

Welcome Back, Ags!

Howdy! We hope everyone had a great winter break and want to give a few reminders to returning and new Aggies alike. Here at WCL, we provide access to many databases and resources. If you need help with anything from research to finding a book, just stop by the “Ask Us” desk for assistance. We provide laptops, headphones, phone chargers, calculators, and more for you to check out. We also have phone charging stations located on each floor of the library for your convenience.

Our facility is a great place for group and individual study. We have group study rooms on the second and third floors, along with Collaboration Stations on the first floor. Most of the third floor is a silent area with over 100 computers and 13 Brody Lounges. We also have two Bike Desks on the second floor and a book swap shelf on the first floor. We are open all night from Sunday - Thursday; so, don't worry about having a place to go for a late night study session. We've got you covered.

As usual, we have textbooks on reserve at the “Ask Us” desk. Stop by and see if we have your textbooks. Here at WCL, we are always ready and willing to help you find the resources you need to be successful. If you have any questions, just ask!

Food for Fines

Have a pesky library fine? Want to pay it off while helping the community? Then check out the fifth annual Food for Fines library-wide event in February. The Food for Fines program allows you to reduce your library fine in exchange for non-perishable,

unexpired food items such as peanut butter, canned goods, cereal, and pasta (no glass containers will be accepted). For each donation, up to \$1 will be credited to your library account with a maximum of \$50 per person. All food donations will go to a local food bank, such as the 12th Can Food Pantry. Over the last four years, we have helped donate over 3,000 pounds of food, and this year we hope to bring that number to 4,000. For more information, look for our Food for Fines displays and signage, which will be posted soon.



Fuzzy Feelings

There is no denying that Valentine's Day means big business in the United States. Whether it is out of a sense of obligation, tender feelings, excitement over a new relationship, or simply a day for self-care, millions of people celebrate the holiday each year.

In 2015, Americans spent approximately \$18.9 billion on Valentine's Day dinners, gifts, and other plans (Tuttle, 2015). But did you know that \$703 million of that total was spent on pets? As many as one in five Americans will go Valentine's Day shopping for their furry friend. With an average of \$5.28 spent per consumer, that's a lot of pet parents who will be out shopping this February (Stampler, 2015).

Sources:

Stampler, L. (2015). Americans Could Spend \$703 Million on Their Pets This Valentine's Day. *Time.Com*. Business Source Ultimate.
Tuttle, B. (2015). 6 Totally Unromantic Truths About Valentine's Day Spending. *Money.Com*. Business Source Ultimate.



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979.862.1983

Medical Science:

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under Quick Links!

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