

James E. Walker



LIBRARY UPDATE

Number 34

Spring 2009

LIBRARIAN, CONGRESSMAN GORDON GET BOOKS FOR STUDENTS

During a recent trip to Washington, D.C., to conduct research for a book he is writing, Associate Professor R. Neil Scott took time to select 571 books for the James E. Walker Library and local community libraries.

of every book published in the United States. While it certainly has an enormous collection, it does not have every book published. The Library of Congress, founded in 1800, serves the public, scholars, and members of Congress and their staff.

Of the two books that authors and publishers send in, the LOC keeps one copy; the other is placed in the "Surplus Books Collection" of the Exchange and Gift Division. The titles in this "Surplus" collection are made available for library collections.

The books are provided without cost by the LOC and were shipped to Murfreesboro-free-of-charge-compliments of Congressman Bart Gordon. If the Walker Library were to purchase these books, the cumulative price would be \$14,442.



The Library of Congress receives copies of books for Cataloging-in-Publication (CIP) and for copyright. These programs contribute to the popular belief that the Library of Congress (LOC) contains one copy

SCIENCE ONLINE

Walker Library now subscribes to *Science* Online, offering full access to *Science* magazine content from 1997 to present.



The articles are available in PDF or HTML format with linked references and additional online supplemental data. The features of the site also include rss feeds and downloadable PowerPoint slides of articles to use in the classroom.

If you're on campus, you can go directly to <http://www.sciencemag.org> to view current and past issues. If you're off campus, use Journal Locator under Research Gateway on the Library's website. The library also subscribes to the print edition.

ADVANCEMENT CORNER

The Library completed its 2nd *Bucks for Books* phone-a-thon and had another successful effort. Over two thousand dollars will help purchase books to reach our goal of ONE MILLION volumes!

The Library is also approaching its 10th year in the building. This building is a center for student activity and the services and materials in it are vital to students and faculty across campus. To help us get to a million volumes, please contact Kristen Keene, 615-898-5376, kkeene@mtsu.edu

LIBRARY AWARDED SUSTAINABLE CAMPUS FUNDING

James E. Walker Library was awarded \$4,500 to purchase renewable energy materials. These books will be added to the permanent library collection to be used by students, faculty, and the community.

The books will be used in student and faculty research and in educating students and the community on renewable energy.

These materials will increase the Library's holdings relating to this hot topic. The funds are generated through an \$8 Clean Energy Fee that students pay as part of their fees.

MIDDLE TENNESSEE

STATE UNIVERSITY

James E. Walker Library

MTSU P.O. Box 13
1301 East Main Street
Murfreesboro, TN 37132
(615) 898-2772
(615) 904-8505 (fax)
kkeene@mtsu.edu

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."

*—Richard Steele,
in The Tatler, March 18, 1710*

LAST FALL IN THE LIBRARY

- Over 40,000 books were checked out.
- Over 76,000 reserve items were used.
- Laptops were checked out more than 10,000 times.
- 167 library classes were taught.
- Over 8,500 students were served at the reference desk.
- 600 students were provided with research help in Special Collections.
- Students and faculty used the James E. Walker Library building more than 500,000 times.
- The Library's Web site was visited more than 900,000 times. Over 380,000 were unique users and over 100,000 were first-time users.

PRAXIS, FOR TEACHERS

Prospective teachers can now study for the Praxis I (PPST) and Praxis II exams online through the Library's subscription to LearningExpress Library.

This service offers essential practice for three of the most widely taken Content Knowledge tests: Early Childhood, Elementary Education, and Middle School. Two complete online practice exams are offered for each content area and for the PPST. The tests duplicate the format, content, timing, and scoring of the official exams. Questions cover authentic category content and immediate online scoring is available.

Get to LearningExpress from the "Databases A-Z" list on the Research Gateway, or use the "Education" subject guide from the dropdown menu at the top left of the library homepage. You will need to create a free personal account the first time you use the service.



Students gathered in the Library on January 20 to watch the Inauguration on large screen TVs set up on the second floor balcony.

AAUW BOOK SALE

The AAUW book sale, which benefits the Ruth Houston Memorial Scholarship for MTSU Students, will be held March 30-31 in the KUC, in front of Phillips Bookstore.

On-campus donations can be dropped off at Walker Library right inside the front door next to the Circulation Desk. We can even arrange curbside pickups at the Library. Call or e-mail Ann Funkhouser at 898-2538 or afunkhou@mtsu.edu.

Since 1881, AAUW has been the nation's leading voice promoting education and equity for women and girls.

SNAPSHOT OF A COLLECTION:

A TENNESSEE LIBRARY IN THE 19TH CENTURY

People today take libraries for granted, but they were rare in 19th century Tennessee. By looking at a cross-section of titles represented in the State Library's collection, we can glimpse some of the social, political and intellectual ideas circulating in mid-19th century Tennessee. The exhibit is free and open to the public for the Spring semester in Special Collections.