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Muntz Library Musings

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Meet the Muntz Library's Zombrarian Team (Humans Vs. Zombies)

—Mindy Tomlin, Reference (Zombie) Librarian

This semester, students conducted the second Humans versus Zombies game at UT Tyler. From March 26-31, participating students, faculty, and staff engaged in a simulated zombie apocalypse that is part tag and part stealth in an attempt to survive to the last day. The game began at Goucher College in 2005 and is currently played at over 650 colleges throughout the country. Schools are free to modify the rules to suit the needs of their population, but the basic rules are as follows:

1. The game starts off with a set number of zombies. These zombies “feed” by touching a human. Everyone else begins as a human.
2. All players wear brightly-colored bandannas. For UT Tyler, the color designated was orange. Humans wear bandannas on their upper arm and zombies wear bandannas around their head or neck.
3. Moderators enforce game rules, create missions and settle disputes. They are designated by purple bandannas.
4. Zombies who have successfully “fed” take a human’s ID card. The human in question turns into a zombie 30 seconds later.
5. Humans can stun zombies using Nerf blasters, large marshmallows, and rolled-up socks.
6. Buildings are safe zones where gameplay ceases.
7. Daily missions are played for incentives. Major missions can change the entire course of the game.
8. The final stand is held on the last day and determines which team is the victor.

Several librarians and support staff decided to join in on the event. In all, nine participated on the Zombrarian Team: Tiffany LeMaistre (Librarian), Jan Harp (Acquisitions), Elliot Davis (Library Systems Analyst), Margo Duncan (Librarian), Vandy Dubre (Librarian), Anthony Micchelli (Librarian), Terra Bianchi (Archivist), Samantha Winn (Archives Assistant), and Mindy Tomlin (Librarian). Six of the group fell on the first day, though others were “turned” into zombies throughout the week. By the final day, only Samantha Winn remained human, though she too succumbed to the zombie horde during the Final Stand.

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To commemorate the event, the library did several promotional displays. During the week of Humans versus Zombies, the library featured a display on the third floor with zombie books and materials. Game moderators used the display in a scavenger hunt during the second major mission. Tracy Thompson (Periodicals) and Tamara Brown (Circulation) created banners promoting the library as a “Safe Zone.”

The library featured several online promotions as well:

- The Zombie Survival Guide on the library’s website (<http://libguides.uttyler.edu/zombies>) provides tips on how to survive a zombie apocalypse and information on zombie-related materials the library owns.
- The Zombrarian Team also used Twitter as a platform to convey zombie and human sightings. To see the conversation, follow @muntzlibrary and look for #zombrarians and #hvz.
- Also see the UT Tyler Student Blog for mention of the Zombrarians in action.

Thanks go out to the HvZ players for their support and encouragement as well as to all library staff for their contributions to this endeavor.



In photo above: Samantha Winn (in front). Then, left to right: Mindy Tomlin, Vandy Dubre, Jan Harp, Tiffany LeMaistre, Anthony Michelli, Margo Duncan, and Terra Bianchi.



To learn more about the game Humans vs. Zombies, please see:

Weed, C., Sappington, B., Sklover, J., Quick, J., Moorman, T., Beecher, B., & Temkin, M. (n.d.). “About HVZ.” Retrieved from <http://humansvszombies.org/about>

Library Team Zombrarians: Display Photos



University Archives Exhibit: The 1972 Presidential Election

—Terra Bianchi, University Archivist

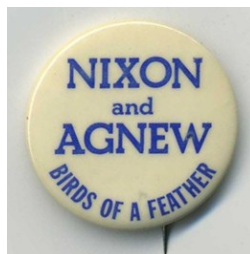
Reminder

The library would like to remind students who use the library computer to always save their work and save it often. Use a portable USB drive, aka “thumb drive” to save all work. If you do not have a “thumb drive,” you can always e-mail a document to your own e-mail account.

All library computers in the reference area are set to clean themselves out after every log-in. That means anything you put on the desktop will disappear and cannot be retrieved. Need help? Ask us how to save.

Save to your personal device and do it often.

In honor of UT Tyler’s 40th anniversary and the upcoming presidential election, the University Archives and Special Collections Department at the Robert R. Muntz library is excited to display materials from the Tim Anthony Jackson Collection. The exhibit, located on the second floor of the library, features artifacts created for the 1972 Presidential campaign between Richard Nixon and George McGovern 40 years ago.



Buttons, stickers, and other memorabilia highlight McGovern’s controversial decisions surrounding his Vice President running mates; how Nixon’s successful reelection was a historic

landslide, and the inevitable end of Nixon’s tenure as President due to the Watergate Scandal.



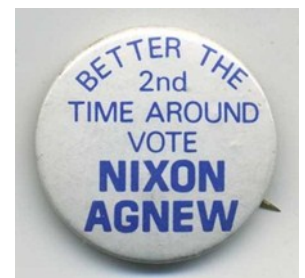
The exhibit also illustrates the issues and debates most relevant to the country 40 years ago, issues that affected the faculty and staff who moved to Tyler, Texas to establish what is now the University of Texas at Tyler.



The Tim Anthony Jackson Collection contains over 10,000 political and historical artifacts

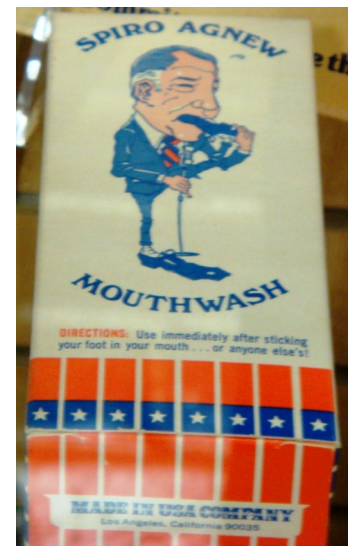
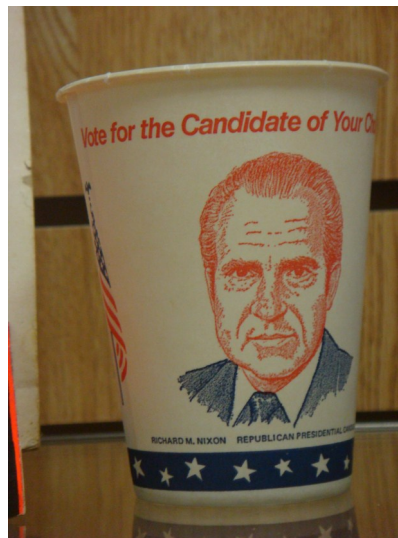
from over 100 years of U.S. Presidential history, including campaign buttons, posters, banners, bumper stickers, dolls, board games, statues, masks, and campaign literature.

To learn more about the Tim Anthony Jackson Collection, UT Tyler’s 40th anniversary, or the University Archives, please visit the UASC—located on the first floor of the Robert R. Muntz library (LIB 107). Please feel free to contact the UASC at 903-565-5849 or archivist@uttyler.edu for more information or research inquiries.



University Archives Exhibit:

Display Photos



Library Running Trial on Discovery Search Engine

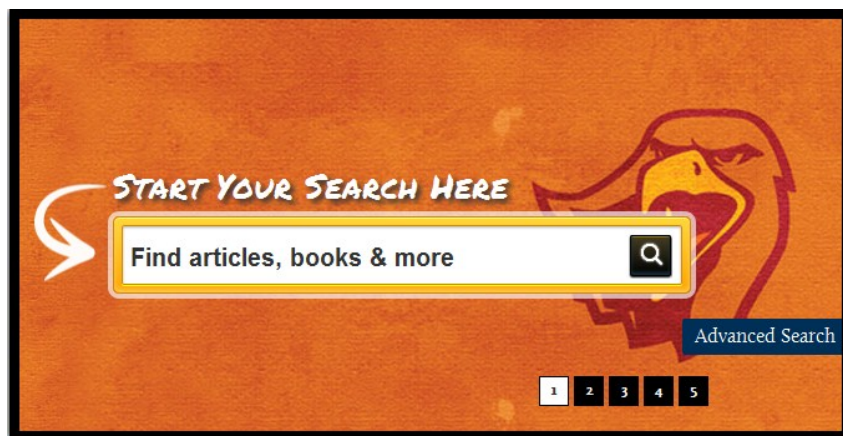
—Margo Duncan, Systems Librarian



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If you checked out books and materials from the Muntz Library, make sure you return them on time to avoid any fines.

If you placed an Interlibrary Loan (ILL request), and the item has arrived, make sure you claim it. If you no longer want the item, you can call 903-566-7396 to tell us. Fines can accrue if an item you ordered arrives, and you do not claim it.



The library is trialing a discovery service that searches the majority of the library's resources simultaneously. This is a Google-like, single point of access which returns relevancy-ranked results including books, journal and newspaper articles, e-books and more. You can start your search on the library homepage (library.uttyler.edu).

For better search results, there is also an "Advanced Search" that allows you to customize your search. And of course, we still have the research guides and databases. To see these, just scroll down

on the library page.

In addition, be sure to let us know what you think in the poll on the right side of your search results.

We also have a poll on our homepage to help us name the search. Vote on your favorite!

For more information, contact us by phone at 903-566-7343, via email at library@uttyler.edu or you can chat with us during our open hours here: <http://library.uttyler.edu/meebo.html>.

Library Offers Extended Hours During Finals Week

—Penny Reynolds, Circulation and ILL Librarian

The Muntz Library will have the following **special hours for Finals Week Spring 2012:**

Sunday May 7th through Thursday May 10th

7:30am– 2:00am

To help you stay focused, alert, or semi-awake, the Library will be providing coffee, tea, and hot chocolate. During this time (Sunday through Thursday), **Library Room 401** has been reserved for you as a QUIET study hall from **7:00pm until 2:00am**. **Please note:** Because only UT Tyler students, faculty, and staff are permitted in the Library from midnight until 2:00am, security may ask to see your UT Tyler P2 card (your student ID). **DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT YOUR P2 Card!**

Muntz Library Welcomes New Reference Librarian



Mindy Tomlin is the new Reference Librarian and Library Liaison to Communications, Human Resource Development, and the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) disciplines. She received her Bachelor's in English with minors in Japanese and Radio-TV-film from Texas Christian University in 2009, and she completed a Master's in Library Science from the University of North Texas in 2011.

Mindy began working in libraries as a student circulation assistant while attending TCU and gradually branched into reference work. She has experience in school, public, and academic libraries. While working on her Master's degree, she worked as a Graduate Library Assistant at UNT in the Willis Library as well as in the Science and Technology Library, which inspired her to seek a career as an academic librarian. In her final semester of graduate classes, Mindy accepted a position at the University of Texas at Arlington in the Central Library where she worked in the Information Services and Information

Literacy departments in addition to serving on the Library's Entertainment Committee.

In addition to her work obligations, Mindy is also involved in the Texas Library Association. She is a member of the College and University Libraries Division Scholarship Committee and was recently elected Secretary/Treasurer of the Reference Round Table.

Outside of work, Mindy enjoys reading, writing, watching films and television, dance, and martial arts. Much of her free time is currently spent training for her 2nd degree black belt in Taekwon-Do and a Jazzercise (group exercise) teaching certification. She also enjoys obstacle races such as the Warrior Dash and plans to compete in Tough Mudder, Spartan Race, and Run for Your Lives—a zombie-themed 5K—this fall.

If you have any library-related needs including requests for one-on-one sessions or workshops in Communication, HRD, and STEM disciplines, please feel free to contact Mindy. She is available in a variety of formats:

Office: 209 (ask at the Circulation or Reference desk)

Phone: 903-566-7314

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Meebo (IM): mindy.tomlin

Twitter: @librarianmindy

Blog: referenceninja.wordpress.com



QR Code for Mindy's Research Guides.

Letter from the Director: What Can a Librarian Do For You?

—Jeanne Standley, Library Director

The most important resource of your library is the people. The library staff is here to help meet your information and research needs and among the staff, there are ten professional librarians. These librarians all hold master's degrees in library or information sciences from American Library Association accredited institutions. Several also have second master's degrees in other fields. Most, if not all, of the librarians will tell you that they are in the profession to help.

So, what do our librarians do?

A lot of what is done takes place behind the scenes, but all with a goal of making information available to you as seamlessly as possible. Librarians select print and online materials based on the needs of the classes that are taught and the academic programs that are offered. Librarians make sure that items are discoverable in our catalog and other online services and that our systems are up and running. Another librarian locates materials from other libraries across the country to get into the hands of our faculty and students when the UT Tyler library doesn't own a needed item.

...but what about direct help?

Did you know that each academic discipline has a librarian assigned to it? Librarians assist students and faculty in identifying the appropriate resources to use when researching a topic. They are available to help you when you're overwhelmed with the amount of information that you may find when starting your research. They'll help you determine where to start your research, decide how to broaden or narrow your topics, and evaluate the things you do find. Throughout the semester, librarians provide workshops on a variety of topics to help you succeed with your research. If you're lucky, a librarian may come to your class to teach you about the resources and services the library provides.

...and where can you get this help?

If you like to get your assistance in a face-to-face setting, librarians are available to help at the Reference Desk on the main floor of the Muntz Library or by appointment for a consultation. However, help is also available by phone, email or chat services. We try to meet your information needs wherever best works for you.

All of the library staff are here to help, so when you find yourself with an information need, don't forget your library and librarian!



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updates, and other items of interest.



Muntz Library Summer Hours for 2012

With the limited number of students on campus and smaller class offerings during the summer, the Library will close a couple of hours earlier during the summer term. Beginning on May 16th, 2012 through August 19th, 2012, the Muntz Library hours will be as follows:

Sunday: 1:00pm-10:00pm

Monday: 7:30am-10:00pm

Tuesday: 7:30am-10:00pm

Wednesday: 7:30am-10:00pm

Thursday: 7:30am-10:00pm

Friday: 7:30am-5:00pm

Saturday: 9:00am-6:00pm

Regular midnight hours will resume the first day of Fall 2012 classes.

For special hours or changes, please call 903-566-7343 or visit our website (<http://library.uttyler.edu>).