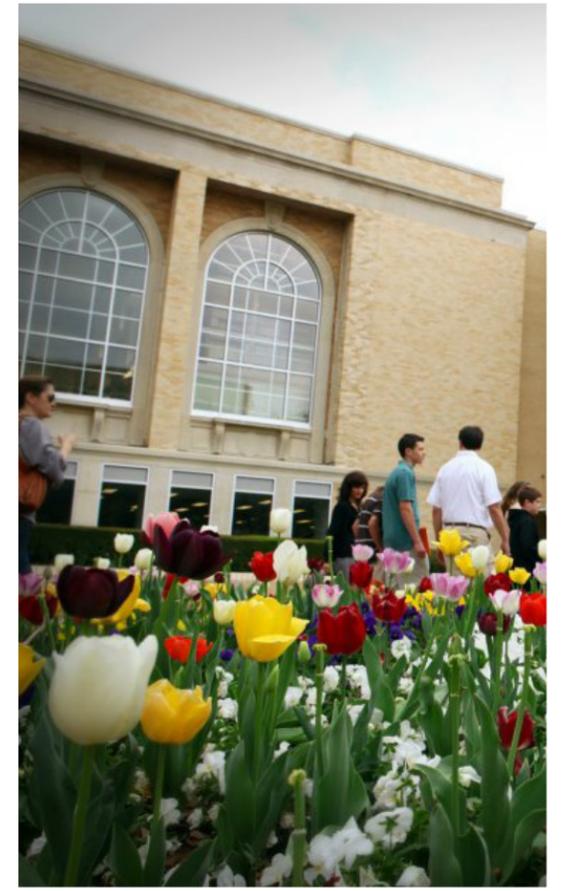


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“Perfection is not attainable. But if we chase perfection, we can catch excellence.”
- Vince Lombardi



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WHAT STUDENTS LOVE ABOUT THE TCU LIBRARY

*No one ever graduated from a library;
no one ever graduated without one.” - Anonymous*

“The library is a place where friends and classmates can get together to help each other learn. It’s amazing how knowledge can be so easily soaked up when hearing it from a different perspective. It’s also great for those nights you need solo and independent focus time. I love the TCU Library and I am thankful to those who founded it.” - Madison Scott

“I love the library being 24/5! Not all schools have library access like ours.”
- Victoria Igbojionu

“Roses are red, violets are blue
The library Rocks at TCU!

I once was lost, but came to find
A friendly place that enriched my mind.

I am better for coming here
To study hard and now every year.

I know I can depend on
The library to always equip me.

With everything I’ll ever need
It’s obvious that I will succeed!” - Alix Vail

“I love the TCU Library because it provides a quiet and secluded place for me to study. And, of course it is where I get all of my resources...Go Books! Go Frogs!” - Mackie Moreno

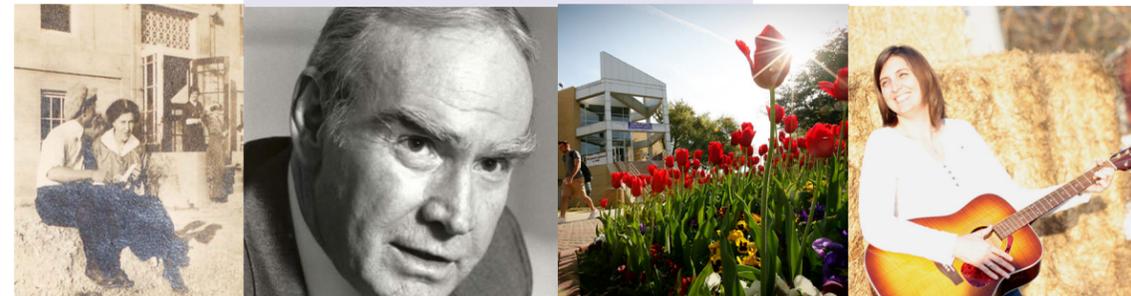
“The TCU Library is the perfect place for me to meet up with fellow nursing majors and study! I love it here!”
- Maddi Louks

“Architects need state-of-the-art tools to build skyscrapers; I have innovative technology tools and intellectual resources provided by the TCU Library to build my dreams.” - Rui Cao

“I love the Interlibrary Loan Department. Thank you!” - Cathie Murtagh

“ I love my library because it is helpful, versatile and helps me reach my academic goals! Thanks for the A+!”
- Amanda Jordan

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We loved reading everything you had to say about the TCU Library and hope we continue to earn your love and affection!

HEY MARY Will U BE MY VALENTINE!



Grand Prize Winner, Jennifer Polask

Romance was in the air at the Mary Coutts Burnett Library as students participated in the first annual “I Love the TCU Library” Contest!

In honor of Valentine’s Day, we wanted to give our FABULOUS students an opportunity to show their love for the TCU Library. Students wrote “love testimonials” describing why they love the Library and how it has contributed to their academic success. Testimonials were written on heart-shaped cards and placed in the LOVE box until the winners were announced on February 14.

“It was a fun contest for our students and the participation was more than we expected,” said Tracy Hull, Associate Dean of the Library. “Reading the testimonials was the best part. There were some very entertaining stories.”

Each and every entry was very creative and witty. We certainly had some fantastic stories! It was hard picking a favorite from the hundreds of entries, but a choice had to be made... and the lucky winners are:

Third Place:
Lauren Pahos, Speech-Language Pathology Major



Second Place:
Molly Johnson, Neeley Fellows Class 2013



First Place:
Jennifer Polask, Neuroscience Major

Roses are red, violets are blue
Neuroscience is hard, but I got through

I used to study in my dorm
It was chaos, and my grades were poor
I failed a class and knew it was time
To change something about my life
I met Mary Coutts spring 2010
She quickly became my new best friend
She gave me outlets and quiet, an occasional snack
And fellow students around me who stayed on task
Help at the desk solved a crises or two
For losing notes before a test is worse than the flu
When my printer broke, she had my back
Even gave me free prints, what more could I ask

The library’s been there for me, time and again
It’s where I met the best boys and my best friends
I spent my 21st birthday there, and 22, too
Mary made finals week and birthdays not so blue

I’m leaving in May, but I know one thing
One friend at TCU will always be with me
She taught me to study, and have fun too
Thank you, Mary Coutts, for all that you do

Message from the Dean



This year is the 40th anniversary of the Friends of the TCU Library. We are planning a very special event this spring and encourage you to join us on Saturday, April 21. The Friends are hosting a reception at Mr. Harlan Crow’s home in Dallas. We have an opportunity to tour his private library at the reception. The holdings consist of nearly 5,000 books and 3,500 manuscripts. Highlights of the manuscript collection include a complete set of autographs from all signers of both the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution, letters from most key generals from both the American Revolution and Civil War and much more. The library holds a first edition of Thomas Jefferson’s *Notes on the State of Virginia* inscribed and signed by Jefferson. In addition to books and manuscripts, the library houses an extensive portrait collection featuring some of the most important early American and English painters.

Our guest speaker at the event is Dr. Nowell Donovan, Provost and Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs at TCU, who will speak on “The quest for knowledge and *Noblesse Oblige*.” This is a wonderful opportunity that you don’t want to miss!

We have more good news to share with you. In the recent TCU Board of Trustees meeting, the Board approved a strategic initiative for an Intellectual Commons that includes the Mary Coutts Burnett Library. The East side of University Avenue will become an Intellectual Commons with new and expanded buildings.

This is wonderful news for the Library in that we will be part of the new campus initiative. It is still a bit too soon to have exact plans to share with you, but we will know more in the coming months and we will keep you informed.

Warmly,

June Koelker
Dean, TCU Library

News: Facelift for Friends Website

The Friends of the TCU Library website has been completely revamped to improve the look, structure and navigation, while increasing awareness about its events, membership and contributions.

We decided to give the website a fresh look in an effort to better communicate to friend members as well as new and potential members.

The new look was unveiled on March 30, guaranteeing to be even easier to use than before. Take a look at <http://library.tcu.edu/friends/>

Events

April 21

Friends 40th Anniversary Celebration Plans

Save the Date! The Friends of the TCU Library is celebrating 40 years of helping the library preserve its excellence.

In celebration of this milestone, the Friends are hosting a 40th Anniversary event at the Harlan Crow Library on Saturday, April 21. The Harlan Crow Library is a private, independent library concentrating on American History located in Dallas. It houses an extensive non-circulating collection of manuscripts, rare books, portraits, photographs, statues and other artistic treasures. Its creation springs from the wide-ranging manuscript collection of Harlan Crow that has been developing and evolving for more than 20 years. The holdings now consist of nearly 5,000 books and 3,500 manuscripts.

Since 1972, the Friends have been dedicated to supporting the work of the TCU Library and its special collections. Today, the Friends continue to build a greater understanding of the importance of the Library to the future development of TCU, attract gifts in the forms of bequests, endowments, books, manuscripts and other appropriate materials beyond the resources of the library budget and also provide opportunities for book lovers to share their enthusiasm for books.

“Many academic, as well as public libraries, now owe a great part of their success to friends organizations. The essential ingredient is laymen dedicated to the growth and improvement of a library as a repository of knowledge and literature.”

... Dr. Paul M. Parham, *Fort Worth Star Telegram*, January 22, 1972



Friends of the TCU Library Initial Officers in 1972



Invitations to the Friends celebration have been mailed to members. If you have not received an invitation and would like to attend, please contact Shelda Dean at s.dean@tcu.edu or 817-257-6109.

March 27

The CIA in Hollywood

How the Agency Shapes Film and Television



On Tuesday, March 27 at 5 p.m. the library will host its Spring Faculty Speak with author Dr. Tricia Jenkins as guest speaker.

What very few people know about the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) is it has been actively engaged in shaping the content of film and television, especially since it established an entertainment industry liaison program in the mid-1990's.

The *CIA in Hollywood* offers the first full-scale investigation of the relationship between the Agency and the film and television industries. Tricia Jenkins draws on numerous interviews with the CIA's public affairs staff, operations officers and historians, as well as with Hollywood technical consultants, producers and screenwriters who have worked with the Agency to uncover the nature of the CIA's role in Hollywood. In particular, she delves into the Agency's and its officers' involvement in the production of *The Agency*, *In the Company of Spies*, *Alias*, *The Recruit*, *The Sum of All Fears*, *Enemy of the State*, *Syriana*, *The Good Shepherd* and more. Her research reveals the significant influence that the CIA now wields in Hollywood and raises important and troubling questions about the ethics and legality of a government agency using popular media to manipulate its public image.

Dr. Tricia Jenkins is an assistant professor in the Film, Television and Digital Media Department at Texas Christian University. She has published several articles on the CIA in Hollywood and on the spy genre more broadly.

continuing to work toward a more diverse environment reflective of the world in which our graduates will live, work, play and raise families. The Board of Trustees has approved moving toward:

- A mix of 60 percent of undergraduate from Texas and 40 percent from out-of-state
- A 50/50 mix of undergraduate male and female students
- An ethnically diverse mix of undergraduates

Over the past six years, Athletics also helped expand the reach and recognition of our University. As such, we must continue to wisely invest in both facilities and sports programs to maintain our competitiveness as we move to the Big 12.

CREATING the OPTIMAL CAMPUS ENVIRONMENT

The last strategic issue the Board of Trustees approved is creating an optimal campus environment.

First, we plan to optimize use of current campus facilities through:

- More efficient use of classroom space
- Creation of more faculty office space within the colleges and schools
- Creation of flexible interdisciplinary space
- Continued emphasis on facilities that ensure the vibrancy of student life

Second, we intend to create an Intellectual Commons on the east side of campus that will include facilities such as the repurposed library and others to create a more vibrant academic setting. The impact of the Intellectual Commons will be transformational for academics as the Campus Commons currently is for our residential campus.

Finally, over the next 10 years, we intend to house every undergraduate on campus, as long as there is a demand for full residential experience. We intend to immediately commence planning for a Greek Village Project at Worth Hills and begin construction in January 2013. Additionally, we will renovate Colby Hall, our last original residence hall remaining in need of renovation.

Creating the future is daunting. But we must seize this moment of transformation to move TCU toward becoming a great national university. Not to diminish TCU's identity and its values, but instead to respect and enhance its distinctions - all that is right and true about this wonderful school.

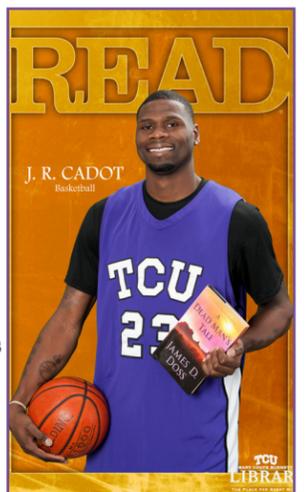
In short, we must fulfill TCU's destiny: *to truly be a world-class, values-centered university.*



CONTRIBUTING TO THE TCU EXPERIENCE

What makes a really good library even better? In the case of the Mary Coats Burnett Library, it is the Friends of the TCU Library. Each year the Friends support the Library with special purchases for the collections, for the staff, or for the facilities. In recent years the Friends provided funding for the purchase of *C-19*, a key database that indexes nineteenth century literature, funding for Information Commons furniture, and funding for a Konica color digital book scanner. The scanner enables staff to scan oversized books, maps, posters and scanning of fragile, older books. The Friends provide funding for the Library Staff Excellence Award given in January of each year at a staff luncheon.

The Friends have a long history of funding rare book purchases with a recent one being *Vindiciae Carolinae: Or, a defence of Eikon Basilike*, printed in London in 1692. This work is a chapter-by-chapter reply to John Milton's *Eikonoklastes* (1649). A rare find indeed! The Friends continue to underwrite the annual Friends of the Library Banquet, sponsoring a presentation and visit by a nationally known author to the TCU campus each year. In more recent years, the Friends support the bi-annual Texas Book Award, a prize given to the best book about Texas. Founded in 1972, the Friends of the TCU Library have enriched our campus with their generosity. They make a really good library even better!



TCU's Vision for the Future



Chancellor Victor Boschini recently provided up-to-date information on *TCU's Vision for the Future* and the exciting things that are to come. We are pleased to share with you what you can expect to see in the next 10 years that will make TCU an even better TCU.

As we look toward our future, we must consider our academy of tomorrow and how we can become a truly great national university. I am confident we can do this while holding fast to our mission: *To educate ethical leaders and responsible citizens in the global community.*

Our Board of Trustees has charged us to move forward boldly to address three key strategic areas:

TCU's ACADEMIC PROFILE and REPUTATION

TCU will gain recognition as a great national university by maintaining our historic character as a person-centered, residential, liberal arts school rather than by changing our identity. Our goal remains focused on taking bright students with uncommon potential and transforming them into ethical leaders who impact the world through research, scholarship and creative activity of high quality. This will enhance the scholarly reputation of students and faculty alike.

Clearly, our entering undergraduate students over the last six years have been smart and talented and are sure to make a difference in the world. Today's average SAT score (on the 1600-point scale) for entering undergraduate TCU students is 1175. Our average ACT score is 26.7. The vision approved by the Board of Trustees sets the target average SAT score at 1200 and the target average ACT score at 27. These average scores will lift our reputation in higher education.

As a person-centered university, we must fortify the teacher/scholar model, a TCU hallmark. One way this University changes lives is by providing a student-centered environment where faculty serve as teachers, scholars and mentors. Building and sustaining such relationships requires a low student-to-faculty ratio. Currently, this ratio is 13.6:1. Our goal is to maintain a ratio that is better than 14:1.

To further build our academic quality, we need to strengthen targeted programs over the next several years, making significant investments in personnel, program expansion, support, services and facilities.

HARRIS COLLEGE OF NURSING & HEALTH SCIENCES: We will meet the needs of current students and faculty in this college. The various academic programs in this college are among the fastest growing on campus, reflecting society's critical need for new professionals in all of these areas.

NEELEY SCHOOL OF BUSINESS: We will strengthen all programs in the Neeley School. Neeley is growing in national prominence. For example, *U.S. News & World Report* ranks our business school fourth in the nation for MBAs with the Most Financial Value at Graduation.

MARY COUTS BURNETT LIBRARY: We will reconstruct the library in its current footprint, repurposing the building to accommodate the needs of today's and tomorrow's students.

THE TCU ENERGY INSTITUTE: We must continue to invest in the Energy Institute as energy policy and production become increasingly critical. This institute offers a definitive "seize the moment" opportunity.

JOHN V. ROACH HONORS COLLEGE: The Honors College provides extensive opportunities for excellence and attracts students who raise TCU's academic profile and contribute significantly to the intellectual life of the campus.

IDEAL SIZE and BALANCE FOR TCU

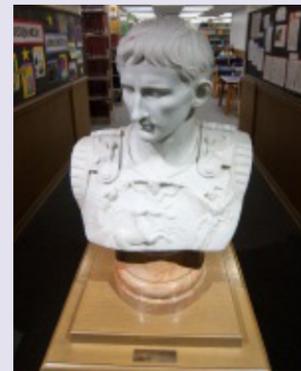
The second critical issue is finding TCU's ideal size and balance. Enrollment drives the financial long-term stability of any modern university. Now is the time to cement what has been happening to us by good fortune and hard work over the last six years, while retaining TCU's unique character.

Over the past six decades, TCU's total enrollment has increased slowly and steadily, reaching 9,518 in the fall 2011 semester. While our enrollment goal in recent years has been 1,600 incoming freshmen, actual enrollment has exceeded 1,800 for three consecutive years. In addition, the vital freshman-to-sophomore retention rate has steadily improved to 87 percent.

The Board of Trustees consequently approved a targeted total enrollment ceiling of 10,000, with a mix of 8,500 undergraduates and 1,500 graduate students. At this size, the University can continue to maintain a low student-to-faculty ratio and provide the personalized TCU experience and the fulfillment of the TCU Promise that so defines us.

In addition to size, we must also consider the right undergraduate student balance. It is our intent to maintain TCU's character while at the same time

Notes



The Bust of Caesar

Given to the university in 1968 by the Kent Foundation, the bust is of Augustus Caesar (born Gaius Julius Caesar Octavianus) has become a popular figure in the Gearhart Reading Room. Many hands have touched this monumental statue as students pass by. It is also used as a directional point by staff when giving directions to students and visitors.

For the past two years, a mysterious admirer has been leaving raisin cakes and a message next to the bust in honor of Caesar's birthday (September 23, 63 B.C.).



Decorative Gates Going Up by Loudon Track

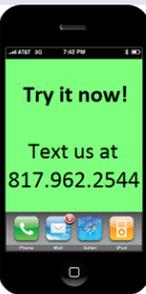
A new campus entry gate at the corner of W. Berry Street and Bellaire Drive W. is set for completion in May 2012. Architects Bennett Benner Pettit have designed a structure that will complement the Ray Gates, which went up in 2005 at the intersection of Berry and Stadium Drive.

The purpose is to improve identification of the far southwest boundary of the University and serve as a welcoming gateway to campus activity. Linbeck Construction is in charge of the project.

The TCU Library Expands its Services

Students, faculty and staff can now get info on the go! Text a librarian!

Our librarians have responded to the popularity of text messaging... when students, faculty or staff have a simple, quick question, they can get a simple and quick answer by texting. During normal reference desk hours, a prompt reply is sent. When the reference desk is closed, a reply is sent the next day.



What kind of questions can be asked? The best questions to ask using the text message service are questions that can be answered with a short response. Questions needing a more lengthy response, we suggest e-mail, phone or the in-person reference services.

Best of all, this new service provides an easy way to interface with librarians.

Library Mission

Provide intellectual resources, innovative technology tools and an inspiring physical and virtual environment to serve TCU's diverse community of learners, supported by approachable and resourceful staff.

Library Vision

Enhance the university experience by creating a world-class library that facilitates exploration and scholarship.

TEXAN, STATESMAN, NATIONAL LEADER

Speaker Jim Wright's story lives on at the TCU Library

His political career has been a long one and his contributions to the state of Texas are many. Jim Wright was a member of Congress for 34 years and served with eight presidents, beginning with Dwight D. Eisenhower. A successful politician, Wright reached the highpoint of his career in 1987, becoming the Speaker of the House and presiding over the historic 100th Congress, one of the most productive in terms of legislation passed in the House's history. When Wright left office, he retired to Fort Worth. Soon he began serving as a professor at Texas Christian University teaching the course, "Congress and the Presidents." After more than 20 years Wright recently retired from teaching his ever-popular course.

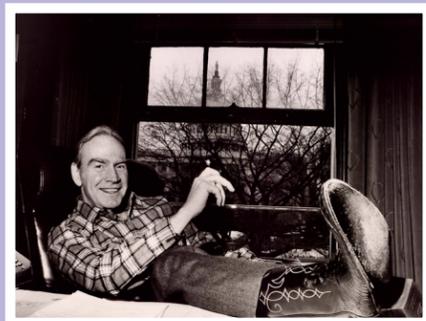


Wright alongside John F. Kennedy on Nov. 22, 1963, in Fort Worth - just hours before an assassin gunned down the president. Lyndon B. Johnson is pictured to the right of President Kennedy.

He may be retired, but Speaker Jim Wright's prevailing legacy lives on at The TCU Library where his collection of historical memorabilia is showcased and more than one million of his documents are archived.

The second floor of the Library holds a plethora of items covering all eras of Wright's life - from early childhood to his political beginnings as a Texas State Representative onto his most prestige years as Speaker of the House. The Speaker Jim Wright Collection is truly a unique and all-encompassing testimonial to Wright's personal and political history - it's tasteful, moving and insightful. The collection includes papers, audiovisual material, books and collectables documenting Wright's political career. The Jim Wright Papers, which span from 1911 to 2004, highlight this priceless Collection.

What visitors will experience is a lifetime of history: Wright's personal drawings as an adolescent depicting his heroes; finding out who Wright's favorite 20th century sports figure was and favorite president of all time.



Jim Wright acquired an unofficial title in his political career "Champion of the Underdog."

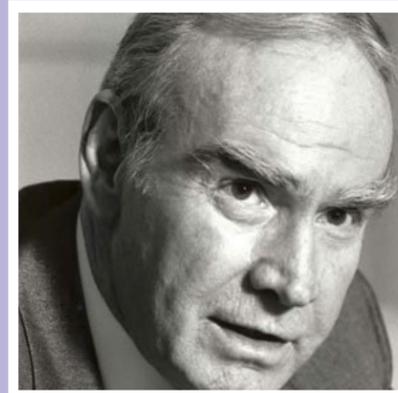
You will travel through his political career beginning at the age of 23 when he won his first election in 1946 as state representative and his time as mayor of Weatherford, 1950-1954. As you tour the exhibit you will remember that he played a pivotal role in moving American Airlines corporate headquarters to Dallas/Fort Worth in 1978. You will discover how Wright rose in stature within the Democratic Party and the good fortune Fort Worth has enjoyed because of his dedication and influence on Capitol Hill.

Remember the historical day no one will forget...as a young congressman Wright was the reason John F. Kennedy stopped in Fort Worth on November 22, 1963 where he would give his second to last speech before his assassination.

Speaker Wright's office is also located on the second floor of the library and built by TCU to mimic the speaker of the House's office in Washington.

During your visit it's very possible you will catch a glimpse of Jim Wright who can sometimes be found in the afternoons in his office, maybe you'll get a handshake or your photo taken with an icon.

The Jim Wright Collection material has a lot of historical value and value to the public...come see for yourself.



Speaker of the House 1987-1989 Wright often said that the easiest way to "defeat an enemy is to make him your friend."



Photo by Tracy Reid

STAFF HIGHLIGHTER: ROBYN REID

Position: Social Sciences Librarian

Age: 35

Hometown: San Dimas, CA

Years of Service: 2.5

Job Description: At TCU, social sciences include the subjects of History, Education, Communication Studies, Sociology, Anthropology, Criminal Justice and Geography. I teach students who study these subjects how to research and evaluate the information they use in their writing, work to further develop the library's collection in the social sciences -- both physical (books and movies) and digital (ebooks, journals and databases) -- and promote those resources to the people who will use them the most. I love connecting people with ideas. That's why I'm an academic librarian.

Favorite Sports Team: I have a lot of favorites! Currently, it's my TCU Horned Frogs of course! My other favorite teams include the San Diego Chargers, San Diego Padres, UCSB (my alma mater!) and Fresno State football (where my brother played football).

Greatest Album of All Time: I have two favorite albums I really like - Joshua Tree by U2 and Jars of Clay, their self-titled album

Hobbies: I love riding my bike on the Trinity Trail. Sometimes I ride my bike to work. I also enjoy hiking and swimming. In general, I enjoy being outside and being active. I am known for exercising my creativity by drawing cartoons, practicing my photography skills and writing poetry occasionally. My main creative outlet is music. I have played the cello for 25 years and continue to teach and perform. I play with various groups around town, which include some bands, a few individuals and a community orchestra here in Fort Worth. I've done a few recordings, which is something I really enjoy. I have also written and recorded several of my own songs.

What Does the Future Hold?: Some of my future goals include writing some articles for publication, writing enough songs to record an album or two, and maybe work on a doctorate in either history or education. Though I am not exactly certain whether I will accomplish these goals, I do know that I'm often inspired by working with the staff, faculty and students here at TCU. I love helping people be successful and I'm convinced that the skills I teach here contribute to their future success in life. I definitely learn a lot in this job, which is one of the many reasons why I love it.

Your Path Leads Where?: On a quest for knowledge...

TCU's Past Comes Alive

A slice of TCU history is now online

Ever wonder what it might have been like as a TCU student 100 years ago? You can now find out with a small glimpse into the past. Special Collections has acquired several scrapbooks kept by TCU students and faculty dating back as early as 1898. Ten of the 39 scrapbooks in the new Scrapbook Collection have been digitized and made available on the TCU Library website.

“Physically handling these relics, with so many personal touches and details, is a unique experience in itself,” says Amy Leslie, Library Specialist. “It is also a pleasure to visually examine these historical records of university life at a virtual distance.”

Each scrapbook contains memorabilia that brings to life the experience of being a TCU student in the early 1900's.

Amboline Tyson's (TCU student 1912-1916, just after the university made its transition from Waco to Fort Worth) scrapebook captures her personality as she saved numerous invitations and programs from campus events as well as photographs of herself and classmates hanging out in the familiar terrain of the TCU campus landscape. Amboline also saved her notes taken at a baccalaureate sermon and swatches of fabric from dresses she wore during her days at TCU.

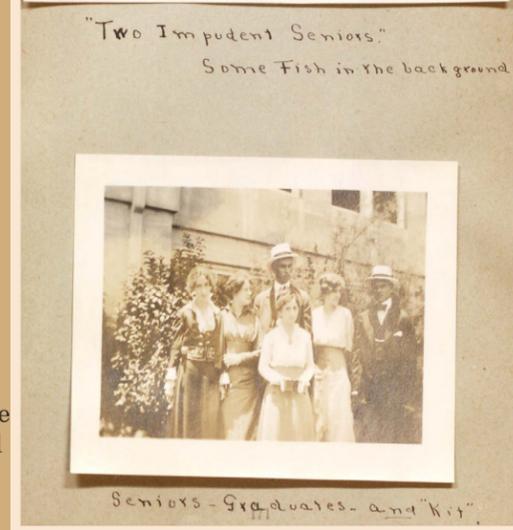
Edward Carl Tomlinson (TCU student 1912-1916 and whose father served on the school board) kept a scrapbook with some very unique mementos, including a Skiff newspaper from 1915 that features a story about Helen Keller's visit to the campus. He preserved several photographs documenting his time in the TCU Quartette and Glee Club as well as pictures of him and his classmates horsing around on a train and getting their laundry done old school style (starched collars and all!). Photographs of a young woman named Harriet Smith, who appears to be his girlfriend (and a former LadyFrog), are also included.

Exploring these scrapebooks, it was discovered that some of these students were likely friends who shared in the college experience together. Three of the newly digitized scrapbooks belonged to a group of young women—Dura Louise Cockrell, Edwina Day and Donna Jean Billington—who all seemed to know one another. They sang in the Glee Club, wrote in each other's books and attended many of the same social functions between 1919 and 1926. Each scrapbook is as unique as the student that made it.

These fascinating, historic scrapbooks can be viewed online: lib.tcu.edu/spcoll/TCU_scrapbooks. A few samples are featured from the TCU Scrapbook Collection, which is only a small part of the larger historical university resources held in the archives.

Special Collections also holds scrapbooks of former TCU chancellors, E.M. Waits and M.E. Sadler. These scrapbooks are full of newspaper articles and correspondence from their time at TCU. One scrapbook is filled entirely with newspaper clippings about Mary Coutts Burnett's generous donation toward building TCU's library. Still others document the evolving “branding” styles of the Public Relations department, newspaper clippings about athletic events, society events (what alumni have been up to) and the arts—around campus and around town.

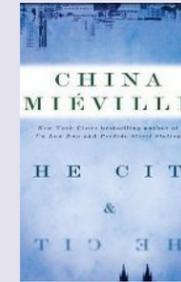
Not only do these scrapbooks offer a window into the university's history, but they present a time through the memories and experiences of the TCU students and faculty who lived it.



A page from Amboline Tyson's scrapebook. Under the first photograph is the caption, "Two impudent seniors, some fish in the background."

Staff Picks

Noteworthy books for the Reader who has time to escape.



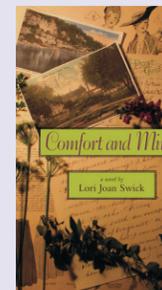
The City & The City
by China Mieville

Imagine if crossing the street required you to get a passport and travel through customs. Mieville's work centers around a murder committed in one of two cities, two cities that share the same geographical and topological space, but rely on people's behaviors to ensure the imaginary boundaries are maintained. What happens when the murder of an outsider occurs and no one knows where and why it was committed and whither "municipalities" were transgressed? Not only does a murder mystery unfold, but a questions of boundaries of these two cities happens.



The Way of Kings
by Brandon Sanderson

An amazing High Fantasy Book, by an amazing author; this book is 1008 pages, so is no easy undertaking. The world is set as volatile with occasional deadly storms. The mysterious and dangerous creatures imbue the winner with a fortune. The fortune (gems) is somehow linked to the storms and the magical system that exists. This book follows three to six primary characters, but there are plenty that play an integral part of this story. It's truly an epic novel! My favorite character is Wit. He's fun with intriguing secrets that play a major part in the next nine books.



Comfort and Mirth
by Lori Joan Swick

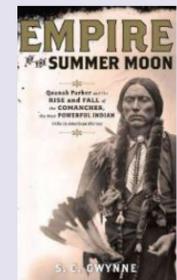
Imagine what it would be like to live in Austin and be on the faculty at the University of Texas in the early years of the 20th century. Swick's novel draws on research from the time period to create the story of a married couple: Camille and Brooks. Camille is a herbalist and Brooks is a newly hired philosophy professor at UT. Great story with a surprise ending.



Harvard Yard
by William Martin

William Martin makes reading about history fun because he takes exciting places and times and populates them with famous and ordinary, but always interesting, characters - from the villains to the heroes.

Other books by this author:
Back Bay, Cape Cod, City of Dreams, Annapolis



Empire of the Summer Moon, Quanah Parker and the Rise and Fall of the Comanches, the Most Powerful Indian Tribe in American History
by Sam C. Gwynne

Gwynne's book was the winner of the 2011 Texas Book Award given by the Friends of the TCU Library. His book is about the Comanche tribe and about the individuals within the tribe. Cynthia Parker, captured by the Comanches in a raid on settlers, is the mother of Quanah Parker. Quanah was a well-known Comanche tribe member. Very Readable.

Books recommended by:
Ammie Harrison, Arts and Humanities Librarian
Alysha Sapp, Nursing and Health Sciences Librarian
Pat Austin, Senior Library Specialist, and
June Koelker, Dean of the Library

No Worries, First-Rate Mission Accomplished



TCU Faculty, Students and staff from the College of Nursing & Health Sciences at the Joanna Briggs Institute International Convention in Adelaide, South Australia

A week in Australia proved to be a successful mission for a team of faculty and students from the College of Nursing & Health Sciences and our very own Nursing & Health Sciences Librarian, Alysha Sapp – all played a crucial role of ensuring a stable future for improved global health outcomes.

November 2011, Alysha embarked on this mission with a team of 12 fellow nursing colleagues as they traveled to attend the Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) Convention in Australia. The location of the mission was at the National Wine Centre, an architectural treasure located at the edge of Adelaide’s gorgeous Botanic Gardens. The JBI convention provided those that attended invaluable information and skills training – it was truly a momentous opportunity for the team and the Harris College in general.

The Joanna Briggs Institute (JBI) is an international not-for-profit, membership based, research and development organization centered within the University of Adelaide in Adelaide, South Australia. The Institute collaborates internationally with more than 70 entities across the world. The Institute and its collaborating partners promote and support the synthesis, transfer and utilization of evidence through identifying feasible, appropriate, meaningful and effective healthcare practices to assist in the improvement of healthcare outcomes globally. JBI works to provide healthcare professionals with the best available evidence to inform clinical decision-making at the point of care. The TCU

Center for Evidence-Based Practice and Research, based in the Harris College of Nursing and Health Sciences, is a collaborating center of the Joanna Briggs Institute.

“By attending the JBI Convention, we were able to interact with colleagues from around the globe and learn new methods of evidence synthesis, transfer and utilization,” says Associate Dean for External Affairs Susan Weeks. “The attendees represented every continent, with the exception of Antarctica! Despite the differences in our settings, we have much to learn from one another.”



National Wine Centre in Adelaide, South Australia

Sapp’s mission was to get trained on how to utilize the advanced knowledge and skills of a Health Sciences Librarian and learn to provide library liaison support to Systematic Reviewers. As Alysha continues to work side-by-side with the nurses, faculty and students of Harris College it is imperative she shares her wealth of knowledge of how to research content effectively for Systematic Reviewers as well as database and website search skills.

“I attended the convention as a representative of JBI TCU Center. I am also a trainer for the center and was thrilled when the opportunity was presented to me,” says Alysha Sapp, Nursing & Health Sciences Librarian. “The biggest thing I got from this convention was all the different centers that attended and how different their needs are. I spoke with so many individuals from countries that did not know why a librarian would be essential to the Systematic Review. After speaking with them and showing the poster I designed which outlines my mission, I am confident many of them will enlist their own librarians to assist in this process.”

Also on the agenda was some sightseeing. Everyone got exposed to a little love by visiting several special, beautiful places in Adelaide – Adelaide Botanical Gardens, Belair National Park, Cleland Wildlife Park, Hahndorf and the Summit at Mount Lotty, the Adelaide Zoo and some even traveled to Kangaroo Island, a small island to the south on the coast of Adelaide. From experiencing an oasis of stunning flowers and plants to enjoying nature to admiring the more than 1800 animals, the team was able to soak in a few days of exquisiteness and relaxation.

“The sites in Adelaide were gorgeous and none like I have seen before,” says Sapp. “I even got to feed kangaroos and cuddle a Koala – that was awesome!”

Sapp credits the Joanna Briggs Institute Convention as a great learning experience and an opportunity to help our TCU ‘special agents’ understand the importance of bringing evidence-based practice to the world and how our ‘special agents’ can help in this process.

Mission Completed!



Alysha Sapp, Nursing and Health Sciences Librarian, “cuddling a Koala” at Cleland Wildlife Park



This chap enjoys the secluded beach on Kangaroo Island