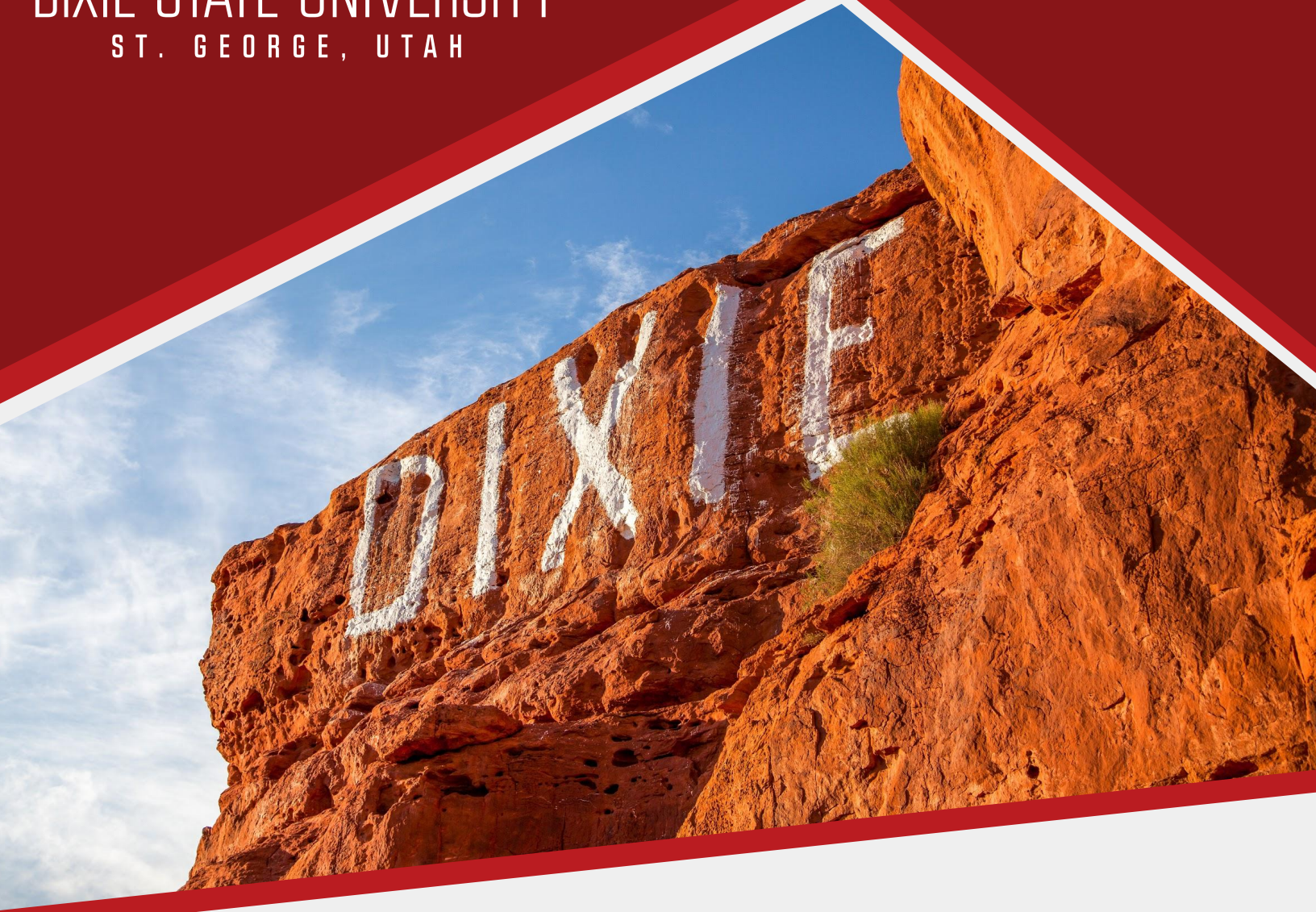


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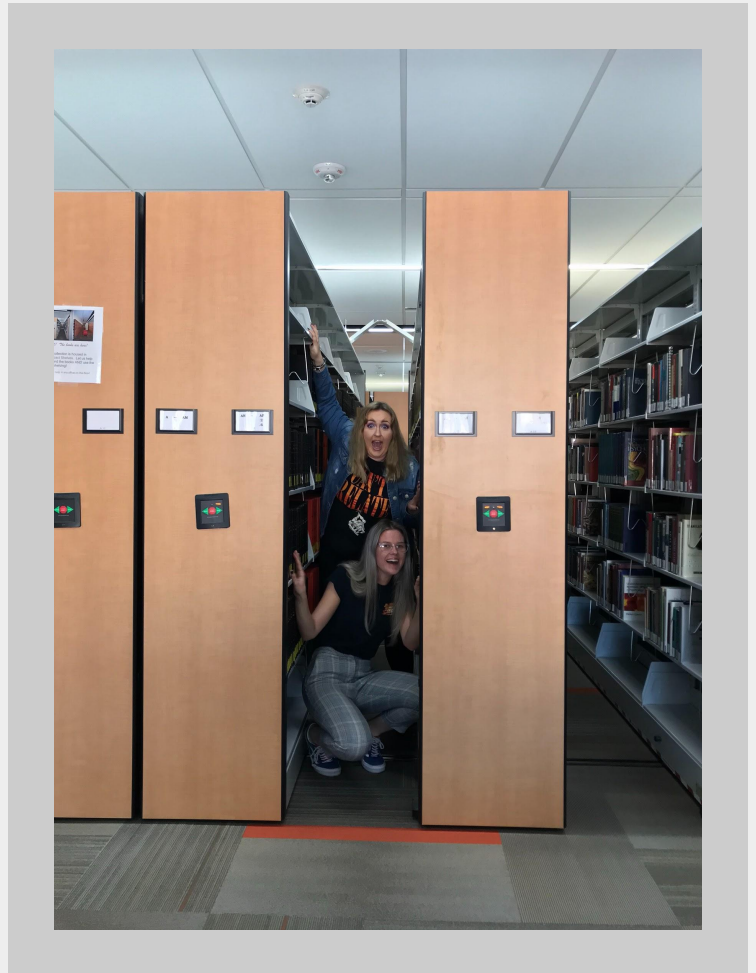
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CAUTION: Bookshelves Move Automagically!

By Devon Rice

Magic is happening on the third floor of the DSU library, where there are 3 large sets of moving bookshelves. DSU librarian, Kathleen Broeder said, "It's the scariest thing for new students looking for books but have no fear—there are safety protocols that sense people and automatically stop the bookshelves." When planning the layout for the Holland Centennial Commons, the president of the university asked the students what they wanted most with the new library they would soon be receiving. The most popular request was to have more study space in the library. That is when the idea of installing moving bookshelves was brought to life. If the library bookshelves were stationary rather than automated, then 3 floors of the library would be filled with bookshelves. The library now has 2 extra floors filled with tables, chairs, couches, and computers thanks to the magical moving bookshelves.



Movie Check-Out Service

By Devon Rice

In the Dixie State Library, there is a movie lending library containing 6,852 modern films and documentaries. Students have the opportunity to check-out the movies free of charge. Each rental is good for a period of one month, giving students



plenty of time to watch the full movie. The films are not only intended for students to use for educational purposes, but also for entertainment. The library has hundreds of different genres of films; titles range from La La Land to The Great Courses documentary series. This on-campus service provides Dixie State students with a free entertainment option whether it be used for dates or personal leisure.

Eva Is Awesome!

By Cadence Summers



Eva Sanchez is a circulation supervisor who started working behind the Circulation desk last October. She also oversees Interlibrary Loan and the Dixie Reads program, which offers a prize of a free lunch with the library dean and 70 dollars towards a textbook. Eva's favorite book that she has read this year is *One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest* by Ken Kesey. Her favorite thing to do outside of her responsibilities at Dixie State is to go

outside! Eva loves to hike in the forested areas around St George and loves the whole, peaceful feeling that she experiences when she spends time in nature. Her favorite foods include anything that is homemade, but she especially loves the Michoacán foods that her mother makes, and her favorite dessert is tres leches birthday cake. Her favorite thing about Dixie is how focused the atmosphere of the university is on learning, "no one is turned away, as long as they want to learn."

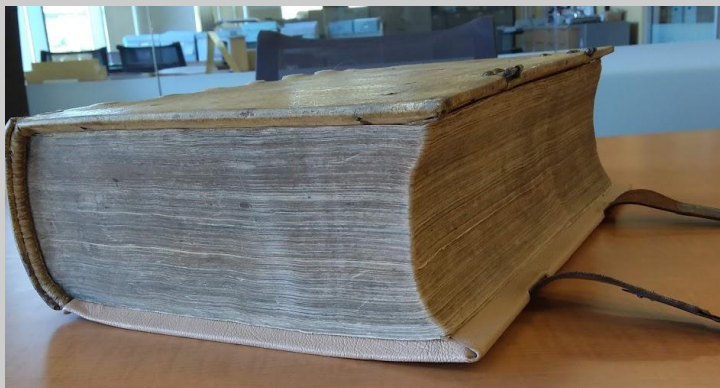
An Artifact of Biblical Proportions

By Cadence Summers

I really shouldn't, but having worked in the Dixie State University Archives for over a year now, I definitely have favorites among the collections and artifacts. My particular favorite is this German bible, printed and bound by hand by Johann Georg and Christian Gottfried Cotta in 1730. This bible is neither the oldest artifact in the collection, nor is it the most valuable; but



measuring in at 11 inches wide, 17.5 inches long, and 5.5 inches wide, it is difficult not to be awestruck by the size of the volume and the beauty of the engraved illustrations. This beautiful Bible is bound in rawhide and oak hardwood, and the cotton-paper pages were individually printed by hand. One of the most remarkable things about this bible is the engravings- one of the map of Jerusalem, the garden of Eden, and the picture on the front page that summarizes many of the stories in the Old Testament. These engravings are remarkable because they (including the minuscule words on the map) had to be carved by hand *backward* to reflect correctly as they were pressed onto the page. Not much is known about this particular volume or how it came to the shelves at the Dixie



State University but even the statement of repairs glued to the back endpaper communicates the awe that J. Lowell Young, the book restorer, felt, "this is the most unique volume I have seen and worked on in 18 years."

Five Tips to Stay Sane During Finals

By Julie Handy

1. Time Management

Netflix, movies, Instagram, and sleep get the better of any college student at some point in time, but finals week is not the time to give in. While stress levels may be higher at this time, making you want to turn to distraction, it is important to stay on top of studying for tests and writing papers. Don't save your chemistry test and ten page papers until the last second. Create a timeline of due dates so that you can plan your study time accordingly. Don't wait until just before the research paper is due, come in early for help and you can get materials from other libraries through InterLibrary Loan.

2. Use your resources

There are so many resources available to students on campus all throughout the semester, and these become busier during finals. Professors often mention The Writing Center and the Academic Performance Center, but one resource they fail to mention or are unaware of are the fantastic librarians. These librarians can help you research a topic for a paper, check your citations, and get materials for your final projects through interlibrary loan. Book an appointment with a librarian at <https://dixie.libcal.com/appointments>

3. Step away

Take a break from your studies. It is important to get the work done, but giving yourself a break can help you turn in better work. If you try and do a large project in one sitting, you're eventually going to need a break. Recognize when you need one and go outside rather than spending your break on your phone.



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4. Designate Study time

Schedule study time. Make sure you take time out of your day to study. Try studying in a place that you don't eat, sleep, or watch TV. Go to an area that is designed to help you concentrate. The Holland building has multiple floors to meet each students study needs. The Mezzanine floor is meant for group study and has several study rooms as well. The third floor is a designated quiet area, with computers and tables for students to study at. Find an area that suits your study needs. The library 2nd and 4th floor study rooms can be reserved starting just after Thanksgiving, in time for finals.

5. Stress Relief

Getting a grade in a class is important, that's why we are here as students, but that doesn't mean students should sacrifice their mental health for it. By creating good study habits, students will be able to reduce their stress during these final moments in the semester. Take a break and exercise. The Health & Wellness Center will have a Decompress & Stress Less week, and the library will house the therapy dogs Dec 4th and 5th.



Writing Tutor Promotes Student Self-Expression

By Ashton Corsetti

“Writing is all about having confidence in yourself and your ideas,” said Abby Doman, a junior and Bachelor of Integrated Studies major who is currently in her second semester of tutoring for the Writing Center.

Oftentimes, students need an additional confidence boost before they can begin writing. That’s where Doman comes in. “My favorite thing to do at work is to brainstorm with students and create an outline,” Doman said. “I love the ideas of the students, and I love hearing what they’re interested in.”

At the end of the session, the students have an outline that they made all on their own, and Doman is pleased to have walked them through the process.

Tutoring has likewise improved Doman as a writer and communicator. In her additional capacity as editor-in-chief of the student-published *Dixie Sun News*, Doman applies her knowledge of writing to her weekly articles and the work of her reporters.

“I love writing,” Doman said, “Writing’s such a special thing for me, and I want to help convey that through tutoring if I can.”



International Certification Reinvents Tutoring Practices

By Ashton Corsetti



The College Reading and Learning Association (CRLA) accepted both the Academic Performance and Writing centers into its international program over the summer.

As a result, both centers have implemented new procedures into its trainings and hirings to comply with CRLA requirements.

“CRLA is the gold standard in tutor program certification,” said Rob Gray, Director of Learning Services, “They have extremely high training and assessment standards that not all programs can meet. Being certified gives DSU's tutoring centers a high level of credibility.”

Tutors must now complete a training course, perform 50 hours of tutoring and be evaluated by their supervisor before they receive certification, which can be used for their resumes. There are three levels of certification in the program, all depending on the time spent tutoring and degree of mastery over tutoring methods.

According to Gray, other campus resources—such as the supplemental instruction and peer coaching programs—are working towards certification. This would ensure that students receive the same quality of instruction no matter where they go.