

National Library Week April 11-17 Being Celebrated by SWOSU Library

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The Al Harris Library at Southwestern Oklahoma State University is celebrating National Library Week April 11-17 by supporting the national campaign of READ with a poster exhibition of SWOSU faculty who support benefits and value of reading.

Jason Dupree, head of AHL public services, said the library will host a talk on the favorite books of faculty, staff and students on Wednesday, April 14, at 3 p.m. and these favorite books will be showcased in a library display.

Throughout the week, students can enter a chance to win a prize giveaway for the best excuse contest. Dupree said the library is looking for the most creative excuses for why library materials are late.

The library will kick off a week-long Earth Day-Reduce Your Carbon Footprint campaign ending on April 22 when all episodes of the Discovery Channel's series *Planet Earth* will air throughout the day in the News Room. To end National Library Week on Friday, anyone can pick up a bag of popcorn at the front desk to munch on as they head to class or sit down to study.

"Libraries are the heart of every community and our library helps our community thrive," Dupree said. "At our library, people of all backgrounds come together for student meetings, lectures and programs, to do research with the assistance of a trained professional by using our Ask a Librarian service, to get help writing a paper, or simply find a quiet place to study."

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

For more information, visit the Al Harris Library at SWOSU, call 774-3031 or see the library's web site at <http://www.swosu.edu/library>.