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LIBRARY UPDATE

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REDUCE CAMPAIGN

Three MTSU art students—Hannah Green of Knoxville, Christine Peterson of Lyles, and Erin Piper of Murfreesboro—members of the Student Art Alliance, turned waste into a consciousness raising experience here in Walker Library. The artists strung clumps of paper on nine 60-foot extensions of carbon-infused fishing line, three on each floor. The display was made using only two weeks' worth of discarded paper from copiers and recycle bins in the Library; an estimated 3,600 sheets of paper was used for the nine strings alone. This visual message about library printing and paper use was intended to get people thinking about how they use resources wisely. Posters made of recycled cardboard alerted library users to the wisdom of printing double-sided and previewing before they print to avoid waste. 6,347,650 pages were printed in the library last year. If laid end to end, they would stretch 1100 miles or, if they were stacked, they would be



2,115 feet tall. The installation generated a lot of discussion and reinforced the message—think before you print; use resources wisely. This was the first time the atrium space had been utilized in this capacity since the library's construction. ☐

MTSU SCIENCE AND SPIRITUALITY SYMPOSIUM

"What it means to be human: science, consciousness, and our place in the universe," will be hosted by the library and several other academic departments on campus March 27, 2008, at 7:00 p.m. in the State Farm Lecture Hall, BAS. The symposium is open to students, faculty, and the community. The speakers are Joel R. Primack, Ph.D., renowned lecturer, author, researcher, and one of the world's leading cosmologists, and Nancy Ellen Abrams, J.D., a lawyer,

writer, former Fulbright scholar, and frequent speaker with a long-term interest in the history, philosophy, and politics of science. They will also attend a pre-lecture reception and book signing and lead three academic class sessions. Primack and Abrams co-teach the prize-winning course at the University of California - Santa Cruz, "Cosmology and Culture." They coauthored the groundbreaking book, *The View from the Center of the Universe: Discovering our*

MEMORY PROJECT

Remember to provide items to the MTSU memory project. Departments and individuals can contribute materials in conjunction with the University's centennial celebration in 2011. The MTSU Memory Project is creating a digital collection of photographs, memorabilia, and other materials that document the critical role played by MTSU within the broader community during the University's first century. Materials will be brought into the library to be scanned, archived, and cataloged before being returned to their owners. Please visit our Web site for more information. <http://library.mtsu.edu/digitalprojects>

FACULTY SPOTLIGHT

Library staff are encouraging new MTSU faculty to take advantage of library resources and to recommend new materials. To assist faculty and academic departments, each new faculty member has been given an allocation of \$500 to spend on library materials to support departmental needs. For questions, contact Suzanne Mangrum at 8517.

Extraordinary Place in the Cosmos. Focusing on recent advances in astronomy, physics, and cosmology, they frame a compelling new theory for understanding the universe and our role in it. The Symposium is a part of the new campus Science and Spirituality Initiative. ☐

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*"What is more important in a library than anything
else—than everything else—is the fact that it exists."*

Archibald MacLeish, "The Premise of Meaning" in *American Scholar*, June 5, 1972

BUCHANAN FAMILY LEGACY ROOM

The Buchanan Family Reading Room is now open on the fourth floor of the library. This room, part of the library's Family Legacy Project, was dedicated in October by MTSU President Sidney

McPhee and honors the Buchanan family, notably 1940 graduate and 1986 Nobel Laureate in Economics James Buchanan. It was made possible by a generous donation from the Buchanan family. President McPhee presented Dr. Buchanan an obelisk as a token of appreciation for his family's dedication to MTSU. The room is appointed with comfortable leather chairs with ottomans and tables for individual or group study. There are also collections of Dr. Buchanan's books on display. The collection will continue to grow as the family makes



READ POSTERS

The Walker Library's READ Poster Project is based on a series begun by the American Library Association in 1985. Some of the world's best-known faces have lent their support to the simple but powerful message: READ! The posters promote reading, literacy, and research. The posters are displayed in the Walker Library and, under a public service grant from the University, will be distributed to the Murfreesboro City and Rutherford County schools to promote reading. John Garang Awan knows firsthand that an individual cannot allow limits to stand in the way of survival. One of the Lost Boys of Sudan, John endured unbelievable hardship and danger



daily struggle. Believing that people can rise above limits, John selected Walker Library's historic re-edition of the Gutenberg Bible for the inspiration and faith it engenders. □

during the trek across Africa to Ethiopia and eventually to a refugee camp in Kenya. He came to the U.S. in 2001 with other orphaned boys, seeking education and a life beyond

SPRING 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

available more items. This room has quickly become a favorite of students looking for a quiet place to study. Other family legacy rooms are available; please contact Kristen Keene, kkeene@mtsu.edu or 615-898-5376 for more information. □

ADVANCEMENT CORNER

The Book Honor Program provides a way to recognize an individual's success while at the same time providing needed resources for Walker Library. Gifts of \$50 to the Book Honor Program go directly toward purchasing books for the library. Each book purchased will contain a special bookplate with the individual's and donor's names and an acknowledgement of each gift will be sent to the individual being recognized. Visit our Web site at http://library.mtsu.edu/administration/book_honor.php

If you would like to be a part of this or other initiatives to strengthen education at MTSU, please visit our Web site at <http://library.mtsu.edu> or contact Kristen Keene, external relations specialist, at kkeene@mtsu.edu, 615-898-5376.