

LIBRARY MILSTONES

1873: AddRan Male and Female College opens in Thorp Spring
1874: AddRan Library Society develops a small collection of books
1877: Major John T. Walthon donates 100 books to Walthon Literary Society
1889: Name of school becomes AddRan Christian University
1892: Edwin J. Tied of New Haven, CT, gives the university 1,045 books; a library is formed from these collections
1895: AddRan Christian University relocates in Waco; library of 2,044 volumes is valued at $5,000
1898: Library is designated a U.S. government document depository
1902: Name of school is changed to Texas Christian University: Mabel Grey Cross is named first librarian
1904: Mrs. M.B.M. Gibbons succeeds Miss Cross
1905: Book collection is cataloged by Dewey Decimal Classification system
1906: Mrs. E.C. Boynton becomes librarian
1908: Nell Andrews, Mrs. Boynton’s successor, becomes the first librarian of long tenure
1910: The Library Association, an organization to promote the general interest of the library is formed on Feb. 10. Fire on March 22 destroys the Main Building housing the library of 8,000 volumes valued at $15,000; TCU moves to Fort Worth and holds classes in downtown buildings
1911: TCU moves to Fort Worth library is a 24’ x 36’ room on second floor of main building
1915: Earliest library annual report shows 4,716 volumes
1916: Library is designated a U.S. government document depository
1923: TCU announces the Mary Couts Burnett gift in December
1925: Mary Couts Burnett Library is dedicated on Feb. 27; holdings number 30,000 at the time Miss Andrews resigns
1932: With the depression, enrollment drops dramatically and book budget is cut to $100
1938: Bertie Hall Mothershead, acting librarian since 1933, is named sixth librarian
1943: North Texas Regional Union List of Serials is published, the first library cooperative effort in the region
1949: Fine Arts Library opens in Ed Landreth Hall
1953: C. Glenn Sparks becomes seventh librarian
1957: Construction begins on library addition
1958: Library building is dedicated on March 5: holdings number 330,000
1963: Sunday library hours are instituted
1964: Library holdings pass half million mark
1965: Paul Parham becomes TCU Librarian
1970: Computerized circulation operation begins, marking the advent of technology in the library’s operation
1972: Friends of the TCU Library is organized on Jan. 28
1973: Library’s Centennial gift to the University is the completion of reclassification of book collection by the Library of Congress system, begun in 1966
1974: Contract signed with OCLC provides access to shared cataloging database
1978: Computer database searching becomes part of reference services
1981: Froissart’s Cronycles is added as library’s millesimal item in January; ground is broken on April 11 for library addition
1983: Expanded Mary Couts Burnett Library is dedicated March 25
1993: Library offers access to research databases on the Internet: users with modem can access databases and library catalog 24/7
1994: Academic Career Ladder approved by Provost
2000: Library acquires first e-books
2001: Library implements Information Commons
2005: Library enables campus transition to digital TCU theses and dissertations
2008: Library offers building access to students 24 hours – 5 days a week during traditional academic year
2009: Library completes new staffing pattern with library liaisons
2010: Library website redesigned and Digital Archives opened

The story of the Mary Couts Burnett Library was taken from Walking TCU: A Historic Perspective by Joan Hewitt.
RefWorks

Students can easily organize references

Managing references and creating bibliographies for research papers have always been time-consuming, painful tasks. Not anymore! RefWorks saves hours of typing time and decreases the number of errors made when creating tedious bibliographies.

The TCU Library subscribes to a web-based program called RefWorks that any TCU student can use 24/7 to download references, create bibliographies for papers, develop reading lists and more. It’s a research management service that allows students to:

- Create a personal database
- Import references automatically from multiple databases
- Organize and manage references
- Share references
- Format bibliographies, footnotes and manuscripts in virtually any style and in seconds

Bottom Line: RefWorks is quick, easy and a very effective tool. It’s invaluable!

Book Recommendation

Lone Star Leaders: Power and Personality in the Texas Congressional Delegation is a fascinating and entertaining book filled with Texas’ political power. It’s a story of the men and women who represented Texas in Congress. For a century and a quarter they were masters of congressional politics and represented Texas on the national stage.

Authors Jim Riddlesperger and Tony Champagne richly illustrate lively pictures of the characters – party leaders, committee chairs and the political pioneers – who made Texas a major player in congressional politics for the past 125 years, as well as the ideologues and the buffoons that are also part of the Texas congressional story.

This book is a joint project of the Center for Texas Studies at TCU and the TCU Press.

Top 10 Reasons to Use the Library

10. Read and research online 24/7
More than 79,000 journals and magazines the library subscribes to are electronic and available to students, faculty and staff 24/7. There is also FrogScholar which provides one-stop research gratification – it’s simple, fast and enhances exploratory research by searching through the catalog and multiple databases.

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6. Use Library computer workstations or bring your own laptops
More than 100 computer workstations, 50 laptops and wireless access for students available throughout the Mary Couts Burnett Library.

5. Work with your group in the Library
The Library provides lots of places for students to work together on projects and research. Frog Pods and group study rooms are very popular.

4. Study alone or with friends 24 hours
Beginning Sunday at noon through Thursday during fall and spring semesters the library is open 24 hours. It closes at 8 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

3. Read and study original, rare books in Special Collections
Choose from Shakespeare, Charles Dickens, Anthony Trollope and much more.

2. Eat breakfast, lunch and dinner
Just inside the Library you will find food and beverages in the Bistro Burnett.

1. Get better grades!
Students who use the library are more academically successful.

We are the friends

I love October – changing of the colors, TCU football, reading a good book and no more 100 plus degree days! It’s also the beginning of special events scheduled for the year.

The Friends of the TCU library will celebrate its 40th anniversary of its founding in 1972. This is a special anniversary and you can count on a big celebration. The Friends of the TCU Library is a wonderful organization that I have enjoyed so much being a part of. Our mission is to support the TCU Library through the money raised by membership dues and various fundraising events. Our gifts help fund materials, equipment and resources that will help TCU students succeed.

In addition to providing financial support, we sponsor a series of programs, lectures and events throughout the year and an opportunity to engage with fellow book lovers and members of the community. Members can also enjoy benefits that include borrowing privileges.

It’s a new year and great things are happening at the TCU Library and for its Friends!

Susan N. Smith
President, Friends of the TCU Library

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FacultySpeak: Dr. Mary Volcansek discusses TCU’s history in Fort Worth

The TCU Library presented a program in September 2011 on the 100th anniversary of TCU’s move to Fort Worth. Dr. Mary Volcansek, guest speaker and editor of A Century of Partnership, Fort Worth and TCU, elaborated on some shared, rich history between TCU and Fort Worth. The audience was very interested by the likeable stories that make this book a great read.

Contents of the book include: Forward/Mike Moncrief – “TCU and Fort Worth” – our success is your success/Dr. Mary Volcansek – “Impressions of academics at TCU during the last 100 years/Bob J. Frye – “TCU, Fort Worth and the arts/Ron Tyler – “Fort Worth and TCU’s campus life/Vicki Vinson Cantwell – “The TCU campus” – then and now/Mike Mullins – “One hundred years of TCU athletics/Mark Mouser

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Rags to Riches
A historical and delightful exhibit

The exhibit of Horatio Alger, Jr. (1832-1899), explores the history of one of the most prolific American authors of boy’s adventure stories whose heroes lead exemplary lives to strive and succeed in the face of adversity and poverty, good and evil, is on display in the TCU Library. Alger made popular the concept “rags to riches.”

Beginning with Ragged Dick (1868), he wrote more than 100 books that were almost alike in preaching that through honesty, cheerful perseverance and hard work a poor but virtuous lad would have his just reward.

Come to the TCU Library and discover the charming story of one of the most popular and socially influential writers of the nineteenth century.

Spring FacultySpeak

This spring the library will host Dr. Tricia Jenkins, College of Communications assistant professor at TCU and author of the soon to be released (March 2012), The CIA and Hollywood: How the Agency Shapes Film and Television. Dr. Jenkins will share information from her new book which focuses on the ways the Central Intelligence Agency works with Hollywood in order to boost its public image.

Her field of expertise includes television and culture, CIA and Hollywood, the spy genres, feminist media criticism and reality television.

MEET
RASHAUN SIBLEY
The face and voice of the library

Rashaun Sibley can take a short script, turn it into something very entertaining, and yet highly educational. I guess that’s why he is the “personality” seen and heard on the Library’s new video series.

The library is making changes and Sibley has adapted easily to our efforts to keep students, faculty and staff up-to-date on the services and resources available to them. The effort also means being ready to shoot a video when the message needs to be heard.

“Being part of the library video series start up has been fun and rewarding,” said Rashaun. “Not only do I get to ‘perform’, I have also learned a lot about the library and the resources offered to the students.”

Rashaun is a sophomore Musical Theater major at TCU and is gaining incredible experience being part of school performances and taking on other projects to expand his skills.

During filming of the videos, when searching for that perfect line, it’s a high probability Rashaun will find it and capture exactly what we are wanting to communicate. He has a sense of hitting the mark on information expression and enthusiasm, which is exactly what the library is looking for.

“He’s a natural,” says Associate Dean of the Library Tracy Hull, “He is quite entertaining and fun to watch. We have received positive feedback on our videos and are thrilled we got the right person to deliver the message.”

Three attention-grabbing and resourceful videos have been produced since June 2011: A Tour of the Library, Subject RefWorks. See for yourself at library.tcu.edu, click on the Library 101. Where do you see the Library in 100 years?

TIME AND SPACE WILL BE MORE UNDER THE COMMAND OF PEOPLE. We will be able to navigate both more quickly and that will be true of libraries. Much like the interlibrary loan system of today, where institutions share access to volumes and holdings, libraries of the future will be connected in a network, allowing users to teleport to any library in the world.

Yes, I think there will be books. Electronic books will become more the norm, but the printed word on paper will still exist. It’s still the most stable technology for sharing information. But most information will be digitized. There are questions today about what the best format is, but I think we will have solved that digital migration issue long before the next century.

There will be new methods for research and learning. If you remember Star Trek, the Enterprise had a holodeck, where crew members could create scenarios past, present or future for entertainment or learning. I imagine we will have a technology like that in academia. Professors could create the setting of The Great Gatsby and students could play characters from the novel. Rather than writing a paper or producing a video, history students could re-enact the events leading to the Cuban Missile Crisis showing various outcomes by tweaking details.

“...at one-hundred years of TCU athletics/Mark Mouser

Dr. Mary Volcansek, Professor of Political Science, Executive Director of the Center for Texas Studies at TCU and Editor of the Center for Texas Studies at TCU and Editor of the Center for Texas Studies at TCU...
Ultimate Horned Frog Fans

3-year old Carly Walker

Lexi Charles (L), student worker at IC desk, and friends show their TCU spirit

Subject Librarian Robyn Reid cheers along side Super Frog at a TCU Basketball game

TCU Library Associate Dean Tracy Hull and Super Frog

Traci Green, library student worker, poses with Super Frog

TCU Horned Frog Band! Go Frogs!

Rif. Rah. Bah. Zoo!

TCU students Brooke Young and Aiden Terry wish Super Frog Happy Birthday

Happy Birthday Super Frog!

Library Specialist and TCU graduate Sallie Wilmoth with daughter and TCU graduate Katie

Future Frogs Cassidy Bates and Riley Dean

Homecoming Parade Oct. 22, 2011

CONGRATULATIONS
FROM THE
TCU LIBRARY!