

# THE LIBRARY LOO NEWS

August /September 2016

## IN THE LIBRARY

### Battle of the Inns, August 18 @ 4:30pm:

Welcome 1Ls! Celebrate the end of orientation with the 2nd Annual Library Battle of the Inns. Unlike a normal day in the library, thousands of toy balls will be scattered throughout the library. Six baskets, one for each Inn, will also be suspended in air from the third floor. Each Inn has one objective: weigh your Inn's basket down to the second floor by filling it with as many balls as possible. Last year's winner was the Raggio Inn. Who will win bragging rights this year?

### Welcome (Back!), August 22-24, 10-11am:

Welcome law students! Meet your librarians in the circulation area lobby and find out how they can help you. Plus: free coffee, supplies, snacks, and more!

### Football Trivia Week, September 19-23:

Are you ready for some football? Show off your knowledge of the SMU-TCU rivalry by entering our trivia contest! Each day during game week, we'll post a question at the circulation desk about the history of the rivalry. One winner will be drawn daily plus one bonus prize on Friday for students who answered all four earlier questions correctly. Study up on the Iron Skillet Battle for a chance to win!

## AROUND TOWN

**Each Wednesday this September:** Bring a friend and pack a blanket for an evening movie each Wednesday this September in Griggs Park. Movies start at 8pm and the lineup includes: Father of the Bride, Jurassic World, Pitch Perfect 2, and Meet the Parents! Movie nights are completely free - popcorn included

**Beginning September 30th:** The annual state fair of Texas kicks off in late September and will run through October 23rd. Tickets are available for single-day entry, through combo packs, or by season pass. Loads of food, fun, and live music await! Visit [www.bigtex.com](http://www.bigtex.com) for more information.

## DID YOU KNOW...

that the 2016 Olympics games in Rio de Janeiro were the first games in Olympic history hosted in a South American country? Other firsts for this XXXI Olympiad? With the return of golf, Great Britain's Justin Rose scored the first Olympic hole-in-one. This was also the first Olympics to feature Olympians born in year 2000. The IOC also approved several refugee athletes to compete under the Olympic flag. And USA's Simone Manuel became the first African-American woman to claim an individual gold medal in the pool with her victory in the 100m freestyle. The 2020 Olympics, and no doubt many other firsts, will be held in Tokyo, Japan.



## IN HISTORY

On September 1st, 1969, the Automatic Teller Machine (ATM) makes its public debut in the United States at a New York Bank. Nearly 50 years later, ATMs are as indispensable as cell phones and email. Who's to thank for this modern-day convenience? A Dallas company of course! Several inventors worked on early versions of similar machines but Don Wetzel, an executive at the Dallas-based Docutel company, is generally credited as coming up with the idea of the modern ATM. Though, others take credit as well including an inventor in London who pitched the concept to a Barclays in 1967. But we can all agree that those ATM fees are a real annoyance (a feature which earlier ATMs lacked)!  
credit: history.com

Quote of the Month...

"Creativity is allowing yourself to make mistakes." - Scott Adams, cartoonist

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October 2016



## IN THE LIBRARY

**3rd 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 Thursday and Friday, October 27th and 28th.

**Trick or Treat?** As a thank you for voting in our pumpkin-carving contest, treat yourself to a piece of candy at the circulation desk. 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

**Tuesday, October 4th, 6:00pm:** Uptown Dallas, Inc. is hosting a block party for National Night out - a night of neighborhood fun in Griggs Park to promote police-community partnerships. Entertainment will include Dallas Mavs ManiAACs, 80s cover band The Spazmatics, games, and food courtesy of the Katy Trail Ice House! Come join the fun! For more information visit: [www.uptowndallas.net](http://www.uptowndallas.net)

**Until October 23rd:** 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](http://www.bigtex.com).

## DID YOU KNOW...

That the origin of the Jack-O-Lantern comes from carving turnips, not pumpkins? The story is a Celtic folk tale of an Irish farmer named Stingy Jack who often played tricks on the Devil. After one such trick, Jack made a bargain with the Devil: I'll leave ya alone, but when I die, you can't take my soul. When Jack died, God would not allow such an unsavory fellow into heaven. The Devil also kept his promise and wouldn't allow him into hell either. So, as the legend goes, Jack was sent off into the dark with only burning coal to light his way. Jack put the coal into a carved-out turnip and his ghostly figure is still known as "Jack of the Lantern." Irish immigrants brought the tradition to America to warn off evil spirits, but switched to carving the more common pumpkin instead of turnips.



## IN HISTORY

**October 27, 2004:** The Red Sox win their first World Series since 1918, finally vanquishing the so-called "Curse of the Bambino" that seemed to plague the team for 86 years. In 1920, then team owner, Harry Freeze, sold the great Babe Ruth to the Yankees. Despite many times coming close, the team could just never pull off another World Series win. Fans and non-fans alike believed the team was cursed. But in 2004, luck for the Red Sox finally changed with a World Series win that year and again in 2007 and 2013. They might just be well on their way again this year, that is if the Texas Rangers don't stop them!

Spooky quote of the month...

"Don't raise your voice, improve your argument." - Desmond Tutu



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November 2016

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

Wednesday 11/23: 7:30am - 5:00pm

Thursday 11/24: CLOSED

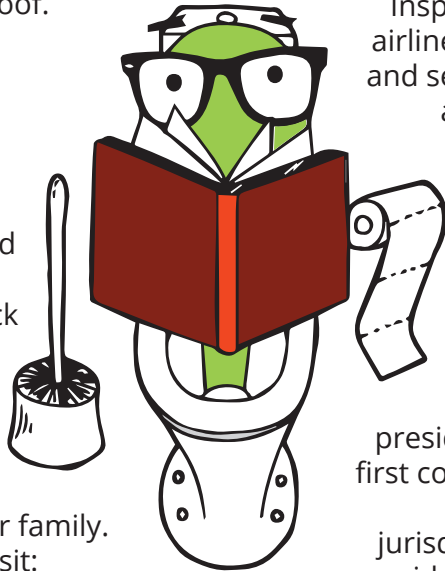
Friday 11/25: 9:00am - 5:00pm

**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

**Beginning November 19th:** Feel like a kid again and take in the 2016 Trains at Northpark exhibit. Benefiting the Ronald McDonald House of Dallas, the exhibit includes over 1,600 feet of intricate track configurations traveling through more than 4,000 square feet of American cityscapes complete with holiday trimmings. One-of-a-kind personalized trains are also available for purchase for your train-loving friends or family. Tickets are \$7. For more information, visit: [www.thetrainsatnorthpark.com](http://www.thetrainsatnorthpark.com).

**November 9-13th:** *'Neath the Wreath Holiday Gift Market*, a Junior League of Collin County fundraiser in its 21st year, features the best in holiday decor, ladies clothing and accessories, gifts, jewelry, children's items and gourmet food from over 100 merchants. Indulge in these goodies early during the preview event, *Ladies Night Out*, on November 9th. Visit [www.neaththewreath.org](http://www.neaththewreath.org) for more information.



## DID YOU KNOW...

That we have the Thanksgiving holiday to thank for the first oh-so-convenient TV dinner? In 1954, someone at C.A. Swanson (the folks who bring you chicken broth and the sort) colossally overestimated the American appetite for turkey that Thanksgiving holiday, a mistake that gave a whole new meaning to leftover turkey - 260 tons of frozen birds to be exact.

However, a salesman with Swanson got creative.

Inspired by the pre-prepared meals served on airlines, Swanson decided to slice up the turkey and serve it alongside cornbread dressing, peas and sweet potatoes. In the first full year of production, ten million turkey dinners were sold.

## IN HISTORY

November 3rd, 1964, residents of the District of Columbia cast their ballots in a presidential election for the first time. After the first congressional meeting in D.C. on November 17th, 1800, the District was put under the jurisdiction of Congress, which terminated D.C. residents' voting rights in 1801. But in 1961, the 23rd Amendment restored these rights. Another fun fact? Washington, D.C. bears its name after President George Washington who, in 1790, chose the permanent site for the capital's location as a compromise to southern politicians who did not want a location too far north.

## Quote of the Month...

"The way to Everest is not a yellow brick road." - Jon Krakauer, Mount Everest climber, author

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## January 2017

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

Jan. 1-2:	CLOSED
Jan. 3-6:	8:30am - 6:00pm
Jan. 7:	CLOSED
Jan. 8:	12:00pm - 8:00pm
Jan. 9-10:	8:30am - 8:00pm
Jan. 16:	CLOSED (MLK Day)

**January 11th-20th:** 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. **BONUS:** Tell the library what our resolution should be (should we add more quiet zones? more study aids?) and be entered into a drawing for a \$50 SMU bookstore gift card to help defray book costs!

### DID YOU KNOW...

that the tallest statue in Texas is right here in Dallas? The honor goes to none other than the giraffe at the Dallas Zoo entrance at 67½ feet tall. The giant creature took seven months to build and required the help of eight other artists. The statue, consisting of metal, fiberglass, and bronze, can withstand 100-mph winds. It took three days to erect on site and has been proudly standing since January 1997.

### IN HISTORY

On **January 15th, 1967**, the very first Super Bowl game was played. On this historic day for the National Football League, the Green Bay Packers beat the Kansas City Chiefs with a score of 35-10 but in front of a non-sell-out crowd of just 61,956 fans. The championship game got its name with inspiration from college football: since postseason college games were known as "bowl" games, then American Football League founder Lamar Hunt, suggested that the championship at this professional level take the name "Super Bowl."

### AROUND TOWN

**January 21st @ 9:00am:** What better way to escape the winter cold than touring the Texas Rangers dugout at Globe Life Park? At the 2017 Texas Rangers Fan Fest enjoy on-field events, autograph sessions, photo opportunities and more! Tickets are just \$10 for adults and \$5 for the kids. Visit [m.mlb.com/rangers/tickets/info/fan-fest](http://m.mlb.com/rangers/tickets/info/fan-fest) for more information.

**January 28th & 29th:** Experience the Harlem Globetrotters at the American Airlines Center as part of their 2016-2017 World Tour. A star-studded roster will have fans on the edge of their seats with ball-handling wizardry and more. To witness the family entertainment that thrills fans of all ages, visit [www.harlemglobetrotters.com/tickets](http://www.harlemglobetrotters.com/tickets).



Quote of the Month...

"A goal without a plan is just a wish." - Antoine de Saint-Exupéry

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February 2017

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**Tuesday, February 14th, 12:00pm:** Be our valentine! Stop by the library circulation area for a cookie and hot chocolate snack break. We hope to see you there - Happy Valentine's Day!

**Congratulations to student Frank Patel** who won the library's New Year's Resolution drawing - he, along with several other students, suggested standing desks for the library. We loved the idea and are now exploring standing desk solutions on the third floor. Please share your feedback with us by email at [lawsuggestions@smu.edu](mailto:lawsuggestions@smu.edu) - thank you!



## IN HISTORY

On **February 27th, 1827**, New Orleanians celebrate Mardi Gras in the streets with masks and costumes. Although early French settlers brought the tradition of Mardi Gras to Louisiana decades earlier, Spanish governors banned the celebrations. After Louisiana became a part of the United States, the city lifted the ban. By 1857, the secret society called the Mistick Krewe of Comus staged the first large-scale parade. Comus set the tradition for many more krewes to form and throw parades of their own making the weeks leading up to Fat Tuesday what it is today.

## AROUND TOWN

**Saturday, February 11th, 12:00-3:00pm:** Whether with friends or that special someone, shop local while sipping delicious mimosas at your favorite Deep Ellum shops. A \$15 pre-sale ticket includes a glass, map, and many mimosa samples. More information and updates through [www.facebook.com/DiscoverDeepEllum](http://www.facebook.com/DiscoverDeepEllum).

**Thursday, February 9th, 7:30pm:** Attend a complimentary Soulcycle class courtesy of Uptown Fitness Series, a new community workout series in partnership with Uptown Dallas, Inc. & West Village. Check in starts at 7pm. Shoes and water are included but RSVP is required at [www.uptowndallas.net/events](http://www.uptowndallas.net/events).

Think you have one of the #BestBeardsinDallas? Join The Rustic and Dallas-based photographer Brent Baxter for the 2nd annual Best Beards of Dallas event! The event will feature photographs of men across the metroplex from Baxter's new coffee table book. The Rustic and Baxter are also hosting a free music showcase and party on **Saturday, Feb. 18th from 8:00pm - 1:00am** where attendees could win a coveted "Best Beard in Dallas" trophy and deluxe man grooming kit. A portion of proceeds from book sales will benefit the Movember Foundation.

On **Tuesday, February 28th**, New Orleans is coming to The Rustic with an abundance of crawfish and other creole cuisine staples. This family-friendly event will have face painting and complimentary photos. Admission is free with RSVP at [www.therustic.com/event/mardicraw2017](http://www.therustic.com/event/mardicraw2017).

Quote of the Month...

"This is a wonderful day. I've never seen this one before." -Maya Angelou

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## March 2017

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The library's Spring Break hours are:

Fri. 3/10	7:30am - 6:00pm
Sat. 3/11	9:00am - 5:00pm
Sun. 3/12	noon - 8:00pm
3/13 - 3/16	8:30am - 8:00pm
Fri. 3/17	8:30am - 6:00pm
Sat. 3/18	9:00am - 5:00pm
Sun. 3/20	noon - midnight

**March 20th - 24th, Binge-Worthy TV Bracket Challenge:** Which television show is the most bingeable of them all? Find out by entering the library's bracket challenge. We have created a bracket containing 32 of the best shows currently streaming on Netflix, Amazon, Hulu, and HBO GO. Earn points by successfully predicting the winner of each matchup all the way through to the final. The student with the most points will win a gift card. Stop by the circulation desk for your bracket. Good luck!

**Rare Book Room Open Houses**  
**Monday, March 20th @ 3:00 & 4:00pm and Tuesday, March 21st @ 10:30am:** 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. Each session will last about twenty minutes and is limited to fifteen students. RSVP to lawref@smu.edu.



### AROUND TOWN

**March 11th:** Celebrate St. Patrick's Day at the Greenville Ave. parade. The two-mile route, with more than 90 floats, is the largest St. Patrick's parade in the Southwest. The festival begins at 9am and the parade begins at 11am on Greenville Ave. and Blackwell St. The parade route and more information can be found online at [www.dallasstpatricksparade.com](http://www.dallasstpatricksparade.com).

**March 24th - 26th:** Be a kid again at the 2017 Texas Pinball festival which features over 400 vintage and new pinball machines (plus other classic arcade games) set on free play! The festival includes both adult and kid tournaments, Q&A, demonstrations, and more. Daily passes start at \$10 for kids and \$25 for adults. For more information, visit [www.texaspinball.com](http://www.texaspinball.com)

**March 31st - April 1st:** Dallas' original beer festival, the Big Texas Beer Fest, returns for its 6th 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](http://www.bigtexasbeerfest.com).

### DID YOU KNOW...

That we should be wearing blue on St. Patrick's Day, not green? The earliest depictions of St. Patrick show him clothed in blue garments. And when Henry VIII assumed the throne, after more than 300 years of English rule over Ireland, he declared himself King of Ireland along with a coat of arms which shows a golden harp on a blue background. However, blue as a color associated British rule, became tainted. The divide between the Irish population and the British crown deepened and the color green, along with St. Patrick's shamrock (which he used to illustrate the holy trinity) became a symbol of identity and rebellion for the Irish.

Quote of the Month...

It's not that I'm smart. It's that I stay with problems longer." -Albert Einstein

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### Easter Weekend Hours:

Friday, April 14th: 9am - 6pm

Saturday, April 15th: 9am - 9pm

Sunday, April 16th: CLOSED

**April 21st, 12:00pm:** What could be better than sharing free Hamburger Man with admitted students? Taking selfies with a pony, of course! After having lunch in the quad with both old and new friends, take a minute to meet Peruna, the real-life SMU mascot!

**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 29th - May 10th:** Need some caffeine? Both LexisNexis and your SBA has you covered with free coffee K-Cups available daily. PLUS, enjoy giant Jenga and connect-four games throughout the final exam period. Both games and coffee will be available in the circulation area.

**Monday, May 1st:** Beat the stress out of finals - 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, May 3rd @ 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 8th, 12:00pm:** Refuel for the second week of final exams with a cookie break!

## April 2017

## DID YOU KNOW...

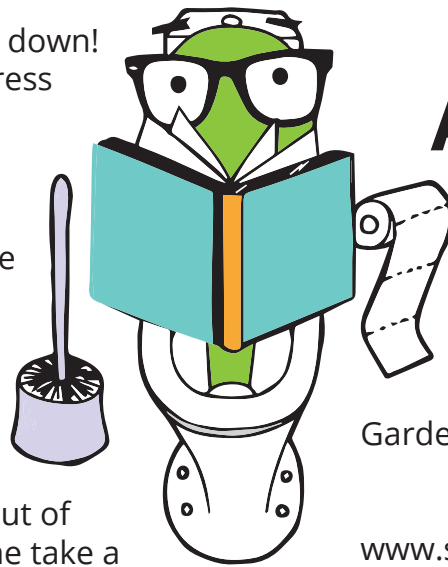
That holding a slice of cucumber between your tongue and the roof of your mouth for about 90 seconds can help fight bad breath? If you've got no minty gum in sight and you're in need of quick breath refresh, look to this veggie usually in your side salad or cocktail, to save the day. One of the main causes of bad breath is dry mouth. Cucumbers, which are extremely hydrating, therefore help neutralize odor.

## AROUND TOWN

**April 6th - 9th:** Savor Dallas, the ultimate epicurean festival, is back and will feature 75+ Dallas-based chef creations with endless wine and spirit tastings. Events include an opening night in Marie Gabrielle Gardens, a Shaken + Stirred cocktail party at Happiest Hour, a Grand Tasting, and a Farmer's Market Brunch. Visit [www.savordallas.com](http://www.savordallas.com) for more information.

**Sunday, April 16th 1:00pm - 4:00pm:** Celebrate Easter in Lee Park with the famed Lee Park Pooch Parade, live music, and Easter egg hunt. Pack a picnic basket or enjoy lunch from one of the food trucks. For more information, visit [www.leeparkconservancy.org](http://www.leeparkconservancy.org)

**Saturday, April 29th @ 10:00am - 1:00pm:** Bring your kiddos to West Village for Family Fest! Enjoy a day of free family-friendly entertainment including a photo booth, balloon artist, face painting, street performers, and live music.



Quote of the Month...

"The proper response to life is applause." - William Carlos Williams