



## Welcome Back, Aggies!

Howdy! We hope everyone had a great summer! We have a few reminders to returning and new Aggies alike. Here at WCL we provide access to many databases and resources. If you need help on anything from research to finding a book, just stop by the Ask Us Desk for assistance. We also provide laptops, headphones, phone chargers, calculators, and more for you to check out at the Ask Us Desk. Phone charging stations are 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. The entire third floor is also a silent area with over 100 computers. We are open all night on weekdays; 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 for the fall semester. Here at WCL we are always ready and willing to help you find the resources you need to be successful this upcoming semester. If you have any questions, just ask!

## Banned Books Week

Every year, libraries across the nation celebrate the freedom to read during Banned Books Week, which occurs September 25<sup>th</sup> to October 1<sup>st</sup> this year. Banned Books Week started in 1982 as a way to celebrate freedom of speech and raise awareness for challenged and banned books. Since its founding, over 11,300 books have been challenged, including religious books, classics like “To Kill a Mockingbird”, and more recent publications like “Looking for Alaska” and “Fifty Shades of Grey”, both of which landed on the top 10 most contested books of 2015 list.

The American Library Association released statistics from their Challenge Database tabulating the most common reasons for challenges and most common challengers. Between 1990 and 2009, sexually explicit material was rated the top reason for a challenge, while offensive language came in a hard second. The vast majority of challengers during this time were parents targeting books in school libraries. For more information visit <http://www.ala.org/bbooks/banned>.

Source: Challenges by reason, initiator & institution for 1990-2009. Retrieved from <http://www.ala.org/bbooks/frequentlychallengedbooks/statistics>



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### Libraries Contact Information:

**Evans:**

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**West Campus:**

979.862.1983

**Medical Science:**

979.845.7428

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[wcl.library.tamu.edu](http://wcl.library.tamu.edu) under Quick Links!

Copies of the newsletter are available at the Ask Us Desk.