

THE LIBRARY LOO NEWS

August /September 2017

IN THE LIBRARY

In observance of the **Labor Day holiday**, the library will have the following hours:

Friday, Sept. 1st	7:30am-9:00pm
Saturday, Sept 2nd	9:00am-9:00pm
Sunday, Sept. 3rd	Noon-Midnight
Monday, Sept. 4th	CLOSED

Welcome (Back!), August 21-23, 10-11am:

Welcome law students! To get you started on the right foot this year, we're giving away a ton of free goodies from free coffee and snacks, to supplies, and more. Come say hi!

Football Scavenger Hunt, September 13-15:

Football season is almost here! Test your internet search skills by joining our online scavenger hunt. To complete the hunt, you must find the answers to five questions about the history of SMU football. Answer all questions correctly for a chance to win a prize. Happy hunting!

AROUND TOWN

Every Thursday night this September: Bring a friend and pack a blanket for an evening movie each Thursday this September in Griggs Park. Movies start at 8pm and the lineup is being chosen by an online vote so stay tuned to www.uptowndallas.net for exact movie titles. Movie nights are completely free - popcorn included!

Beginning September 29th: The annual state fair of Texas kicks off in late September and will run through October 22nd. Tickets are available for single-day entry, through combo packs, or by season pass. Loads of food, fun, and live music await! Stetchy pants are advised. Visit www.bigtex.com for more information.

DID YOU KNOW...

that on August 21st, the contiguous U.S. will be treated to a total solar eclipse? The last time this happened was in 1979. Anyone within the path of totality can see the total solar eclipse where the moon will completely cover the sun and sun's tenuous atmosphere. Dallas is outside this path, so we will see only a partial solar eclipse. This partial eclipse is set to pass over the SMU campus at 1:09pm with 75.7% of the sun obscured. This might be a good day to ask your professor for a "bathroom break" - pick up free eclipse-watching glasses in the law quad and see the sight with your classmates! The library will also have limited quantities of glasses at the circulation desk.



IN HISTORY

On September 10th, 1879, the the first drunk driving arrest is made. George Smith, a 25-year-old London taxi driver pled guilty and was fined 25 shillings for slamming his cab into a building. In 1910, New York was in the U.S. to implement laws against operating a motor vehicle while under the influence. It was not until 1936, however, that a device for determining inebriation became patented - but it wasn't the breathalyzer we know today. Aptly named, the Drunkometer was a balloon-like device into which people would breathe to determine whether they were drunk. Later, in 1953, the breathalyzer made its debut and was the first scientific device to gauge the level of alcohol vapors in exhaled breath..

credit: history.com

Quote of the Month...

"The difference between adventure and ordeal is attitude" - Bob Bitchin

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October 2017



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Happy Halloween! What do librarians love almost as much as cats? Halloween! (that's a joke). Be sure to stop through the circulation area the week leading up to Halloween for candy, scary movies, and a pumpkin carving contest!

AROUND TOWN

Thursday, October 12th, 6:00pm - 10:00pm:

Uptown Dallas, Inc. is proud to present the 2nd Annual Uptown Block Party in Griggs Park. Bring your lawn chairs and enjoy a free concert featuring Bob Schneider and food trucks and beverages from the Katy Trail Ice House. For more information, visit www.uptowndallas.net

October 15th, 5:30 - 8:30pm: The Trinity Audubon Center has announced a Dining on the Prairie series, featuring chef-inspired menus, alluring wines, music and of course, an instagram-worthy table of fine dining amidst a spectacular view of the Great Trinity Forest. Additional dinners will be held on February 10th and June 15th, 2018. Tickets are \$85 each. Visit www.trinityriver.audubon.org/events/dinner-series for more information.

Until October 22nd: The State Fair of Texas just started but the fun goes through October 22nd! Enjoy fried goodies like this year's award-winning "Texas fajitas fries," the "deep fried fruit loops" or "surfin' turfin' tator boat" (it's good, I promise). Ticket information can be found online at www.bigtex.com. Don't forget your stretchy pants!

DID YOU KNOW...

Fall is only "fall" to Americans? Until the 1300s, the term "harvest" was used to describe the fall months since the weather during that time required harvesting ripe crops. "Autumn" began to pick up popularity when English writing used the term to distinguish the weather from harvesting crops. Then, in the 1600s, English poets coined the phrase "the fall of leaves" which shortened to "fall" but the term "autumn" still remained popular throughout England. The lack of consistent communication between the English and the American people led to differences in the language - by the mid-1800s, the word "fall" had firmly rooted itself in America.
credit: cnn.com



IN HISTORY

October 18th, 1867: On this day in 1867, the U.S. formally takes possession of Alaska after purchasing the territory from Russia for \$7.2 million, or less than two cents an acre. The Alaska purchase comprised 586,412 square miles, about twice the size of Texas, and was championed by William Henry Seward, the enthusiastic expansionist secretary of state under President Andrew Johnson. The American public believed the land to be barren and worthless and dubbed the purchase "Seward's Folly" and "Andrew Johnson's Polar Bear Garden," among other derogatory names. Today, however, 25 percent of America's oil and over 50 percent of its seafood comes from Alaska.
credit: www.history.com

Spooky quote of the month...

"I'm glad, so glad I live in a world where there are Octobers." L.M. Montgomery, Anne of Green Gables



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November 2017

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Thanks for voting in our pumpkin carving contest and congratulations to the winner, Sandra Heads-Thorpe, the always-smiling circulation desk staff member. Give her a high-five when you see her!

THANKSGIVING HOURS: The library will have the following hours in celebration of the Thanksgiving holiday:

Wednesday 11/22: 7:30am - 5:00pm
Thursday 11/23: CLOSED
Friday 11/24: 9:00am - 5:00pm

FINAL EXAMS: Looking for a quiet place to study as final exams approach? The 4th floor has an "absolute silence" policy (please be especially quiet). If you prefer ambient noise, try the 2nd or 3rd floors where library voices are encouraged. Remember that on all floors, study rooms are not soundproof.

AROUND TOWN

Saturday, November 4th: If you love biking, you'll want to join the Dallas Bike Ride, the city's only closed-road, family-friendly bike ride. Cruise the city at your own pace and explore culturally-rich neighborhoods along the course. The ride ends in style with a finish line festival at City Hall that includes entertainment, activities and refreshments. For more information, visit www.dallasbikeride.com. Use promo code UPTOWNDALLAS17 for \$45 registration.

Beginning Friday, November 24th: Don't wait 'till the last minute, book your 2017 Highland Park holiday carriage ride now! Visit www.brazoscarriage.com for more information. Happy holidays!



JOKES...

Meeting your girlfriend's parents this Thanksgiving?
Do you swallow all your pride to stomach a Thanksgiving with your in-laws? Or perhaps your family is just downright awesome and loves a good popsicle stick joke. Don't worry we've got you covered with some easy dinner table entertainment (you're welcome):

What kind of music did the pilgrims like?
Plymouth Rock.

What does Miley Cyrus eat at Thanksgiving?
Twerky.

Why did they let the turkey join the band?
Because he had the drumsticks.

Why did the turkey cross the road?
It was the chicken's day off.

What's a pumpkin's favorite sport?
Squash.

Where do turkeys go to dance?
The butterball.

What is the best thanksgiving dessert?
Any one baked with may-flour.

What do you get when you cross an octopus with a turkey?
Finally enough drumsticks for everyone!

And finally, when (inevitably) the turkey doesn't cook right, tell the host you suspect fowl play.

Quote of the Month...

"Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were big things." - Robert Brault (opera singer)

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January 2018

IN HISTORY

On **January 21st, 1976**, the Concorde, a supersonic passenger airliner, takes off from both London and Paris, simultaneously. These innovative planes flew well over the sound barrier at 1,350 miles an hour, cutting air travel time by more than half. The flights were a culmination of a 12-year effort that pitted English and French engineers against the Soviets. The effort was not without a dramatic history: Soviet spies were arrested during the testing phases; the Soviet prototype failed; the U.S. abandoned efforts in 1969 citing costs and environmental concerns; and finally, in 2000, an Air France Concorde crashed 60 seconds after taking off from Paris to New York. The deadly crash signaled the decline of the aircraft and in 2003, the Concorde took its last regular commercial flight.

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Winter recess and holiday hours: The library will have the following modified hours this month:

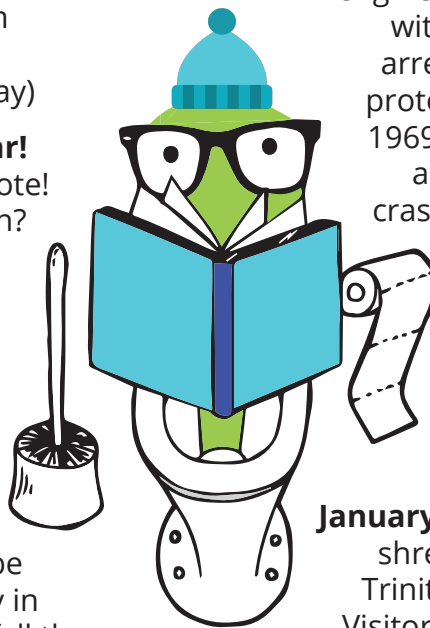
Jan. 1:	CLOSED
Jan. 2-5:	8:30am - 6:00pm
Jan. 6:	CLOSED
Jan. 7:	1:00pm - 8:00pm
Jan. 8-9:	8:30am - 8:00pm
Jan. 10:	Regular Hour
Jan. 15:	CLOSED (MLK Day)

Welcome back and happy new year!

Let's kick off the year on a positive note! Did you make a new year's resolution? Post your personal pact at the library's entrance and inspire your fellow classmates to consider new year's resolutions, too. Come on, gang, share some good ones!

DID YOU KNOW...

The snowiest city on earth may not be where you'd first expect. Aomori City in northern Japan receives more snowfall than any major city on the planet. Each year citizens are pummeled with 312 inches (about 26 feet) of snow, on average. Another snowy fun fact: Rapid City, South Dakota claims the record for quickest temperature drop. On January 10, 1911 the temperature started out at 55°F but then just 15 minutes later, a cold front blew through and brought the temperature down to just 8 degrees! That kind of drop puts the fickle weather of Texas to shame.



AROUND TOWN

January 19th @ 8:00pm: Looking for a fun way to shred the holiday calories and stress? Join the Trinity River Audubon Center for an Owl Prowl! Visitors will take a guided night hike through the Great Trinity Forest and learn about the nocturnal animals that call Dallas home. Learn owl calls, too, and cap the night with a s'more roast. Visit www.trinityriverauduboncenter.com for more information.

January 12th - February 3rd: Prepare to feel your best Texas self and attend the 122nd Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo! Look for daily rodeo action, carnival and midway fun, acres of shopping, kid-friendly attractions, live music and so much more! For general admission ticket and rodeo ticket information, visit www.fwssr.com.

Quote of the Month...

"Write it on your heart that every day is the best day in the year." - Ralph Waldo Emerson

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February 2018

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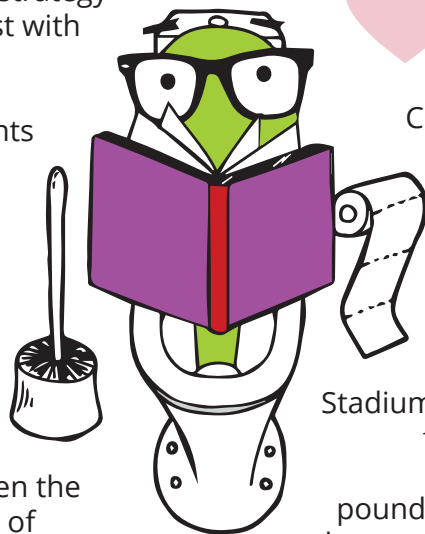
Wednesday, February 14th: Be our valentine! Stop by the library circulation area some sweet treats - Happy Valentine's Day!

Need help writing your journal comment? Good news: the library is here to help! The Underwood reference librarians can help you locate resources, provide tips for performing in-depth or supplemental research, discuss overall strategy or organization of your paper, and assist with Bluebooking. Contact Cassie DuBay (cdubay@smu.edu), Head of Research Services and liaison to all journal students or send an email to the reference department (lawref@smu.edu) for general questions. We look forward to helping you!

IN HISTORY

On **February 3rd, 1870**, the 15th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution is ratified, granting African American men the right to vote by declaring that the "right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of race, color, or previous condition of servitude." Although ratified in 1870, the promise of the 15th Amendment would not be fully realized for almost a century. Through the use of poll taxes, literacy tests and other means, Southern states were able to effectively disenfranchise African Americans. It would take the passage of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 before the majority of African Americans in the South were registered to vote.

www.credit: loc.gov



DID YOU KNOW...

Hershey Kisses got their name because of the sound the machine makes when making the candy. Thinking about getting some Hershey Kisses or other Valentine's candy for yourself? No judgment. The National Confectioner's Association reports that 83% of Valentine's candy is not even given to significant others but shared with friends or family.

AROUND TOWN

Saturday, February 10th, 12:00-6:00pm: Celebrate Mardi Gras at the Oak Highlands Brewery 3rd Annual Mardi Gras Celebration! The party includes free entry, beer, lawn games, and food by Charlie's Creole Kitchen.

Saturday, February 10th, 7:00pm: Monster Jam comes to Cowboys Stadium! Approximately 12 feet tall and about 12 feet wide, Monster Jam trucks are custom machines weighing a minimum of 10,000 pounds! Built for high-powered bursts of speed, these trucks can fly up to 130 feet in distance and up to 35 feet in the air. Take in the show for as low as \$20. Visit ticketmaster.com for more information.

Various dates, including **Valentine's Day:** The Texas Rangers present a series of CreateX classes where fans have the opportunity to experience the ballpark in unique and creative ways. Take in stunning views of the park all while printmaking, learning to paint or trying photography. Attendees leave with a completed and unique work of ballpark art! Visit www.texasrangers.com for more information.

Quote of the Month...

Luke: "I can't believe it." Yoda: "That is why you fail." Wisdom from Star Wars!

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The library's **Spring Break** hours are:

Fri. 3/9	7:30am - 6:00pm
Sat. 3/10	9:00am - 5:00pm
Sun. 3/11	noon - 8:00pm
3/12 - 3/15	8:30am - 8:00pm
Fri. 3/16	8:30am - 6:00pm
Sat. 3/17	9:00am - 5:00pm
Sun. 3/18	noon - midnight

For **Easter weekend**, the library's hours are:

Fri. 3/30	9:00am - 6:00pm
Sat. 3/31	9:00am - 6:00pm
Sun. 4/1	CLOSED

Rare Book Room Open Houses

Tuesday, March 20th @ 12:30 & 3:30pm:

The library will host open houses in the Galvin Rare Book Room, so students can learn more about this outstanding collection of antiquarian legal materials. Among the highlights are books printed in the late 1400's and documents signed by Washington, Jefferson, Madison, and Lincoln. Library director Greg Ivy will offer brief remarks about the collection, discuss some particularly interesting items, then students can browse and ask questions. Sessions will last about thirty minutes. Please RSVP to lawref@smu.edu.

Ancestry Library Edition: Have you ever been curious about your name or family history? The library now subscribes to *Ancestry Library Edition*, the institutional version of Ancestry.com. This new database offers vast genealogical collections with "coverage of the United States and the United Kingdom, including census, vital, church, court, and immigration records, as well as record collections from Canada, Europe, Australia and other areas of the world." Access is available from the databases "A-Z" list on the law library's website

AROUND TOWN

March 1st - October 1st: The George W. Bush Presidential Center has a new exhibit: "First Ladies: Style of Influence."

The exhibit examines how the role of the first lady has evolved over time, and how first ladies have used their position to advance diplomacy and other social, cultural, and political initiatives. Don't forget - your SMU student ID gets you into the Bush Center for free!

March 29th, 6:00 - 9:00pm: View spring's latest fashion all while sipping a cocktail and supporting the community. West Village will host the 12th Annual Fresh Faces of Fashion, a fashion show and celebration saluting successful, trendsetting and philanthropic Dallas men and women whose chic fashion sense is matched only by their dedication to the community. Tickets start at just \$25 and all sales benefit The Bridge Homeless Recovery Center.

March 30th - 31st: Dallas' original beer festival, the Big Texas Beer Fest, returns for its 7th year at the Automobile Building in Fair Park. Last year's event featured 120 breweries and over 500 beers and similar numbers are expected this year. Advance ticket purchase is recommended. More information available at www.bigtexasbeerfest.com.

DID YOU KNOW...

On March 31, 1889, the Eiffel Tower opened in Paris to honor the centenary of the French Revolution. The French government planned an international exposition and had announced a design competition for a monument to be built in central Paris. The committee chose Gustave Eiffel's plan, which would be the world's tallest man-made structure. Eiffel also designed the framework of the Statue of Liberty.

Quote of the Month...

If Plan A fails, remember that you have 25 letters left.

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April 2018

IN THE LIBRARY

Final exams are approaching and the library has you covered!

Beginning April 28th, 12:00pm: Enjoy free coffee in the library to keep you fueled through the exam period. Coffee is graciously provided by Lexis and your SBA.

Additional stress-relieving events and snacks will be provided throughout exams. Be on the lookout for more information in an updated Loo News coming later this month.

DID YOU KNOW...

Are you curious about the law school's history? Much of the law school's archives is now available in our digital repository at scholar.smu.edu/law. The repository includes:

- Commencement programs from 1942,
- Newsletters and alumni magazines from 1958, and
- Yearbooks and other collections!

Here are a few fun facts from the archives:

- Tuition and fees in 1925: \$106.25/semester
- Number of full-time faculty in 1925: 2
- Cost of text books in 1930: \$45 *for the entire year!*
- First-year curriculum in 1933: Actions, Contracts, Criminal Law, Equity 1, Personal Property, Titles, and Torts.

If you're graduating this spring, be sure to check the repository this summer for a digital copy of your graduation program - perfect for sharing with friends and family who are not able to attend your special day in person.

AROUND TOWN

Sunday, April 1st 1:00pm - 4:00pm: Celebrate Easter in the timeless Oak Lawn Park with the famed Conservancy Pooch Parade down Turtle Creek Boulevard, live music, and Easter egg hunt. Pack a picnic basket or come hungry and enjoy lunch from one of the food trucks.

April 4th, 6:30 - 8:30pm: Surrounding yourself with living plants can reduce stress and air-borne pollutants. For just \$25, join Jade & Clover at Ferris Wheeler's Backyard & BBQ for a Travelling Terrarium Bar event. Pick your plant, select a planter, dazzle it with some fancy stones, and they'll help you create your own low-maintenance greenery. Tickets available on www.eventbrite.com

April 7th, 12:00 - 9:00pm: Head to south Dallas for the Taste of Oak Cliff, a one-day food experience featuring more than 60 of the finest local vendors, restaurants, breweries, and food trucks! The event is free to the public; a \$5 wristband is required to enjoy alcoholic beverages. Visit www.tasteofoakcliff.com for more information.

April 13th and 14th: Take a fun break from studying and join the inaugural Craft Beer, Food, & Wine Festival on the grounds surrounding Globe Life Park. The festival will bring Texas craft beer brands, wineries, and restaurants together for two days with live entertainment by Young the Giant, the Josh Abott Band, and others. For more information, visit www.cfwfestival.com.



Quote of the Month...

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today." H. Jackson Brown, Jr.