

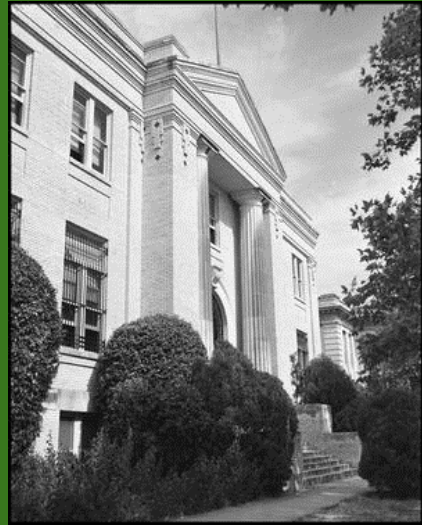
# Transforming an academic library to a community partner

Jen Rowe, Suzanne Sears, & Robbie Sittel / DLC meeting and conference, 10/19/2015

## a brief history

# 1890

Texas Normal College and  
Teacher Training Institute is  
established



Historical Building, date unknown  
(<http://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc232905/>)

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# 1937

Sycamore Hall opens as the main  
campus library



Aerial View of Sycamore Hall - November 1946  
(<http://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc179630/>)

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# 1948

UNT is designated a Federal  
Depository Library



Betty Jane Tumblin in the Library  
(<http://digital.library.unt.edu/ark:/67531/metadc282480/>)

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# 1971

the government documents  
move to the 3rd floor of the  
newly constructed Willis Library



Melody Kelly, 1976 (UNT's 4th Documents Librarian)

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# 2014

the government documents  
return home



Current view of the Eagle Commons Library @ Sycamore Hall  
(<http://maps.unt.edu/places/1016/view>)

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## Eagle Commons Library -- A new resources for the community

Centered around UNT Libraries' nationally recognized Government Information Connection service, Eagle Commons Library will be transformed into a resource hub for the UNT community, as well as for private sector innovation, public sector engagement, and nonprofit sector capacity building.

Government Documents, along with the business, political science, public administration, and geography collections, will be combined with Foundation Center resources and the value-added service of GIS to create a unique new themed library.

While keeping our focus on excellence in collections and service to UNT's students and faculty, this reorganization of Eagle Commons Library will allow us to better engage our community at large. Whether it's a local nonprofit pursuing grant funding, an entrepreneur researching a business startup, or a resident with questions about voting and elections, the revamped Eagle Commons Library collection will be able to meet their information needs.

We envision Eagle Commons Library serving as a "town commons" – a place where the UNT and Denton area communities, with different needs, come together to build social capital, share ideas, and solve problems.

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# promoting access to resources

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## targeted collections

Political Science

Business

Public Administration

Geography

Law

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# promoting tangible collections



 **Jenne Turner** via **UNT Eagle Commons Library**  
July 22 at 2:14pm

On this day in 1969, Neil Armstrong became the first man to walk on the moon. If you would like to learn more about the Apollo 11 mission, come on over to the Eagle Commons Library and look at our NASA documents collection.



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# promoting online government information

Providing access to government information  
at UNT and on the Internet

**Government Information**  **onnection®**

University of North Texas Libraries  
Government Documents Department



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## developing key partnerships



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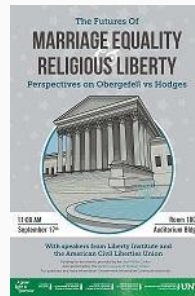
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## becoming a community partner

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# civically engaging the community

- Constitution Day events
- National Voter Registration Day
- On-going voter registration
- Early on-campus voting



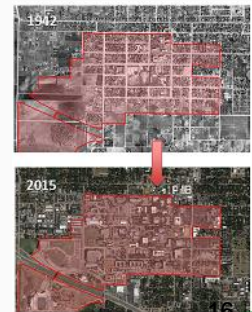
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# value added services

- Funding Information Network
- Geographic Information Systems



FOUNDATION  
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FUNDING  
INFORMATION  
NETWORK



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## a trusted community partner

Denton Public Library



Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital



Denton Hunger Coalition



United Way of Denton County



League of Women Voters of Denton

LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS

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promote, promote, promote  
engage, engage, engage

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# get out of the building

Relevant workshops for the community

Campus-wide events

Community meetings



## ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE CDC RESOURCE TRAINING

By: Eagle Commons Library

Believe it or not, October is zombie apocalypse awareness month at the Eagle Commons Library. Learn how to protect yourself and your loved ones with tips from the Center for Disease Control (plus other general emergency management tips from the CDC).

Event Location: Eagle Commons Library  
 Floor or Room Number: C.L.C. Room 1100  
 Event Date(s): Thursday, October 30, 2014 - 10:00am to 11:00am



**GRANT WORKSHOP SERIES**

**Grant Writing**  
 Learn how to write a grant proposal for your organization. This workshop will cover the basics of grant writing, including how to identify funding opportunities, develop a budget, and write a compelling proposal. The workshop will be held on Thursday, October 30, 2014, from 10:00am to 11:00am in C.L.C. Room 1100. Space is limited, so sign up early!

**Location:** Eagle Commons Library, C.L.C. Room 1100  
 Date: Thursday, October 30, 2014  
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**Contact:**  
 Grant Workshop Series  
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**UNIVERSITY OF NORTH TEXAS**  
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# engaging our students (in the building)



# social media & the web

The collage features three distinct digital content pieces. On the left is a news article titled "November 11 is Veterans Day" with a sub-headline "Read the Presidential Proclamation announcing Veterans Day 2014." It includes an image of the American flag and text about national ceremonies and deals. In the center is a Facebook post from "UNT Eagle Commons Library" with the text "Help us name our fleet of staplers" and a photo of three staplers (two black, one red) on a table. On the right is a screenshot of the "University Libraries" website, showing navigation menus, a search bar, and various service links like "Ask Us Your Questions" and "Study & Create".

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students and Suzanne Sears)



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# Thank you for your time

questions, comments...