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LIBRARY UPDATE

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INFORMATION LITERACY

The library is launching a new information literacy (IL) initiative that will infuse library research skills into the campus curriculum. Information literacy is defined by the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) as “the set of skills needed to find, retrieve, analyze, and use information.”

MTSU’s initiative will involve a series of faculty development workshops and an outreach campaign to match the library’s efforts to departmental needs.

The goal of this initiative is to ensure that students graduate with the ability to not only find and retrieve information but also to think critically about its authorship, relevance, and validity. Plagiarism prevention and proper citation style are also key elements of the initiative.

If you are interested in knowing more about this project, contact Jason Vance at jvance@mtsu.edu.

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT



Christy Groves has been appointed coordinator of User Services. She has a master’s in library science (MSLS), from UT-Knoxville. She was previously at Ball State University.



Jason Vance will be leading the new Information Literacy Initiative on campus (see article in this newsletter). He comes from Morehead State University. He has a master’s in library and information from Simmons College in Boston.

PAPER REWIND

Paper Rewind, an art installation in the library during the spring 2008 semester, was designed by two of the Art Department’s 3D design classes taught by Assistant Professor Thomas Sturgill.

The purpose was to promote responsible printing and recycling habits. It was centered around the observation of Earth Day. The entire installation was made from one month’s supply of discarded paper, which was glued, under pressure, five to twenty layers thick. This board-like material was cut, folded, or shaped into people, animals, and trees.

Students print 6.5 million pages each year in the library. That’s equivalent to 700 trees, or 11,284 miles if the paper is spread end-to-end. A lot of this paper ends up abandoned on the printers or in recycling bins.

The purpose of Paper Rewind was to raise awareness of paper consumption in the library and to encourage people to think before they print. The art was given to people who donated money to benefit future conservation projects.

NEW BUSINESS DATABASE

Standard & Poor’s NetAdvantage, a new database available in the library, is a comprehensive, professional source of proprietary analysis with tools to help students better understand the structure and dynamics of industries, companies and financial market trends. It is available on Databases A-Z and the Business Communication and Entrepreneurship, Business, Management and Marketing, and Economics and Finance subject guides.



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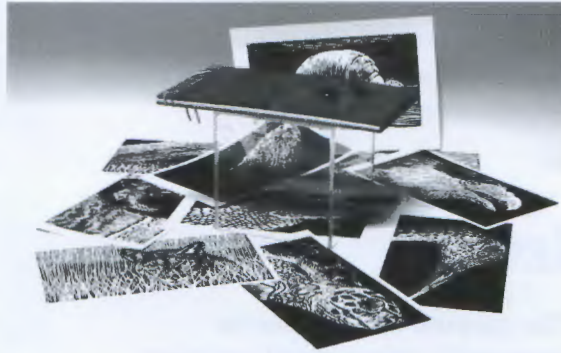
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*"Knowledge is of two kinds. We know a subject ourselves,
or we know where we can find information upon it."*

—Dr. Samuel Johnson

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS SHOW: 4 WOMEN, 4 VIEWS (WITH TEXT)

Through November 13, Walker Library is presenting an exhibition featuring the work of artists Kim Dummons, Janet Higgins, and Noel Lorson, Department of Art, and Nance Cooley, an MTSU alumna. All four artists share an interest in paper, letterpress, and the book arts, but the diversity evident in their use of materials and forms creates a lively and stimulating show. Come, see, and share in these four women's varied engagements with text, paper, and print.



FALL SEMESTER HOURS

Monday–Thursday	7:30 a.m.–Midnight
Friday	7:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Saturday	8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
Sunday	1:00 p.m.–Midnight

ADVANCEMENT CORNER

The Bucks for Books drive offers friends and alumni an opportunity to directly impact the education of students. Funds raised through this initiative benefit students by strengthening the resources of the library with the purchase of books. Our goal is to reach one million volumes!

State revenues do not fully support this distinctive and progressive institution. Only through the private support of our friends can we achieve the dreams we have for MTSU and its students.

During our first phone-a-thon in the spring, the library raised several thousand dollars to purchase books. If you would like to make a donation, please notify Kristen Keene at (615) 898-5376 or kkeene@mtsu.edu.

MTSU SCIENCE AND SPIRITUALITY SYMPOSIUM

The first Science and Spirituality symposium, intended to be an annual event, was held March 27, 2008. Featuring Joel Primack and Nancy Ellen Abrams, the symposium was a success, with over 125 people attending the lecture in the State Farm Room (BAS) and enjoying an impressive presentation. Monthly brown bag lunches, on the theme of near death experiences, are ongoing this fall in the Library Administrative Conference Room.

NEED HELP?

The library is offering a new way to get help. Students and faculty can IM a librarian to have their questions answered right away. Library staff members are in the business of providing help; if you need help . . .

- finding information,
- starting your research,
- navigating our Web site, or
- locating books in the library,

just ask!

Send an IM or e-mail, call 898-2817, or visit the Reference Desk.