



Library Update

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY • JAMES E. WALKER LIBRARY

100 Years, One Million Volumes

As the University celebrates its Centennial Year, Walker Library is celebrating, too. Acquisition of its one-millionth volume happened this fall, marking a major milestone for the state's largest public university.

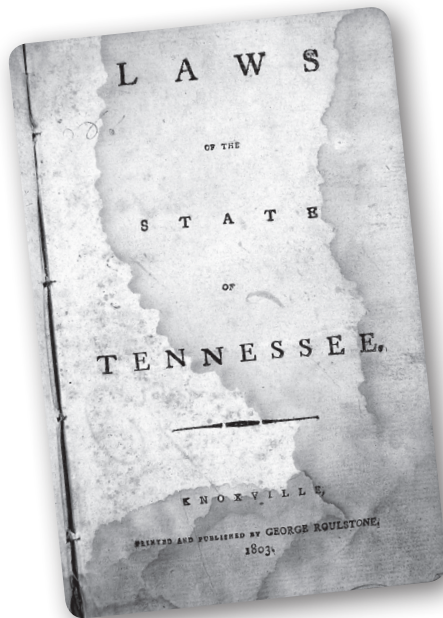
Walker Library's ceremonial one-millionth volume is a rare copy of *Laws of the State of Tennessee* from 1803. It's the first book printed in Tennessee and contains the earliest state laws. It was printed in Knoxville by George Roulstone, who brought the first printing press to the state.

This book will be housed on the fourth floor in Special Collections, the rare book area in the library. Special Collections acquires, preserves, and provides access to materials for students, faculty, staff, and the general public.

Special Collections maintains four major collections including Early Tennessee Imprints, Dimensional and Artist's Books, the Ragland Civil War Collection, and the University Collection.

The Early Tennessee Imprints Collection consists of books and print materials produced in Tennessee between 1791 and 1866.

The Dimensional and Artist's Books Collection explores the nature and boundaries of the book form, encompassing examples of fine letterpress printing as well as artists' books. The collection also includes miniature, pop-up, and movable books.



The Robert Allen Ragland Sr. Memorial Civil War Collection includes nineteenth- and twentieth-century books and other materials covering various aspects of the Civil War, and focusing on the war in Tennessee and the Battle of Stones River.

The University Collection consists of MTSU theses, yearbooks, institutional publications, and similar items.

The library celebrated its 500,000th volume—a copy of the Gutenberg Bible—in 1987. The first library on campus opened in spring 1912 on the third floor of Kirksey Old Main and held 75 donated volumes.



New Dean to Start in Spring



Bonnie J. Allen, dean of libraries and professor of library science at the University of Montana in Missoula, will become the new dean of James E. Walker Library in spring 2012. Allen will succeed J. Don Craig who is retiring after 38 years of service at MTSU.

Allen earned a bachelor's degree in art history and a master's degree in library and information science from Indiana University and a master's degree in business administration from Portland State University.

Advancement Corner

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My favorite thing about James E. Walker Library is the wide selection of academic books as well as the option to do interlibrary loan. I also like how they have many academic journals available. All of these aspects are very helpful.

— Rob, Ph.D. candidate

DNJ and Tennessean Access

We all like to know what's going on. The library lost acquisition of local papers due to an exclusive distribution arrangement by Gannett News. Now the newspapers are back!

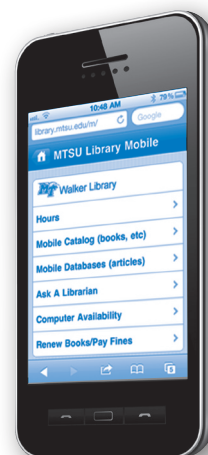
Walker Library and the Tennessee Electronic Library have made it possible for you to search the archives of the *Daily News Journal* (DNJ) and the *Tennessean*. The DNJ is available from 1999 to the present and the *Tennessean* is available from 2002 to the present.

These resources are at library.mtsu.edu. To access them, click on Databases A–Z, Newspapers, or Current Events and Issues.

Mobile Website

Visit the library website on your smart phone at library.mtsu.edu/m. You don't have to be in the library to use the library.

- Get library hours
- Look up a book
- Find articles
- Text, call, or email a librarian
- Find an open computer
- Renew books or pay fines



John Adams Unbound Exhibit



Walker Library was one of only 20 libraries in the country picked to host *John Adams: Unbound*, a traveling exhibit funded by an National Endowment for the Humanities grant. The exhibit explored Adams's personal library—a collection of 3,500 books.

This remarkable collection sheds light on how Adams shaped American history and how he was shaped through his lifelong dedication to reading and books.

Through photo reproductions of these annotated volumes, viewers witnessed one of the founding fathers wrestling with intellectual and political ideas at every stage in his long life—as a boy, university student, Boston lawyer, revolutionary,

diplomat, president, and citizen of the early American republic.

The library held several events to celebrate this exhibit including a speaker's panel called "The Legacy of John Adams." The panel of MTSU faculty experts discussed the lasting and often little-known influence that Adams continues to have on America.

A community event was also held for elementary students to have a chance meet our nation's second president!

The final event was Constitution Day Printing, during which students printed their own copies of the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution on the University's replica 18th-century printing press.