



LIBRARY UPDATE

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Digital Media Studio Open House

Tuesday, March 22, 2011
8:00 a.m.–4:30 p.m.



The Digital Media Studio (DMS), located on the second floor of the library, provides students and faculty with the latest technology and a staff who can help with media-rich projects. The DMS is a collaborative space for users of all abilities and disciplines.

Reference librarians can help students locate quality resources such as scholarly articles, books, and credible websites to use in their multimedia presentations. Student assistants help with microtext and studio equipment such as headphones, card readers, and pen tablets, and offer assistance with software, lamination, hardware, and color printing.

The DMS also offers a variety of training options.

- **Tech-Coach** appointments are one-on-one 45-minute sessions for in-depth software assistance.
- **Lynda.com** offers comprehensive online training for lots of software, from Photoshop and Dreamweaver to Access and Excel.

- Studio Tours are general overviews of the studio and its offerings for your classes. Schedule today.
- Software Guide Books are also available for checkout and in e-book format.

The Digital Media Studio is equipped with:

- 8 high end Dell PCs and 12 Macs
- Laminator and project-finishing tools, including paper cutters and mounting glue.
- Oversized monitors
- 24 scanners
- Color/B&W printer

Some of the software the DMS offers can help you with the following:



Art/Drawing



Web Design



Screen Capture



Audio Manipulation



Moviemaking



DVD Creation



Picture Editing



Presentation

Last Fall in the Library...

- **43,000** books checked out.
- **150,000** items used in reserves.
- **24,000** laptops, adaptors, and headphones checked out.
- **7,000** students were assisted with projects in the DMS.
- **256** Library classes were taught.
- **100** students helped through Research Coach.
- **9,300** students helped with research at the Reference Desk.
- **350** students were assisted in Special Collections.
- **980,000** people visited the Walker Library building, average of over **30,000** per week!
- Library's website opened **1.6 million times**, average of **13,000 times per day**. **600,000** were unique users.
- **4,152,654** Pages were printed from the Library's printers.
- **40** Group Study Rooms were reserved over **3,600** times.



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My favorite thing about the James E. Walker library is having a place to relax and actually get some studying done.

— Alex Bolton, Junior, Behavioral and Health Sciences

Old issues of *Sidelines* have been preserved for years to come.

The Special Collections department of Walker Library has been retaining issues of *Sidelines*, the MTSU student newspaper, covering 1938 to present. Because of the fragile nature of newsprint, the earliest issues were in a brittle, poor condition and were literally falling apart.

Although the copies were held in a climate-controlled area and access was restricted—handling further damaged the issues—something had to be done to preserve the

newspapers. Beverly Geckle, serials librarian, initiated a project to have the newspapers microfilmed.



Preservation-quality microfilm is predicted to last 500 years. Over 34,000 pages of *Sidelines* are now available on microfilm in Walker Library's 2nd floor microtext area.

Plans are underway to digitize these issues and make them searchable electronically through the library's website. Funds are still being identified. *Midlander* yearbooks have been digitized and can be accessed and searched at library.mtsu.edu/digitalprojects

My Library Account

Go to library.mtsu.edu Click on MY ACCOUNT (upper right) Login with your Pipeline User Name and password
There you can:

- See your account balance
- Pay your fine (please pay the exact amount owed, we don't do refunds)
- See the items you checked out and when they are due
- Make lists
- Search for materials
- IM a librarian for help
- Activate your checkout history

Learning Commons Update

We have moved hundreds of books and miles of shelving. We gathered info from students about what they need in this new collaborative learning space on the first floor. The next step will be minor construction and furniture selection.



ADVANCEMENT CORNER

Support excellence at Walker Library. You can help us save *Sidelines* by donating to the library.

Donate online at mtsu.edu/development/ or send to Walker Library, c/o Kristen Keene, MTSU Box 13, Murfreesboro, TN 37132

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