



LIBRARY UPDATE

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New This Fall in the Library

You have seen the signs around campus. Walker Library is the place where you find it all. The library faculty and staff have had a busy summer and have worked hard to bring a lot of new and improved services to faculty and students.

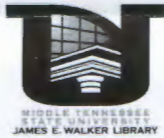
InfoSearch is our new, simple searching tool to help you find resources in the library. This new system replaces Voyager. Search to find materials easily in the combined catalogs of

- Walker Library,
- the Center for Popular Music,
- the Instructional Media Resource Center,
- the Howard Music Library, and
- the Gore Center.

Be sure to sign your class up for library instruction to get an overview of the new catalog and other library resources.

What does this new system mean for you? Bottom line, it makes it easier to find books and articles and other resources. InfoSearch has





- a Google-like search,
- "did you mean?" help,
- spell check,
- ability to search by tag,
- advanced search options,
- a feature to allow users to rate resources,



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find it all. here.



- recently added materials suggestions,
- book cover art,
- table of contents, and
- content summary.

The Digital Media Studio is open on the second floor of Walker Library. The microtext area has been transformed into a multimedia studio complete with Macs and PCs equipped with the latest software. Scanners, a color printer, project finishing tools, and a laminator are also available. Instruction on a variety of rich media software applications is offered for students and classes.

Laptops are now checked out at the **Computer Support Desk**, beyond the elevators on the first floor, where the periodicals desk used to be. Laptops can now be taken out of the library, and the

checkout time is still four hours! The Computer Support Desk also checks out headphones, adapters, and ethernet cables.

Reserves are now checked out and turned in at the circulation desk.

The Margaret H. Ordoubadian **University Writing Center (UWC)** has moved to the third floor of Walker Library. The UWC assists writers in any subject and provides a relaxed, yet professional atmosphere in which writers from across the curriculum can become more comfortable with processes of writing.

The Learning, Teaching, and Instructional Technology Center (LT&ITC) has also moved to the third floor of the library. It connects professors with the latest instructional methods, including technologies that can make the classroom experience more enlightening, as well as the expertise to use that technology most effectively.

The library now has a **Starbucks!** You thought we already had one? The old cafe did serve Starbucks coffee, but it has been transformed into a full-service Starbucks with a complete restaurant menu—the first on campus. The newly remodeled area just inside the library's front doors has comfortable seating, and you can use your Starbucks gift certificates!

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My favorite thing about James E. Walker Library has been the research help I received for my graduate classes.

—Alaina Carson, master's candidate

CENTENNIAL PHOTOS, MIDLANDERS, AND SIDELINES DIGITIZED

Walker Library has a digital projects initiative that helps the campus and the community digitize documents and other materials. This project is an outgrowth of the statewide Volunteer Voices Project (voluntervoices.org).

Current Collections

The MTSU Memory Project was created to collect and preserve materials documenting MTSU's role in the broader community during its first century. This collection of photographs, documents, books, and oral histories shows our institution's growth from a small Normal School to a doctoral university. The MTSU Memory Project has created an informative Web site that will be mounted in conjunction with the University's centennial celebration in 2011 and a fully searchable database of digital objects that will continue to grow over time.

New and Forthcoming Projects

The Buchanan Collection will document the history of a local family that has included a Nobel Laureate and MTSU alumnus, a governor, and an early settler of Nashville. **The Cedar Glades Studies Collection**, a partnership with the MTSU Center for Cedar

Glade Studies, will digitize research on the rare cedar glade ecosystems of Middle Tennessee. **Shades of Blue and Gray: Reflections of Life in Civil War Tennessee** will include digital images of 250 artifacts from small archives, libraries, and museums across the state. **The Stones River Battlefield Historic Landscapes** project is digitizing deeds and other materials to document the largely forgotten African American community of Cemetery, on land that became Stones River National Battlefield. **The Cannon County Farm Collection** includes photos of agricultural activities in Cannon County between the mid-1940s and the mid-1970s. **The Midlander** project collected yearbooks from 1926 to 2004. The yearbooks have been scanned and are now being loaded on to the digital projects Web site. **The Sidelines** project is digitizing issues of the student newspaper from the early 1920s until the 1990s. The newspapers are being scanned this fall and will be available online in the future.

For more information about Walker Library digital projects, visit library.mtsu.edu/digitalprojects/.

NEW SCANNERS!

There are now 21 flatbed scanners located in the library: one is in the computer lab on the first floor, and 20 more are on the second floor in and around the Digital Media Studio.

BLACK NAMED INTERIM DEAN



Professor William Black, administrative services librarian, has been named interim dean of James E. Walker Library after the

retirement earlier this year of longtime library dean Don Craig. A national search for a permanent dean is being conducted this fall.

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