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Dixie State University's Library Services offers a range of helpful tools for students to succeed. Students can schedule an appointment with tutors with any needs. One of the most valuable services is the writing center where students can enhance their writing.



Banned Books Display

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Every week the HCC Library displays some of the books in their collection. Those displays contain such great topics as student success, Black History Month, holiday displays, and LGBTQ+ History. During the last week of September, the library display celebrates Banned Books Week.

Banned Books Week is an annual event meant to celebrate the freedom to read. Books have been banned in different ways since the beginning of

The Ten Most Challenged Books From 2010-2019:

- 1. *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian* by Sherman Alexie**
- 2. *Captain Underpants (series)* by Dav Pilkey**
- 3. *Thirteen Reasons Why* by Jay Asher**
- 4. *Looking for Alaska* by John Green**
- 5. *George* by Alex Gino**
- 6. *And Tango Makes Three* by Justin Richardson and Peter Parnell**
- 7. *Drama* by Raina Telgemeier**
- 8. *Fifty Shades of Grey* by E. L. James**
- 9. *Internet Girls (series)* by Lauren Myracle**

books. The idea of celebrating banned and challenged books really took off and became an event in 1982. It was around this time that there was a surge in the number of challenges to books. Banned Books Week was co-founded by Judith F. Krug, director of the Office for Intellectual Freedom and executive director of the Freedom to Read Foundation. She and her co-founders created Banned Books week both to highlight the fact that books and ideas were being banned and to celebrate the freedom to read.

The library display featured some of the books in the collection that have been banned or challenged by individuals or organizations. Individuals or organizations can petition for a particular library, school, or bookstore to remove certain books

from their shelves. A well-known classic, *The Diary of Anne Frank*, has been the center of scrutiny to which it has been repeatedly challenged and banned in public schools in Culpepper County, Virginia.

Each book in the library's display contained a bookmark that explains the reasons for that book being banned or challenged. Among the banned books on display are engaging signs with more information on banned books, the history of banning books, and a list of the most banned books from the past decade.

Libraries, schools and bookstores everywhere continue to be bombarded with petitions to remove certain books. When a book is successfully banned from a library, school, or bookstore the book is no longer accessible to the people who use that facility. This limits the freedom to read and learn for the people in that area. Recognizing the banned and challenged books brings together the entire book community. Librarians, booksellers, publishers, journalists, teachers, and readers all come together to support the freedom to seek and express ideas. Every year our librarians and student workers work together to build this display. Readers post about their favorite banned books. Bookstores and libraries host events, put up displays, and encourage their patrons to read these books. The ideas we share during this yearly event are considered by some to be unpopular.

These unpopular ideas are as much a part of us as the more comfortable ideas. It is important that both get an equal share of the spotlight. That is why this display has been created in our library. So that patrons can see what we have in our collection that has been banned or challenged. It sparks curiosity in the patrons and gives them a chance to explore new ideas.

Stairway Inspiration

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If you've ever taken the stairs located on the left of the elevator in the Holland building, you may have noticed the quotes printed on the walls between floors. Among these motivational words include the well-known, "There is no elevator to success. You have to take the stairs." Quote by Zig Ziglar. The staff association placed these quotes on the wall to serve as a much-needed support boost for students as they use the stairwell on the way to classes. If they really help those who see them, should the staff association consider posting more around the Holland building?

The library is a busy place on the university campus, and a popular spot for students to cram for tests and complete homework or papers. This is largely due to the amount of learning services and resource opportunities that are available in the Holland building. There is nothing short of a supportive learning environment here at Dixie State. The staff association posted famous quotes known to give some extra encouragement to learners who need it most. Staff Association Past President, Jon Gibb, said, "The quotes have been there for four years. The purpose is to provide some positive outlook and motivation to people traveling the stairs." He also added, "DSU is an institution of learning and these quotes promote thinking and thoughtfulness." Every student who takes the stairs will catch a glimpse of encouragement for success.

Even more fascinating is the theme that each quote between the second and fourth floors seem to have in common. Each set

of words recognizes a sense of accomplishment. Starting from the bottom of the journey, and with a lot of hard work and perseverance, goals can be attained, and a sense of accomplishment achieved. As these quotes remain on the walls of the Holland building, motivation is displayed to each student who takes the stairs and takes the time to read these encouraging words. This is just another reminder from the staff association of the potential each university student has to blaze their own trail and take advantage of the library and learning services to aid them on their stairway to success.

Book Review: The Turn of The Screw

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The Turn of the Screw is a fascinating novel, as author Henry James is able to write literary realism and literary modernism together, which is beautifully written. The atmosphere that James is able to create is a slowly mounting tension and dread through its telling of a ghost story. This novel leaves readers with their imagination. James's narrative technique asks the reader to decide if the ghosts were real or just a hallucination from the governess. The ending is the most captivating part; as James writes, the story's conclusion and its end will differ for every reader. *The Turn of the Screw* is a great horror novel for beginners as the story had a familiar feel because of how much inspiration the modern media took from it.

“Of course, I was under the spell, and the wonderful part is that, even at the time, I perfectly knew I was. But I gave myself up to it; it was an antidote to any pain, and I had more pains than one.”
– James Henry

The Turn of the Screw



Interview With A/The Librarian

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Dianne Aldrich, librarian of Dixie State University, serves her time helping with research, assisting, and providing guidance for students. Dianne has been at DSU since 2007.



Tell me of a time you have helped a student that was impactful at your time at Dixie State University.

One of the first examples that come to mind is of a student who had come to my office for help. This student was not a traditional one. He was older than most and had a disability due to a traumatic brain injury. My own son has a neurological disabilities, so I am used to explaining things in multiple ways and providing inclusive instruction.

What is your favorite thing about DSU?

Every fall I get a little sad over the summer and I realized that it was because of the lack of students on campus and in the library. My favorite time is when these freshmen college students are excited to attend and you just hear this buzz of life. These

freshmen have their whole life ahead of them and it's exciting to see.

Spooky Readings

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The DSU library is just the place to help satisfy anyone's spooky cravings. The library has a variety of books, e-books, audiobooks, and poems to choose from for those seeking a scare from the writings of the great that are here to be borrowed at the DSU library. Some personal favorite classic horror stories to explore are Dracula, Frankenstein, The Turn of the Screw, and The Legend of Sleepy Hollow; however, for a genuine scare, Stephen King's novels will frighten you. If that gives too much of a shock, the library has multiple options for children's books, The Big Pumpkin and Room on The Broom. Reading isn't for you? There are movies like Beetlejuice, Get Out, Psycho, Sleepy Hollow, and The Rocky Horror Picture Show available to watch on DVD and Blu-ray. To borrow these spooky stories from the library and visit the [online catalog](#). You just need your DSU ID, phone number, and email to get a loan, and then your loan material will be in your library account. You have until the due date to enjoy. If you feel lost, the librarians are there to help with anything you need.