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No Money for Textbooks? Check Out Course Reserves!

By Devon Rice

Textbooks are known for emptying the wallets of poor college students. Professors often require students to buy a textbook for each course. Many of these textbooks are not used in the class—only for homework.

The Dixie State University library has a Circulation Reserve desk in the library to help students save money on textbooks and study material as well as help with checking items out and looking items up in the online catalog.

Course Reserves is a resource available for all tuition-paying students; it contains many current general education textbooks, informational DVD's, biology models, whiteboard markers, and phone chargers! Yes, phone chargers! All of these resources can be checked out by any student for use in the library. The circulation reserve desk is always open during library hours.

The items in the library reserve are donated—mostly by faculty and students. The library has partnered with Jeff Hoyt and the Student Success Center this year to get more materials in the course reserves. Many professors will lend a textbook to the circulation desk for students to use during the time the professor is teaching here, then they will pick it up at the end of the semester when they're done teaching.

Professors: you are all encouraged to help your students by donating or lending materials to the reserve desk. Contact Denali Lathrop, the Circulation Supervisor, to see how you can add your course's textbook(s) to the course reserves.

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Trendy Houseplant Thrives in the Holland Building

By Cadence Summers



One of the several species of plants housed in the Holland building, *Monstera deliciosa*, is an increasingly popular plant among houseplant collectors for its big, dark, heart-shaped leaves that split as they age. This handsome plant is increasing in popularity due to its “Instagramability” and general attractiveness.

Monstera deliciosa is native from southern Mexico to Panama, but has spread to many tropical areas around the globe. One common name for *Monstera* is “fruit salad plant,” earned by the fruit that wild *Monstera*s bear. This incredible fruit is poisonous

before it is ripe (a year-long process), but is said to taste like a mix of mango, pineapple, jackfruit, and banana once it is finally ready to eat! Dixie State has 5 *Monstera* plants in the Holland Building, one is near Special Collections and the rest are located under the stairs on the eastern side of the third floor. They were purchased circa 1992 for the purpose of beautifying the Val Browning Library, long before the Holland Building was constructed; this makes them older than some of the students here at Dixie State University!

Campus Security Prepared 24/7

By Julie Handy

It's unfortunate to think that even in sunny St George students at Dixie State University have to concern themselves with preparing for the worst. DSU's campus security is working 24/7 to ensure the safety of the students and faculty on campus. In fact, DSU's campus security is the only accredited university or college police force in Utah.

With this in mind, it is important that students understand procedures and exit strategies for the buildings that they spend the most time in. Additionally, students should go through the online safety training so they know what to do during an emergency situation. These trainings can be found at dixiestudents-ut.safecolleges.com/login.

Dixie State also uses an emergency alert system to get information to its students and faculty quickly. In order to insure accuracy, it is important that students and faculty make sure to keep their contact information up to date. If there is an emergency on campus, students are advised to call 911. In a non-emergency situation, they are advised to call Campus Security Dispatch at (435) 627-4300.



Campus security also offers an escort service from anywhere on the DSU main campus. If you ever feel unsafe walking to your car or getting back to your dorm room, campus security is available to help. Dixie State University is constantly striving to make certain that students, staff, and faculty are safe on our campus. Luckily, these resources are available to aid in this process.

Display Table Exhibits the Best of the Collection

By Cadence Summers

One of the most eye-catching things on the second floor of the Holland building is a table covered in red cloth and populated by books. This is the Library's book display, a place where librarians showcase some of the most interesting books that the library has to offer. Typically, these books pertain to a common theme or celebration that occurs during the month of the display such as Black History Month and Banned Books Week.

From Sept. 15 – Oct. 15, the display table celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month and features books “celebrating the histories, cultures, and contributions of people whose ancestors came from Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean, and Central and South America”, according to an

Informational sheet also included on the display table. It is decorated to resemble an altar traditional to Latin-American culture and features beautiful flowers and pottery. There are also small candies from Mexico for patrons to sample! The books featured on the display table are always available for checkout and the table itself is updated frequently so be sure to take a look!



Free Tutoring Helps DSU Students Succeed

By Ashton Corsetti

Three main tutoring centers on Dixie State University's campus provide students with free academic help. They are the Academic Performance and Tutoring Center (APC), the Writing Center and the Math Enhanced Learning of Algebra Basics (eLAB).

In any tutoring session, peer tutors recommend that students come prepared with assignments, course readings, specific questions and other materials. Bringing any or all of these to a session ensures that the tutor can effectively meet students' needs..

Students can make appointments with any of these three centers by going to accusql.dixie.edu. Appointments are limited to two half-hour periods a day and cannot be scheduled back-to-back. Those who arrive five minutes late to an appointment will forfeit the position to walk-ins.

A brief overview of each center is provided below with links to the accompanying website.

Academic Performance and Tutoring Center (APC)

In the Holland Centennial Commons (HCC) room 431, the APC offers a wide array of tutoring services.

Students are paired with tutors who have received two recommendation letters and at least an A- in related

courses. This ensures that students receive the proper help with the specific subject matter.

According to Faiola, the APC is also offering help with study skills, which includes "time-management, effective note-taking and syllabus comprehension."

More information about the APC can be found at tutoring.dixie.edu.



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Writing Center

Located in HCC room 421, the Writing Center addresses both general and department-specific writing concerns through online or in-person sessions.

Department-specific information includes writing papers for specific courses and formatting in styles such as MLA, APA and Chicago. General information includes help with grammar, punctuation, organization and thesis development.

Students can either bring printed copies or digital versions of their papers to the session. For digital versions, students can bring their own laptops or use the center's computers.

More information about the Writing Center can be found at writingcenter.dixie.edu.

Math Enhanced Learning of Algebra Basics (eLAB)

The eLAB, located in the Snow Math and Science Building, offers one-on-one, group, and online tutoring in math.

Like with the other two centers, students should not expect the tutors to complete assignments for them. All four of the lead tutors at the eLAB—Brett, Christina, Crystal and Jacki—suggest that students complete as much as they can on their own before coming in for a session. Students should also attend class regularly rather than expecting tutors to make up for missed work.

“Work on homework at home and bring questions you get stuck on,” Jacki said. “It always helps if (students) already have an idea of where they are struggling.”

Students may also work freely on homework and tests within the eLAB.

More information about the eLAB can be found at math.dixie.edu/elab.

