

TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

*Mary Eouts*  
*Burnett*  
*Library*

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# KNOWLEDGE IS POWER



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Libraries enable learning.

Learning creates bridges for the mind and sparks the imagination, linking past and present to the future. As students progress through their unique journeys at TCU, the newly renovated library will be central to these experiences. Whoever they are and wherever they come from, their stories will bear witness to the concept that Knowledge is Power, the phrase etched in a dozen languages on the library steps.



LIBRARY DEDICATION  
*for the newly renovated*  
**MARY COUTS BURNETT LIBRARY**  
OCTOBER 30, 2015  
3:00 P.M.

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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DR. DONOVAN

TCU'S LIBRARY

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TCU STUDENT PERSPECTIVE

MS. MADDIE REDDICK  
PRESIDENT, STUDENT GOVERNMENT  
ASSOCIATION

An open house follows immediately in the Mary Couts Burnett Library. You are encouraged to visit the complete facility. Library staff and student volunteers will be available to conduct tours and to provide information about the newly renovated library building and library services. Refreshments will be served in Bistro Burnett.

# Heart and Soul

## THE 2015 MARY COUTS BURNETT LIBRARY RENOVATION IS TRULY A VISION IN ACTION

The Mary Couets Burnett Library is the heart and soul of Texas Christian University and has been for nine decades. Constructed for \$150,000, the library was made possible by a \$3 million estate gift (more than \$41.7 million in today's dollars) left to the University by Mrs. Burnett, who was not affiliated with TCU. The only provision was that one building be a memorial to the donor. At the reading of the will, President E.M. Waits on the spot decided that the building would be a library.





  
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Mrs. Burnett did not live to see the facility’s completion, but soon before her death in 1924, she was well enough to be driven by the classical building that bore her name, then in the final stage of construction. The Class of 1925 chose to memorialize TCU’s great benefactor with these words: “By this devoted act she has won enduring immortality. Her influence through deathless youth will be transmitted to the farthest reaches of time.”

Texas Christian University has worked hard to ensure that those words are more than hyperbole. The Mary Couets Burnett Library has remained at the core of TCU’s academic mission by evolving to meet the changing needs of students and faculty and undergoing major expansions and renovations in 1957 and 1983.



## LIBRARY MILESTONES

- 1873 AddRan Male and Female College opens in Thorp Spring
- 1874 AddRan Literary Society develops a small collection of books
- 1877 Major John T. Walton donates 300 books to Walton Literary Society
- 1889 Name of school becomes AddRan Christian University
- 1892 Edwin J. Toof of New Haven, Connecticut, gives the University 1,045 books; a library is formed from these three collections
- 1895 AddRan Christian University relocates to Waco; library of 2,044 volumes is valued at \$3,000
- 1898 Library is designated a U.S. government document depository
- 1902 Name of school is changed to Texas Christian University  
Mabel Grey Crosse is named as first librarian
- 1904 Mrs. M.B.M. Gibbons succeeds Miss Crosse
- 1905 Book collection is cataloged by Dewey Decimal Classification system
- 1906 Mrs. E.C. Boynton becomes librarian
- 1908 Nell Andrew, Mrs. Boynton’s successor, becomes the first librarian of long tenure
- 1910 The Library Association, an organization to promote the general interest of the library, is formed on February 10

The library changed significantly over the 32 years since the expansion, with innovations including Bistro Burnett, a Starbucks café; a computer laboratory and Information Commons; thousands of electronic books, journals and full-text databases; and 24-hour, five-days-a-week open hours. The results were tremendous increases in usage. The Mary Couts Burnett Library had become a place of community, connection and collaboration, limited only by its size, configuration and lack of emerging technological resources.

The current renovation of the library is a crown jewel of *Vision in Action: The Academy of Tomorrow*, the strategic plan crafted to realize TCU's vision — to be a world-class, values-centered university. This vision is becoming ever closer to reality as the University completes the Intellectual Commons on the east campus.

community  
connection  
collaboration

## LIBRARY MILESTONES

- 1910 Fire on March 22 destroys the Main Building housing the library of 8,000 volumes valued at \$15,000  
TCU moves to Fort Worth and holds classes in downtown building; students use the Fort Worth Carnegie Library
- 1911 TCU moves to present campus; library is 24' x 36' room on second floor of the Main Building
- 1915 Earliest annual report of the library shows 4,716 volumes
- 1923 The University announces the Mary Couts Burnett gift in December; \$150,000 is designated for the library building
- 1925 Mary Couts Burnett Library is dedicated on February 27; holdings number 30,000 at the time Nell Andrew resigns  
Arthur Curry becomes fifth librarian
- 1932 With the Great Depression, enrollment drops dramatically and book budget is cut to \$100
- 1938 Bertie Hall Mothershead, acting librarian since 1933, is named sixth librarian
- 1943 *North Texas Regional Union List of Serials* is published – the first library cooperative effort in the region
- 1949 Fine Arts Library opens in Ed Landreth Hall
- 1953 C. Glenn Sparks becomes seventh librarian



## LIBRARY MILESTONES



- 1955 William Luther Lewis Collection of English and American Literature, gift of the Amon G. Carter Foundation, is dedicated on May 27
- 1957 Construction begins on library addition
- 1958 First printed library handbook for students is prepared
- 1959 Library building is dedicated on March 5; holdings number 330,000
- 1963 Sunday library hours are instituted
- 1964 Library Committee of Inter-university Council of Dallas and Fort Worth Metropolitan Areas holds first meeting  
  
Library holdings pass the half-million mark
- 1965 Paul Parham becomes University Librarian (eighth librarian)
- 1970 Computerized circulation operation begins on July 14, marking advent of technology in the library's operations
- 1971 Pate Presidential Collection on the American presidency
- 1972 Friends of the TCU Libraries is organized on January 28  
  
Committee to plan the expansion of the library is appointed in November
- 1973 Library's Centennial gift to the University is the completion of reclassification of book collection by the Library of Congress system, begun in 1966



In addition to the library, the project comprises the University's first multidisciplinary academic building, Rees-Jones Hall, as well as renovation and expansion of the Annie Richardson Bass Building for Harris College of Nursing & Health Sciences (both completed in 2014) and a planned complex for the Neeley School of Business.



The Intellectual Commons has been designed to facilitate creative, intellectual "collisions" to encourage student/faculty collaboration across multiple fields. A skyway connects the library and Rees-Jones Hall, and the two buildings have more than 20 group study rooms, reflecting the team-learning approach now characteristic of many academic disciplines.

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## LIBRARY MILESTONES

- 1974 Contract signed with Online Computer Library Center, Inc. (OCLC) provides access to shared cataloging database
- 1978 Computer database searching becomes part of reference service
- 1981 Froissart's *Cronycles* is added as library's millionth item in January  
Ground is broken on April 11 for library addition
- 1983 Expanded Mary Couets Burnett Library is dedicated on March 25
- 1984 Abell Antique Map Collection given to Special Collections
- 1986 Pate-Newcomer Collection on the Grand Duchy of Luxembourg
- 1987 Dr. Fred Heath becomes University Librarian (ninth librarian)
- 1988 First CD-ROM databases
- 1989 Implementation of library's first Integrated Library System (ILS)  
Speaker James C. Wright, Jr. Archives
- 1990 TCU registers the internet domain name "tcu.edu" and the library's first website follows
- 1991 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition Archives  
Library begins use of leased storage in downtown Fort Worth
- 1993 Bob Seal becomes Library Dean (tenth librarian)
- 1997 Annual Library Staff Excellence Award funded by the Friends of the TCU Library



The Mary Couets Burnett Library has become a high-tech, media-rich environment while continuing its traditional role of providing print books. The GIGA Lab is created for high-end computing and the FAB lab for 3-D printing. A state-of-the-art, interactive multimedia wall supports the Great Theme Years that focus on water, food, energy and time — also Academy of Tomorrow initiatives. Multimedia-editing suites are available for student use. A technology “sandbox” enables students and faculty to try out the latest innovations. Many more group study rooms expand the seating capacity for TCU students.

The library fosters connection and collaboration within the University community with the revitalized Bistro Burnett, which features an expanded menu. TCU's academic heritage is highlighted with iconic items such as the University Mace, photos of Chancellor's Award winners and the University's Phi Beta Kappa charter. The Lizard Lounge offers academic space for graduate students and space for events such as TED Talks, poetry readings and book discussions.



Fittingly, the “new” Mary Couets Burnett Library symbolizes Texas Christian University's aspirations and expanding academic profile and reputation.

## LIBRARY MILESTONES

- 1997 Library begins computer support for local Cultural District Library Consortium (CDLC) museum libraries
- 1998 Information Commons
- 1999 Library acquires the Amon G. Carter, Jr. Collection
- 2000 Bistro Burnett dedicated by Chancellor Michael R. Ferrari  
Jack B. Friedman Judaic Collection
- 2002 Luxembourg ambassador presents gift of Bertrand Ney's *Between Two Rings* sculpture  
Marvin and Jan Gearhart Reading Room dedication  
W.B. "Judge" Hamilton Audio Visual Center
- 2005 Frog Pods with Student Government Association (SGA) funding added to the Information Commons  
Library accepts electronic dissertations and theses from TCU graduate students
- 2006 Dr. June Koelker becomes Library Dean (eleventh librarian)
- 2008 Library begins 24-hour service, 5 days a week  
Library makes streaming videos available
- 2009 First compact shelving installed
- 2013 Library Annex opens as a permanent off-campus, high-density storage site
- 2015 Dedication of the newly renovated Mary Couts Burnett Library  
Sumner Academic Heritage Room

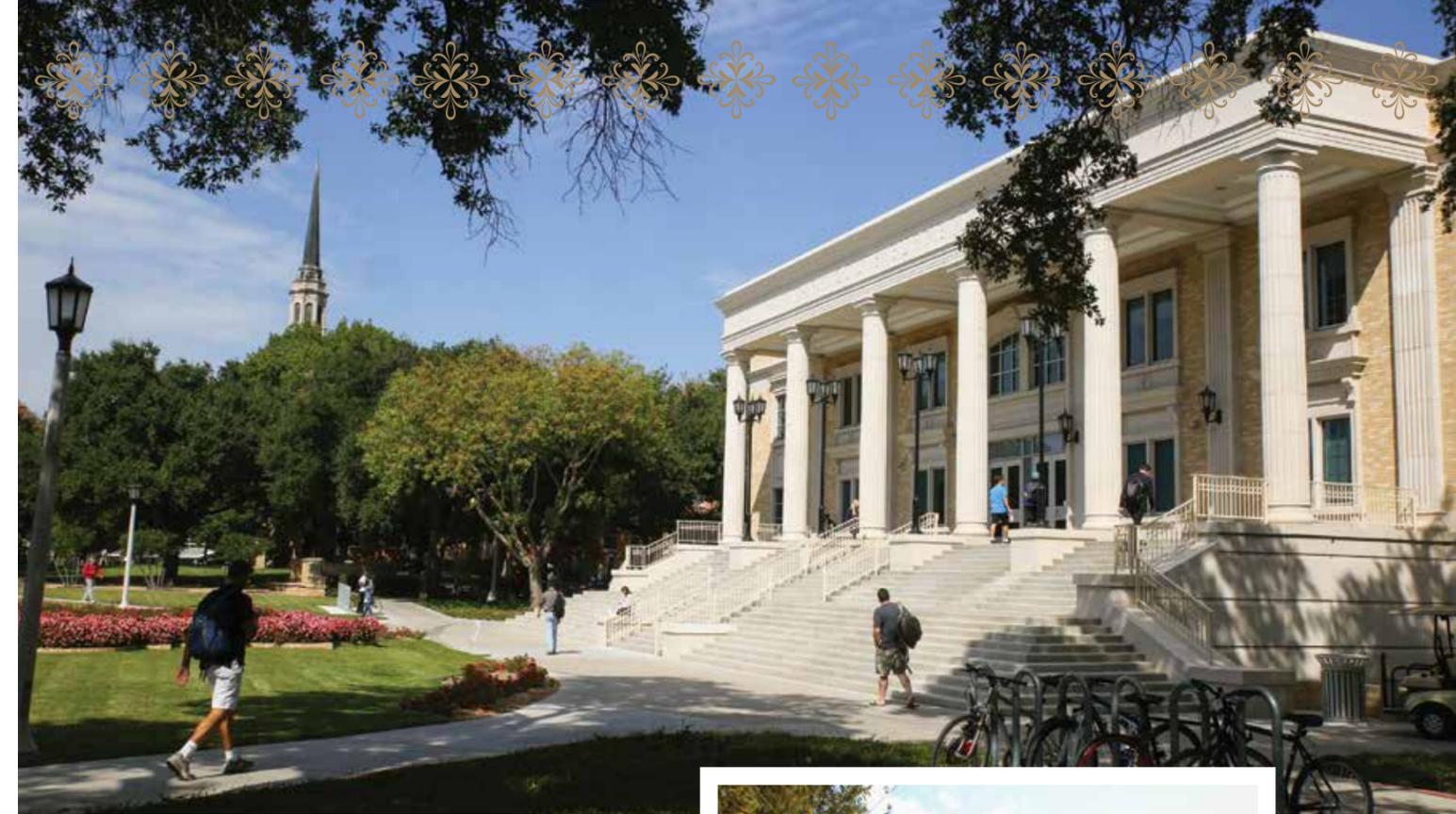


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**Project Supervision:** Texas Christian University  
Jesse Rangel, project manager





THE STAIRS IN THE MARY COUTS BURNETT LIBRARY ARE SIMPLE, BEAUTIFUL AND FUNCTIONAL. MADE OF LIMESTONE AND ETCHED WITH “KNOWLEDGE IS POWER” IN 12 LANGUAGES, THE SINGLE FLIGHT FEATURES DEEP RISERS THAT PROVIDE A PATH FOR STUDENTS AS WELL AS AMPHITHEATER-LIKE SEATING UPON WHICH THEY MAY SOCIALIZE OR REST.



# NAMED AREAS IN HONOR OF DONORS

The Cecil and Ida Green Reading Room  
Drs. Cecil H. and Ida Green

Sam P. Woodson, Jr. Reference Library  
T.J. Brown and C.A. Lupton Foundation, Inc.

The Anne Burnett Tandy and Charles D. Tandy  
Special Collections Area  
The Anne Burnett Tandy and Charles D. Tandy  
Foundation

Faculty Research Area  
The J.E. and L.E. Mabee Foundation

Graduate Studies Area  
Houston Endowment, Inc.

Instructional Media Administrative Suite  
Hillcrest Foundation

Student Lounge  
Abell-Hanger Foundation

Group Study Room A  
Moody Foundation

Group Study Room B  
Mr. and Mrs. O. Wayne Crisman

Conference Room  
Bruce McMillan, Jr. Foundation

Multimedia Lecture Room  
Mr. and Mrs. Dee J. Kelly

Doctoral Studies Area  
Dr. and Mrs. Malcolm K. Brachman

Group Study Room C  
Dr. and Mrs. A.M. Pate, Jr. Collection  
Dr. and Mrs. A.M. Pate, Jr.

Group Study Room D  
Sherley Family

Group Study Room E  
Mr. and Mrs. Carl T. Anderson

Marvin and Jan Gearhart Reading Room  
Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gearhart

Jack B. Friedman Judaic Library  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack B. Friedman

Bistro Burnett  
Ms. Barrie Trinkle

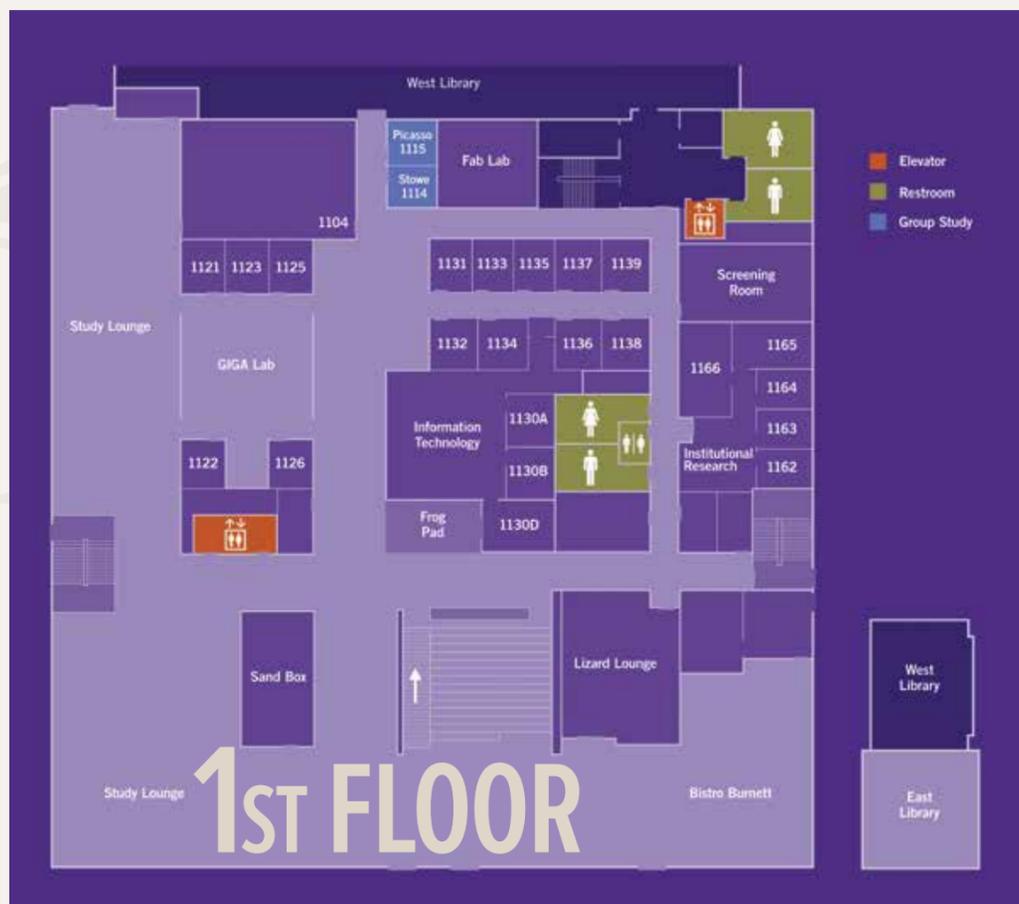
Student Computer Lab  
TTI, Inc.

Judge Hamilton AV Resource Center  
W.B. "Judge" Hamilton

Sumner Academic Heritage Room  
Dr. and Mrs. George Sumner



The new Mary Couets Burnett Library takes learning far beyond the pages of the books it houses to incorporate technology and resources at every turn. Make yourself at home and explore what's new. The next chapter is here.



### SCREENING ROOM

Watch movies on a big screen around the clock. Also available for reserved screenings.

### GIGA LAB

Lab for students whose classes use software requiring high-end computing capability. Includes multimedia editing suites and twelve desktop computers.

### FAB LAB

A fabulous place to fabricate three-dimensional objects. The 3-D printer is available for use by students and faculty.

### FROG PAD

Stop by the Frog Pad, the IT Support HelpDesk's new walk-up service center. We can look at your equipment or help solve a tech question. (M-F, 8 a.m. - 9 p.m., SS, 12 - 8 p.m.)

### TECHNOLOGY SANDBOX

Visit the Sandbox and get your hands on exciting new technology. Have fun trying out the latest in gadgets and software.

### SUMNER ACADEMIC HERITAGE ROOM

This scholarly hall of fame will make you proud to be part of TCU's academic tradition.

### RESEARCH SUPPORT

Every TCU school and college has its own dedicated staff subject liaison. You'll never search alone.

### REFERENCE READING ROOM

A beautiful reading room for you when using reference material.

### INFORMATION COMMONS

100 workstations (including 13 Macs) and 55 laptops (including 5 Macs) available for check out.



### HISTORY HAS A HOME HERE

Our third floor is part library, part museum.

### SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

TCU's rare books, archives and historical collections are one-of-a-kind.

### THE JIM WRIGHT COLLECTION

Speaker of the House Jim Wright's papers and personal artifacts showcase four decades of U.S. history.

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