



Library Update

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY • JAMES E. WALKER LIBRARY



Spring Into Middle

Save the Date April 13 and 14, 2012—Join the Walker Library this spring during Alumni Weekend as we celebrate the arrival of our new dean and the grand opening of the Library Research Commons. We'll also be conducting tours of the "new" library.

Grand Opening of the Research Commons—Gather in the library atrium on Friday, April 13 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. to check out our newly renovated spaces and the brand-new Research Commons, where students can use cutting-edge technology and moveable furniture to create their own collaborative learning areas.

Meet the Dean—On Friday, April 13 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m., faculty, staff, students, and alumni are encouraged to come to the Walker Library atrium to meet our new dean, Bonnie Allen. Dean Allen comes to MTSU from the University of Montana at Missoula, where she was professor and dean of libraries and interim director of Academic Information Technology. Remarks will begin at 3:30 p.m.; light refreshments will be served.



Tour the "New" Library—Faculty, students, and alumni still call Walker Library "the new library." On Saturday, April 14, from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m., stop by and get a quick tour of this dynamic learning place, which is visited by 30,000 people a week. In this state-of-the-art building you will see the new Research Commons, the Digital Media Studio, and large, well-equipped presentation rooms. You can also get a look at the Walker Library's 18th-century reproduction printing press and the Digital Initiative Project, through which library staff are preserving MTSU's *Midlanders* and *Sidelines*. Tours will leave every half hour from the first-floor service desk.

For more information about the library, visit library.mtsu.edu.
For a complete listing of weekend activities, visit mtalumni.com.

Last Fall in the Library

- 4 million pages printed from the library's printers
- 1.6 million visits to the library website (4,279 per day!), 1 million of them unique visits
- 491,670 visitors to the Walker Library building (30,000 per week!)
- 30,000 books checked out
- 22,000 students helped at the reference desk
- 20,000 laptops, adapters, and headphones checked out in Library Technology Services
- 8,000 students assisted with projects in the Digital Media Studio (and more than 1,200 items checked out)
- 5,000 items used in reserves
- 4,000 reservations of the library's 40 group study rooms
- 415 students assisted in Special Collections
- 237 library instruction classes taught
- 50 students helped through individual "research coach" appointments

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My favorite thing about the James E. Walker library is the excellent study atmosphere for both individuals and groups. It allows me to study and complete homework assignments with minimal distractions.

— Stephen, senior business major

Media Library, Music Library, Grad Lab Move to Walker

The Media Library, the University Lab @ the Learning Resource Center (LRC), and the Graduate Multimedia Development Center (GMDC) have relocated to the Walker Library while the LRC is being renovated.

Their temporary location in Room 262 features more than 30 PCs, 8 Macs, 25 video viewing stations, and 2 printers available to all faculty, staff, and

graduate and undergraduate students.

There is also unique software available on each of the computers, such as Adobe CS 5.5, Amazing Slowdowner, Finale, SAS, and SPSS.

All Media Library materials, including streaming video and audio and educational DVDs, are available at the temporary location. We recommend that patrons call 2892 or email

imr@mtsu.edu in advance to reserve audio or video materials they wish to use or pick up.

The Howard Music Library, with its collection of audio and video recordings, music scores, and books, has relocated to the first floor of Walker Library. The music librarian and media collection are located at the circulation desk; scores are near the reference desk.



Depository Anniversary

In 2012, the James E. Walker Library marks its 100th anniversary as a federal depository library.

Congress established the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP) to ensure that Americans have access to government information. Since 1813, depository libraries have collected, organized, maintained, preserved, and assisted users with information from the federal government.

The FDLP provides government information at no cost to designated depository libraries, which in turn provide local, no-fee access to that information in an impartial environment with professional assistance.

Walker Library's government documents collection includes books, microfiche, and access to thousands of electronic resources. In addition to congressional documents, a large portion of the collection comprises materials from the US Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Interior, and Defense. For more information about Walker Library's federal government document collection, visit library.mtsu.edu and click on the eagle symbol at the bottom of the page.

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OR

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Walker Library
MTSU Box 13
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