The Library staff are enthusiastic about the upcoming school year, and we’re excited to see the new Library Commons filled with students. The Commons fits perfectly with our ongoing Love, Your Library initiative to offer the Library as community space on campus. We hope to see it filled with students working on group or individual projects, hosting club meetings, or simply spending time with their friends in between classes. The Commons isn’t the only change to the Library over the summer: we moved our popular fiction, Appalachian, and Young Adult collections to the computer lab to create more study spaces to meet the increasing demand for space in the Library.

Our popular Love, Your Library events will continue this fall starting with Nacho Average Library to welcome and introduce students to the not-you’re-average-Library services we offer. During the entire month of October we will offer Boxtober events--stay tuned for more info--and the week before finals we will have our 3rd annual Cookies, Coffee, Coloring event. Students, faculty, and staff have been enthusiastic and supportive of these events, and we’re proud to offer events and services that promote community on campus. One new service we’re thrilled to host this semester is a visit from the HABIT dogs.

In the Spring of 2016, we initiated the Library Ambassador program, and we chose 6 students to be the Library’s first student representatives. They promoted our Instagram, spread the word about our events, made signs, and gave us some great suggestions. We look forward to continuing this program this year. Please encourage your students to apply!

The design of the Library Commons reflects the ways the Library staff have observed students using the Library: a comfortable place to come between or after classes to do homework and see their friends. We ask for student feedback on a regular basis, and one request we heard over and over was that students wanted more individual study spaces, so we purchased six private cubicles with comfortable chairs so that students can have a quiet, private space in which to study. We also heard students ask for more group study spaces, and we purchased several group study tables and workstations.

The Commons is going to be the place to be on campus and will contribute to sense of community at Walters State.

Dr. Posey, Dean of Library Services, explains the concept of the design: “When we designed the commons, we kept in mind that many of our students may have an hour or two between classes. We wanted to add some space for those students.” Audrey Shoemaker adds, “now students can spend all day on campus by coming to the Library Commons between their classes.” “Students often tell us,” notes Julie Lewis, “that they can concentrate better in the Library than they can at home.”
WE'RE NACHO AVERAGE LIBRARY.

NACHO AVERAGE LIBRARY: We will be serving free nachos on Tuesday and Wednesday of the first week of school as a way to welcome students to the Library and to the new semester. We will have information about our services, and the Library Ambassadors will have a sign-up booth for new applicants. Come let us show you how we're nacho average Library!

BOXTOBER: We'll have a full month of activities for our first Boxtober! Our star event is a giant box puzzle competition for students around midterms week for a quick break from studying. Winners will get a prize. Stay tuned for more details!

COLORING, COOKIES, COFFEE: Our third annual CCC is an event you don’t want to miss. Students, faculty, and staff love our holiday decorations, fresh coffee, holiday themed coloring pages, and of course, the cookies! We have an extra special treat this year—it’ll be pretty “pawesome!” See below for details.
NEW READING ROOM BOOKS
Visit the Reading Room or library.ws.edu/readingroom to view all 48 new books. Email tiffany.delias@ws.edu to have a book sent in campus mail.

Tiffany Delias has lived in the Lakeway area for most of her life. She graduated from Morristown West, then Carson-Newman University, where she was Outstanding Graduate for the English department. At CNU, Tiffany played varsity Women's Tennis, completed the Honor's Program, and participated as a Communication's team leader for Baptist Collegiate Ministries. She enjoys being involved in the community as Assistant Tennis Coach for Morristown East and as a leader of a small group of high school girls at Arrowhead Church. One of Tiffany's favorite parts of working at the Library is the opportunity to assist her small group girls, tennis players, and other community friends as they attend WSU. Many of them are intimidated coming to college, and she's glad to be here as a familiar face to make the transition from high school to college a little easier.

Tiffany has worked in the Library for 3 years, and in between answering scores of student questions, she plans Love, Your Library events, leads the Library Ambassador program, manages the Library social media (follow @fishmanlibrary on Insta!), writes and edits reports, and writes and designs this newsletter. She treasures working at the Library with supportive, fun, and creative coworkers, whom she also considers friends.

Tiffany's hobbies include reading (she's in a Very Exclusive Book Club), playing tennis (she's forever working to improve her serve), learning woodworking (recently built a bookshelf!), learning to play piano (taking weekly lessons here at WS), overusing parenthesis in introductory posts, traveling, hiking and camping around Appalachia, making Casey Fielden do silly things for Library social media, creating massive Spotify playlists, watching classic films, shopping at thrift stores and yard sales, and eating excessive amounts of chips and salsa with her friends. Tiffany shares a very meowy cat named Bellamy with her next-door neighbors.

Tiffany begins attending ETSU in the fall to pursue her Masters in Brand and Media Strategy.
The 2017 chapter of Phi Theta Kappa donated board games for student use in the Library. PTK officers wanted to continue the success of board game nights, which PTK offered several times at the Library last year. Students can check out the pieces to board games at the circulation desk for in-house use. The board games are located on the first floor, near the Commons. Thanks PTK!