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Conversations about race are a big topic in wake of recent events in the United States. In June, the New York Times had at least one article in every edition that provided information about books that were available on the topic of race. In one article, Boston bookstore owners stated it was hard to keep antiracism books in stock. The books were in high demand and people would be lined up down the street to try and get ones that had just come in. One of the most popular books was, “So You Want to Talk About Race” by Ijeoma Oluo and was constantly sold out.

Some of Dixie State University’s core themes are opportunity, valuing inclusion, access, diversity, equity, service, and citizenship. The new strategic plan for 2020 is expected to emphasize diversity and inclusion as part of developing the university’s academic distinction over the next few years. New books have been purchased that are available at the library to help faculty, staff, and students talk about race and privilege. These books are New York Times top sellers and may help you stay informed and educated on the topic. If you are interested in learning more, check out these titles:

- So You Want to Talk About Race by Ijeoma Oluo
- How to Be an Antiracist by Ibram X. Kendi
- The New Jim Crow: Mass Incarceration in the Age of Colorblindness by Michelle Alexander
- Me and White Supremacy: Combat Racism, Change the World, and Become a Good Ancestor by Layla Saad
A Student’s Lifesaver: Laptop Checkouts at the Library

BY RACHEL THACKER

Is the Wi-Fi down again? Laptops too expensive? Never fear because the library’s new laptop checkout program is here to save the day. COVID-19 has made it more important than ever to have access to technology for the increased number of online classes and coursework.

**The laptop checkout is as easy as 1, 2, 3.** Students will need to bring their student I.D or valid government I.D, then fill out a simple form, and the laptop is the student’s until the end of the semester. The due date for the laptops is December 11th at midnight. **This service is free for students to use.** It has helped over 100 students already. Paige Dibble, a sophomore at Dixie said, “It’s a life saver and it was super easy!”

Dixie State University is here to help its students in any way they can! Because of the number of students still in need of a laptop this semester there is a long wait list. Upon return all laptops are re-mirrored and given a clean slate, so don’t forget to copy any important coursework to a flash drive before turning the laptop back in. The laptops will be available for checkout again next semester.
There is something on campus that is easier than ordering takeout: reserving a study room. Every college student needs a place free of distractions to get their homework done. There are times when a peer suggests a study group, or a class project that you need to meet somewhere to get the assignment done.

Effective Monday, September 28th, 2020, study rooms must be reserved to be used. Students can reserve a study room right from the library’s main website at library.dixie.edu. Click on the availability button, choose a study room, put in your Dixie State email address and in just a few seconds you will get a confirmation email that it has been scheduled. Each student can schedule a study room 90 days in advance and can reserve study rooms a maximum of 2 hours per day.

There are several different types of study rooms available, accommodating 1 to 12 people. Many study rooms have a whiteboard and a few of them have an audio/visual system set up. The rooms are located on floors 2, 2M, 3, and 4 of the Holland Centennial Commons (Library); they are available from 6:45 a.m. – 12:00 a.m. Monday through Thursday and until 7:00 pm on Friday. Weekends have shorter hours, but they are still available, when the library is open. If there is another student using the room that is reserved, the circulation desk can be contacted for assistance. If you really want to get in the zone, try a study room today.
Forum Exchange

BY RACHEL THACKER

**Here at Dixie State, we’re all about active learning and active life.**
We invite you to take that motto to heart by learning something new each week with the Dixie Forum or learn more about Utah with the Juanita Brooks Lecture series.

The Juanita Brooks Lecture series has been going on since 1984 and takes place in April of each year. The Juanita Brooks Lecture series is named after Juanita Brooks to celebrate her contributions as a historian, professor, and author. The lecture series involves speakers that range from topics about Utah history, Latter Day Saint history, and Southern Utah history. The lecture takes place in the spring but due to COVID-19 April 2020’s lecture was cancelled. However, the lecture was recorded and will be released in the fall of this year. Want to learn about past lectures?

This link will help you out:
https://library.dixie.edu/special_collections/juanita_brooks.html

**The Dixie Forum is a class held each week on Tuesdays at 12:00 p.m.** This year's series is going to be held online at the same date and time. The Dixie Forum has a wide range of lecturers from all walks of life from artists to scientists. You're not going to want to miss it! The Dixie Forum is completely free and open to the public. Missed a lecture? No problem, follow this link libguides.dixie.edu and it will take you to all the recorded lectures.