WELCOME

Moffett Library is pleased to bring you our monthly e-newsletter to keep you updated on our new and improved spaces, services, and special collections. With our new modernized facility, we remain committed to providing resources that benefit our campus and the wider Wichita Falls community. For more information or suggestions on what you’d like to see in our newsletter, send us an email at library@msutexas.edu.
Despite traditional, monolithic representations of the Black identity, Black history is complex and widely celebrated in a more nuanced 21st century. While it's certain the entire history of a group of people cannot fit into one month, Black History Month aims to celebrate the accomplishments of African Americans, with Canada and United Kingdom following suit over the last three decades. Started as “Negro History Week,” in 1926 by African American historian, journalist and scholar, Carter G. Woodson—which became a month-long celebration in 1976—it is also a time to reflect on the origins, contributions, challenges, sacrifices, and triumphs of Black people in the history of America, recognizing that there is still much to be done to achieve racial justice and equity.

With the Celebration of MSU Texas’ 100 years of existence, it is important to highlight the events that changed its course forever in a then segregated Texas.

**Looking Back: The Desegregation of MSU**

In 1950, with encouragement from local NAACP leader Professor C. E. Jackson, Willie Faye Battle, an Honor Graduate, applied by mail for admission to the two-year nursing school at Hardin Junior College. She was accepted. But when she and Professor Jackson went to the school to complete the application process, they were pulled out of the line and denied admission.

In the fall of 1951, Ms. Battle along with Maryland Virginia Menefee, Helen Muriel Davis, Golden E. Mitchell White, Carl Lawrence McBride and Wilma Jean Norris were encouraged to apply in person. Each applicant received rejection letters in the mail. Following this incident, a meeting was held between the University Board of Trustees and representatives of the Texas State Council.

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Alternative solutions were discussed and later rejected and a suit was filed in United States District Court, the first of its type. Initially, Battle, et al v. Wichita Falls Junior College Dist., et al. was decided in favor of the students. But, with appeals and injunctions, the final decision came through the Supreme Court in 1954, following the Brown v. Board of Education of Topeka ruling. The first African American students were enrolled in the summer of 1954.

On Feb. 25, 2017, The Texas Historical Commission recognized the desegregation of Midwestern University by awarding an official Texas Historical Marker (placed near the Ferguson Building) to commemorate that important event in local history. Present was Horace Pope and Dr. Edwin B. Fuller, two of the first African American students to integrate the university in the summer and fall of 1954.

"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome."

– Booker T. Washington
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The ability to conceptualize and visualize the structure in three-dimensional (3D) space, which is developed in the gross anatomy curriculum, is also important in the clinical setting when operating or performing invasive medical tests.

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"We need a distraction. Sometimes the pods are too quiet and you need something to break the tension, so we prefer the first floor."

Biology majors Cecilia (left) and Joyce (right).

UPCOMING EVENTS

MOSAIC Women's Panel: Feb. 15, 2022
Library Atrium @ 6 p.m.

Moffett Movie Madness - German Edition:
March 3, 2022
Library Atrium @ 6 p.m.

Moffett Movie Madness - Anime series (TBA)

Interested in learning more about being an orientation leader?
Information session
Wednesday, February 16th
Comanche Suites @ at 5:30 pm

For applications CLICK HERE

NAACP: On February 12, 2022, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People will mark its 113th anniversary.

Spurred by growing racial violence in the early 20th century, and particularly by 1908 race riots in Springfield, Illinois, a group of African American leaders joined together to form a new permanent civil rights organization, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP). February 12, 1909, was chosen because it was the centennial anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

Stay tuned to our Facebook and Instagram stories for more Black History Month Facts & accomplishments.

STAFF HIGHLIGHT

Alexis Robinson

Her jovial nature and infectious humor has added an extra spark to Moffett Library.

The California native who has resided in Burkburnett with her family for the last decade, earned her B.A. in English with a minor in communications from Oklahoma Christian University. As our newest public service assistant, Alexis has positioned herself as a go-to resource for students and staff at the library. “Get into it” is the catchphrase you’ll often hear when she’s not busy reorganizing books in CML or helping students find their way around the library.

She feels most alive and happy when she’s dancing--which she attributes to her love for Janet Jackson and Rhythm Nation. She dreams of becoming a professional choreographer and says everyone should hold on to their hobbies because it makes them who they are.

On her thoughts for Black History Month she says, "I think it’s important for other people of color and White people to learn instead of trying to teach in this particular month. My hope is for Black people to rest...".