

THE LIBRARY LOO NEWS

August/ September 2015

IN THE LIBRARY

WELCOME WEEK, August 24-28th: Welcome (back) to school! While getting into the swing of things, stop by the library to meet your librarians and pick up some freebies. We'll have coffee tumblers and coffee K-Cups to use with our new Keurig machine, snacks, pens, pencils, and other supplies!

Wed., September 16th, 9:30am: Come celebrate with us! Stop by the official grand opening party of "Starbooks," the library's new coffee and study space in the circulation area. Enjoy a cup of coffee from the Keurig machine, snack on a donut hole, or grab a cup of O.J. to start your morning off right.

Color Corner: Need a break from all of those reading assignments? The circulation area bulletin board now includes pages from an adult coloring book (no, not that kind)! Take a break and color your favorite stress-relieving animal design featuring intricately-detailed jungle animals. Share your masterpiece on your fridge or post it back on our bulletin board!

DID YOU KNOW...

that you can boost your creativity by 60% just by getting out of your chair and taking a stroll? And while walking outdoors can be a nice change of scenery, creativity still increases whether you walk indoors or out (good news during Texas summers). Though, researchers suggest taking a walk only when your issue has multiple solutions--stay planted in your seat if you're solving a problem with only one right answer.



IN HISTORY

On **September 13th, 1857**, a hero, Milton S. Hershey, is born! OK, maybe "hero" is an exaggeration... Mr. Hershey started off as an apprentice to a local printer at the tender age of 14, but he didn't really care for the line of work. So his mother set him up with a county confectioner. By 1876, Hershey moved to Philadelphia to open his first confectionery business. Though his first business failed after six years, we'd say he ended up doing alright for himself. We now celebrate International Chocolate Day every September 13th--go eat your chocolate, we won't judge.

AROUND TOWN

September 4th, 4pm-5:45pm: Join SMU School of Law alumni, faculty, staff, students and guests for the first tailgate of the year! Enjoy a buffet of food and drinks (two drink tickets per attendee) compliments of the Dedman School of Law. Then head to Ford Stadium for the 6pm kickoff against the Baylor Bears in this home-opener welcoming new Head Coach, Chad Morris. See you there!

September 25th: The State Fair of Texas officially opens for the 2015 season! The Fair will run through October 18th. New this year: Ticket and food/ride combo packages! Grab some friends and purchase your Texas-sized fun online now! See www.bigtex.com for more information.

Quote of the Month...

"Perfection is not attainable, but if we chase perfection we can catch excellence." -Vince Lombardi

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October 26th - 30th: If you're brave enough to enter the library this week, partake in our Halloween traditions:

2nd Annual Staff Pumpkin-Carving Contest!

Your very own Underwood Law Library staff are battling for bragging rights again this year! Take a peak at our hand-carved creations and VOTE for your favorite. Our pumpkins will be on display all week before Halloween in the circulation area.

Trick or Treat? As a thank you for voting in our pumpkin-carving contest, treat yourself to a piece of candy. But beware: consuming too much candy may cause spirits to take revenge on your intestines... don't say we didn't warn you...

AROUND TOWN

Thursday, October 8th @ 7:30pm:

Celebrate Halloween a little early this year with a free showing of *Hocus Pocus* at Griggs Park. Popcorn and candy will be free, you just bring a blanket or chair!

Until October 18th: Don't forget, the State Fair of Texas is still going on! Enjoy fried goodies like this year's award-winning "holy moly carrot cake roly" or the "smoky bacon margarita". Ticket information can be found online at www.bigtex.com.

DID YOU KNOW...

That candy corn dates back to the 1880s - that's before cars and the commercial telephone! In early production of the tricolored treats, workers cooked (by hand, no less) sugar, corn syrup, marshmallow and other ingredients into a slurry in large kettles. They then hand-poured the warm mixture into kernel-shaped trays made of cornstarch. Today, of course, machines do all of the work.

IN HISTORY

October 1347: Nearly 800 years ago, the "Black Death" arrived in Europe. As trading ships docked in Messina, Italy after a journey through the Black Sea, bystanders waiting to greet the ships were met with surprise: many sailors aboard the ships were dead. The remaining survivors were severely ill and covered in mysterious black boils which gave their illness its name. Over the next five years, Black Death would kill more than 20 million people in Europe, accounting for almost one-third of the continent's population.

Spooky quote of the month...

"There are nights when the wolves are silent and only the moon howls." -George Carlin

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November 2015

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

Wednesday 11/25: 7:30am - 5:00pm

Thursday 11/26: CLOSED

Friday 11/27: 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

Nov. 6th - 15th, North Texas Beer Week:

With dozens and dozens of events around the DFW area, find out everything you ever wanted to know about the North Texas craft beer scene. From special beer releases to the Brewers' Ball, there's plenty of fun to go around. For more information, visit: www.ntxbeerweek.com.

Nov. 14th, 7:00pm: Back by popular demand, the Dallas Association of Young Lawyers (DAYL) Charity Ball will return Saturday, November 14th benefiting EPIC and the Dallas Area Habitat for Humanity. The event is black tie optional with world-class cuisine, drinks and live music by New Ground. Take a break from studying to socialize with other young attorneys all while supporting great local causes! For more information, visit: www.daylcharityball.com.



DID YOU KNOW...

that the simple sticky note can actually be quite a useful tool for getting things done? In fact, you are 58% more likely to get a favor if you ask by Post-it note. In a recent experiment, test subjects were asked to fill out and return a rather lengthy five-page survey. For some, the request was a part of the survey cover sheet, but for others the request was penned to a Post-it note and attached to the front. Those who received the request by sticky were significantly more likely to complete the survey and return it more quickly. The conclusion? Attention-grabbing memos make the request more personal--and more palatable.

IN HISTORY

With Thanksgiving around the corner, many of us are already salivating for our seasonal favorite: pumpkin pie. Pumpkins were first cultivated in Central America around 5,500 B.C. Fast forward to 1621 and it's likely that the Pilgrims enjoyed pumpkin at their first Thanksgiving feast, just not in pie form. Rather, pumpkin pie in its early days, as described in a 1653 French cookbook, required chefs to boil pumpkin in milk and then strain it before putting it in a crust. Other early versions advocated for alternating layers of pumpkin, apple, and a blend of spices. And yet another version (my personal fave), called for filling a hollowed-out pumpkin with spiced, sweetened milk and cooking it directly in a fire, leaving the crust out entirely. However you choose to have your pie this season, we wish you a very happy Thanksgiving!

Quote of the Month...

"There is only one way to lead and that is by example." - Yvon Chouinard, founder of Patagonia, Inc.

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December 2015

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Wednesday, Dec. 2nd, 12:00pm: Beat the stress out of finals! The library will have four piñatas set up on the second floor for you to let out some stress. Piñatas contain highlighters, candy and other snacks!

Thursday, Dec. 3rd, 3:00 - 5:00pm: Stop by the pit for M&Ms and Massages, sponsored by Dean Yeager and the Office of Student Affairs. 10-minute chair massages will be offered to the first 24 students to sign up at the circulation desk. M&Ms for everyone even if you aren't able to get a massage!

Friday, Dec. 4th: Fuel your reading day with a healthy snack! The library is setting up a trail mix station in the circulation area for you to create your own mix. Enjoy!

Final Exams: Need a snack or caffeine fix while you study? You're in luck! Your SBA and LexisNexis have teamed up to provide coffee throughout the final exam period - just stop by the circulation desk for your free K-Cup to use in our Keurig machine. Your librarians will also periodically roam the library with cookies and other treats as you study - be on the lookout for surprise snacks in the stacks!

This holiday season: Elvis the Elf is back! Follow the library's very own elf on the shelf @ElvisOnTheShelf on Instagram to follow his mischief and get the latest happenings in the library.

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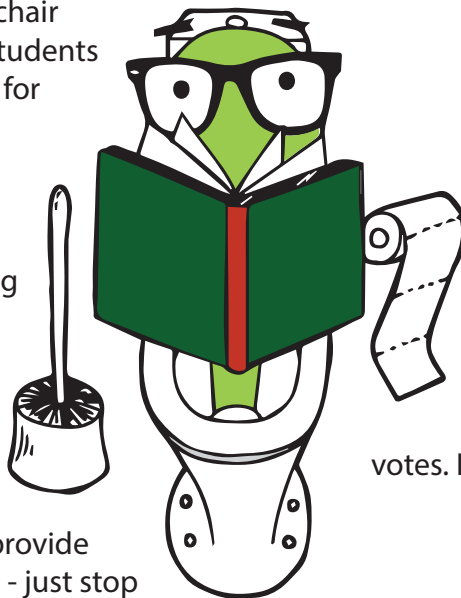
a new world record was just set for the most Christmas lights on an artificial tree? Australia's David Richards, a lawyer and businessman of Canberra, dolled up a 72-foot tree with over 518,000 lights, including a glowing star that had 12,000 lights alone. Richards displaces previous record-owner Universal Studios in Japan which donned 374,000 lights on a 118-foot tree back in 2010.

IN HISTORY

On **December 13th, 2000**, Al Gore conceded defeat to Texas Governor George W. Bush in the 2000 presidential election. Gore, who won the popular vote by more than 500,000 votes, lost in Florida giving the Electoral College to Bush by a margin of only five votes. It's been fifteen years but who doesn't still cringe at the mention of a hanging chad?

AROUND TOWN

Saturday, Dec. 5th, 10:00am: Join Children's Health for the 28th annual Holiday Parade! The parade, which marches through downtown streets, honors the milestones and prosperities of Children's Medical Center. Today, the parade is one of the largest in the country, drawing a crowd of more than 400,000 spectators. For more information about this free event, visit www.dallaschildrensparade.com



Quote of the Month...

"If the temperature is less than my age, I don't get out of bed." - Ellen DeGeneres

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January 2016

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

Jan. 4-5: 8:30am - 8:00pm
Jan. 6: Regular hours resume
Jan. 18th: CLOSED (MLK Jr. Day).

Ongoing: Did you know that the library has a growing movie collection? We have everything from *12 Angry Men* to *Zoolander*, and all movies circulate for 3 days. We also welcome donations of your old DVDs--just drop them off at the circulation desk!

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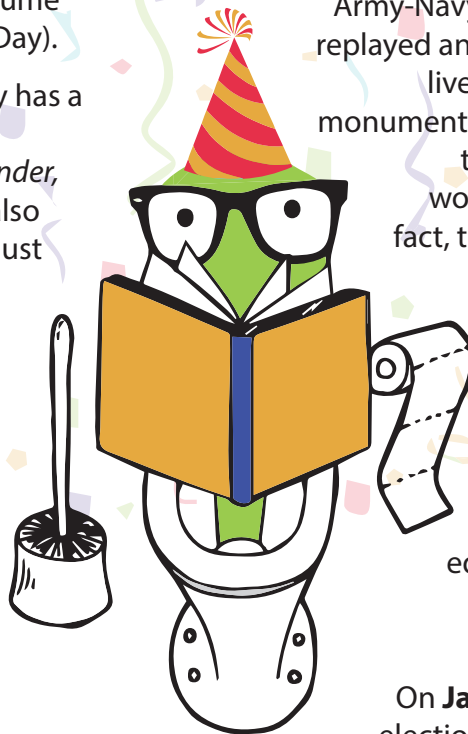
This winter: The temperature is finally dropping in Texas and so is the price of admission to the Dallas Zoo! Through the end of February, enjoy \$5 admission to the zoo - that's a \$10 discount!

January 30th, 7:30pm @ The Bomb Factory:

Celebrate Mardi Gras, Dallas style with the city's first authentic Krewe and Gala Masquerade Mardi Gras Ball! The celebration is expected to include "unimagined, over-the-top awesome festivities" all while supporting two notable charities: Operation Smile and Community Partners of Dallas. Dig up those old bridesmaid dresses and don't miss this chance to celebrate the start of Mardi Gras season! Details and ticket information can be found on www.thebombfactory.com.

DID YOU KNOW...

that it was 52 years ago when home audiences first had instant replay on television? During the annual Army-Navy football game in 1963, a touchdown was replayed and the announcer had to clarify, "This is not live! ... Army did not score again!" Despite this monumental moment in sports history, instant replay technology was expensive and many years would pass without further use of the tool. In fact, the NFL did not adopt the technology until 1986 and even then its use was shelved in 1992; it was reintroduced and finally accepted in 1999.



IN HISTORY

On **January 2, 2014**, the very first edition of the Loo News was printed. Happy second birthday, Loo News! OK, onto some real history. . .

On **January 7, 1789**, America's first presidential election is held. At the time, only white men who owned property could vote and as expected, George Washington won the election; he was sworn into office on April 30, 1789. Also in place in 1789: the Electoral College system. The United States has been using this system since this very first presidential election; the president and vice president to this day are the only elected federal officials chosen in this manner instead of by direct popular vote.

Quote of the Month...

"Cheers to a new year and another chance to get it right." -Oprah Winfrey

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February 2016

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Thursday, February 11th, 3:00pm: Be our valentine! To show our appreciation for you and all of your hard work, stop by the library circulation area for a cookie and hot chocolate snack break. We hope to see you there - Happy Valentine's Day!

Need research help? If your Editing Writing paper or law review comment has you feeling defeated, we can help! The library has a variety of sources to help get you through your papers as stress-free as possible. Start with an online research guide, many of which are tailored to specific edited writing courses. You can find these guides on the library homepage at the bottom of the "Research" column. Still need help? If you need more guidance, make an appointment with one of the reference librarians. From the library homepage, click the Ask a Librarian link at the top of the "Use the Library" column. We're happy to help!



DID YOU KNOW...

that desk plants boost productivity by 15%? Research from the U.K. and the Netherlands shows that employees with greenery in view reported higher levels of concentration and workplace satisfaction. So what kind of shrub should you add to your workplace environment? Skip the usual succulent and opt for a peppermint plant: the plant's invigorating scent increases alertness.

AROUND TOWN

Thursday, February 4th, 7:00pm: Let's be honest, the only valentine most of us need is our fur baby so why not honor your one true love with a unique piece of art? Join local artists at the Whole Foods Uptown location on February 4th for a "Puppy Love" Paint Your Pup Class! Bring a photo of our dog (or cat!) and paint their picture onto a canvas. The class is \$35 and all supplies plus two glasses of wine ware included.

For more information visit www.puppylove-wfmuptown.eventbrite.com.

IN HISTORY

On February 22nd, 1980, the U.S. Olympic hockey team makes history in one of the most dramatic upsets in olympic history. The U.S. defeated the favored Soviets who had won the previous four gold medals. From there, the Americans went on to the final game to clinch gold from Finland.

Saturday, February 13th, 9:00pm: Popular California music festival, Crush, is expanding to Texas! While three other locations across the country will simultaneously host the event, unique artists including the hit group, The Chainsmokers, will play at South Side Ballroom here in Dallas. Tickets are \$40.

For more information visit www.crush.insomniac.com/dallas.

Quote of the Month...

"Sometimes the heart sees what is invisible to the eye." - H. Jackson Brown, Jr.

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March 2016

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March 28 - April 1: Spring is coming! To celebrate, we will be hiding candy-filled plastic eggs throughout the library! Find a sweet pick-me-up in study rooms, on tables, and everywhere in between!

The library has the following hours for **Spring Break**:

Fri. 3/11	7:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sat. 3/12	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sun. 3/13	noon - 8:00 p.m.
3/14 - 3/17	8:30 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Fri. 3/18	8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.
Sat. 3/19	9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Sun. 3/20	noon - midnight

And for **Easter weekend**:

Fri. 3/25	9:00am - 6:00 p.m.
Sat. 3.26	9:00am - 9:00p.m.
Sun. 3/27	CLOSED

March 1: Your Underwood Law Library support staff is growing! Our newest law librarian, Tim Gallina, joins us from the University of North Carolina and has research interests and experience in corporate and transactional law. Please join us in giving him a warm welcome to SMU!

AROUND TOWN

March 19th: St. Patrick's Day celebrations last a little longer this year! The 37th annual Dallas St. Patrick's Parade & Festival will be held the weekend after the holiday. The parade will begin rolling down Greenville Ave. at 11:00a.m. Over 125,000 spectators are expected to view the 90+ parade floats so get there early! Parade route and more information can be found online at www.dallasstpatricksparade.com.

DID YOU KNOW...

that Guinness beer is going Vegan? And yes, you read that correctly. Since the 1800s, the Irish stout has been filtered through fish bladders. However, a recent petition garnered thousands of supporters causing the Dublin-based brewer to adopt a new filtration system. By the end of this year, Guinness beers will be entirely plant-based. Everyone can cheers to that!



IN HISTORY

On March 2nd, 1904, Theodor Geisel is born. "Who," you might ask? Born in Springfield, Massachusetts, Geisel, better known as Dr. Seuss, wrote beloved children's books. The famed author's pen name is actually his middle name, which is his mother's maiden name.

Geisel wrote 48 books over his life time, some for adults, and several tackling tough issues such as the environment and the nuclear arms race. Many of his books have been translated in multiple languages resulting in over 200 million copies sold worldwide.

Geisel died at 87 in September, 1991.

Quote of the Month...

"You're in pretty good shape for the shape you are in." Dr. Seuss

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April 2016

IN THE LIBRARY

April 1st: What could be better than sharing free Hamburger Man with admitted students? Taking selfies with a pony, of course! Back by popular demand, the library is bringing Peruna to the law school quad as part of the admitted students lunch fun - come join us! The fun starts @ 12:00pm.

FINAL EXAMS: Don't let finals get you down! The library is here to help you de-stress with a line-up of events and fun...

April 26th - May 6th: Need some caffeine? Your SBA has you covered. Free coffee K-Cups will be available daily, in the circulation area, throughout final exams.

Monday, April 25th, 12:00pm: Beat the stress out of finals before they get underway - gather your friends and come take a whack at one of our piñatas outside the library in the law quad. Piñatas will be filled with candy, snacks, highlighters, and more.

Wednesday, April 27th, 11:30am -1:30pm: Forgot your lunch? Enjoy a PB&J on the house. Our sandwich-making station will be in the circulation area, while supplies last.

Monday, May 2nd: Refuel for week 2 of finals with a healthy snack. Make your own trail mix, 10:00am - 12:00pm, while supplies last.

that eating yogurt is the key to happiness? Okay, maybe not THE key, but it can help! Multiple studies have found that eating yogurt can lessen anxiety, boost your mood, and even provide a sense of calm when introduced to irritating stimuli. The studies recommend eating yogurt twice a day to feel the benefits. Excuse me while I go enjoy some yogurt in my Zen garden.

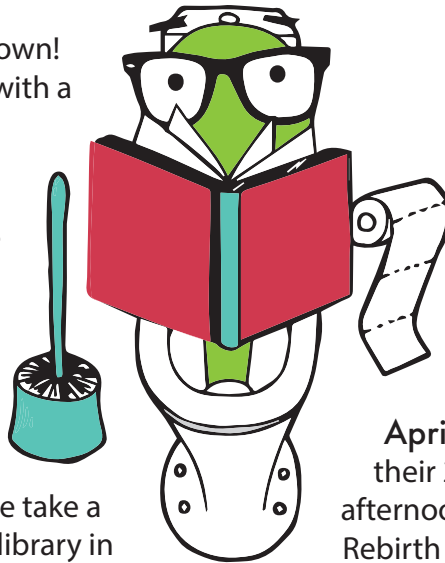
AROUND TOWN

April 3rd: Local restaurant and bar, The Rustic, is supporting our right to vote with a Voter Registration Party! Renew or register to vote at their happy hour and your first drink is on the house! 5:00 - 7:00pm, 3656 Howell St., Dallas TX 75204.

April 16th: The fun continues at The Rustic with their 2nd Annual Uptown Crawfish Boil! Enjoy an afternoon of crawfish and live music by the famous Rebirth Brass Band of New Orleans. Be sure to wear your white and red: this event benefits the Salvation Army. Public tickets go on sale March 21st. Visit www.therustic.com for more information.

IN HISTORY

April 14th, 1865: On this day, President Abraham Lincoln is fatally shot by actor and confederate sympathizer, John Wilkes Booth. The shot, happening at the time of a play in Ford's Theater in Washington, D.C., came just five days after the Confederate General Robert E. Lee surrendered in Virginia, effectively ending the American Civil War.



Quote of the Month...

"You're only given a little spark of madness. You musn't lose it." - Robin Williams

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Summer 2016

Please enjoy this special summer edition of the Loo News and we'll see you again in the fall!

IN THE LIBRARY

Building Hours

Hours change based on holidays and when summer classes are in session. Saturday hours will resume in July in time for the bar exam. Please refer to our website for the most up-to-date information. www.library.law.smu.edu

Reference Hours

The reference desk is closed for the summer. For reference assistance, please visit one of the librarians on the 3rd floor!

AROUND TOWN

Thursdays & Saturdays, through

October: The George W. Bush Presidential Library and Museum will once again offer its tremendously popular Bluebonnet Tours every Thursday and Saturday, 9:30am & 10:30am. Weather permitting, the guided tours walk visitors through the one-mile network of trails on the Center's grounds. Tours are free with purchase of Museum admission and space is limited on a first-come, first-served basis.

Every Saturday in May: School's out for summer and it's time to regain your peace of mind! Enjoy free yoga at Griggs Park each Saturday in May. Relaxation begins at 9:00am.

DID YOU KNOW...

that the office thermostat is not as innocent as it looks? According to a recent CareerBuilder survey, 20% of employees have argued with a co-worker over the office temperature. While women and men disagree on whether the temperature is too hot or too cold, 70% of all workers think that sitting in an office that is too *warm* impacts their productivity. To avoid an office showdown, try dressing in layers, a tactic used by 44% of those surveyed. The least popular tactic? Bringing a blanket to work. Or maybe those folks are just taking naps...



IN HISTORY

On July 5, 1946, the bikini is introduced by French designer Louis Reard. The two-piece swimsuit got its name from its inspiration: a U.S. atomic test that took place off the Bikini Atoll in the Pacific Ocean earlier that week. In fact, one designer called his bikini prototype the "atom" and advertised it as "the world's smallest bathing suit." Until the bikini's debut, women often bared only a sliver of the midriff. However, Western Europeans joyously embraced the liberating fashion in celebration of the first war-free summer in years. And in the U.S., bikinis became popular out of need, when wartime rationing of fabric led to the removal of superfluous material. Since then, the bikini's popularity has only continued to grow.

Quote of the Month...

"Love is the most important thing in the world, but baseball is pretty good, too." Yogi Berra