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A Link to Lifelong Learning
If you have ever been on the second floor of the Holland Centennial Commons, you might have wondered about the locked cases on the east side of the common area. What makes these materials so special that they need to be kept under lock and key? Why not lock them up in the vault in Special Collections and Archives? The main reason that these materials are kept in special precaution is that they are often one-of-a-kind or astronomically expensive to replace such as the DocUtah films that take up the majority of the space in these cabinets. Unlike the materials in the vault at Special Collections, the materials in the locked cases are available for checkout and can be taken home, where those found in Special Collections can only be used in-house. Lastly, a majority of the materials in the lock case do not have a place in special collections because they are not historical or pertain to local history. Interestingly enough, copies of some of the materials such as the DocUtah films are available both in the locked cases and in Special collections.
The materials available in the Locked cases are some of the most interesting resources in the library and if you would like to use or check out one of the materials inside, just ask the folks at the circulation desk and they would be happy to assist you.
Interlibrary Loans
By Tia Molloy

The library at Dixie State University is a great place to find and explore different resources, but sometimes the library may not carry what you are looking for. If that is the case, then did you know that the library can request to borrow books, DVDs, journal articles, and other materials or supplies from any library in the nation? If some other library happens to carry what you are looking for then they may be able to lend it to our library for your use. To go about doing this, you would need to visit the interlibrary loan system, Tipasa. A librarian can help you with this, but basically you will use your Dixie ID, phone number, and email to request a loan and if it is approved then the loan material will be entered into your library account and you will have access to the materials until the deadline. It is important that you keep track of the items you are loaned because if they are not returned by the deadline it will result in extra fees. An interlibrary loan is a great way to go about finding new resources that this library may not carry. Next time you need something that is not carried here, go talk to a librarian about an interlibrary loan.
The Dixie Forum is held on campus for students to come and listen to different people give presentations, for free. They host a variety of guests that speak on all different kinds of topics, and there are presentations for everyone to enjoy. If you are interested in attending The Dixie Forum, you can visit https://libguides.dixie.edu/c.php?q=892729&p=6419396 and then click on the “Current Schedule of Guests” tab. It will bring up a link to a document that has all the information about dates, times, and topics. If you are unable to attend the presentations in person, the University has made it possible for students to still be a part of The Dixie Forum through email. Weekly emails are sent out about the guests they had for that week and their topic details. If you would like to be a part of the email list, then click the same link and email John Burns. The Dixie Forum is a great way to learn about advancements in subjects that may interest you and the university provides exactly what you need to be a part of that.
Silent Book Club is a Quiet Haven

By Cadence Summers

On Tuesday, March 10th, Dixie State University Library hosted its third silent book club session, in conjunction with the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. All students and faculty members are invited to come to these meetings with a book of their choice and read it silently while others around them do the same. Reading is often a lonely hobby, but the laid-back environment of the Silent Book Club allows members to enjoy their books surrounded by friendly faces, without the pressure to analyze the work or even socialize! There are even snacks and drinks provided, making this activity a popular escape from the stresses of the semester. If you are interested in attending these and similar events hosted by the Dixie State University Library, follow them on Facebook and Instagram.
Reference Librarians Want to Help!
By Cadence Summers

As final paper due dates draw near, it is invariable that questions concerning the research and citation process will arise. Students and faculty have many options when they need answers to these questions. The Reference Desk, located on the northwest side of the second floor of the Holland Centennial Commons is staffed by library employees who are experts at answering general research and citation questions. Drop by between 9-5 Monday through Friday and from 5-7 on Sunday evenings and someone will be there to answer your questions. Additionally, helpful citation guides are available 24/7 on the library’s website under the “Research Guides” tab. If you have a more specific question concerning a specific field of research, you can schedule a one-on-one appointment with a librarian who specializes in that field and can help you find resources on your topic by clicking the “Schedule Appointment” button near the bottom of the page on the library’s website. If you only have a quick question concerning your topic and don’t want to travel all the way to the library for an answer, try the “Ask a Librarian” feature on the right side of the library homepage. This will pull up a chat box where you can type your question and get a quick answer. For these and other services that the Dixie State university library provides, please visit https://library.dixie.edu/.