



# RANGER COLLEGE INSIDE STUDENT SERVICES



GETTING TO KNOW...  
DIRECTOR OF SECURITY  
DARRELL FOX

WHEN DID YOU BEGIN SERVING AT  
RANGER COLLEGE?  
JANUARY 1, 2008

WHERE WERE YOU BORN?  
RANGER, TEXAS

FAVORITE LOCAL RESTAURANT  
LA FINCA

WHAT IS YOUR IDEAL VACATION  
DESTINATION?  
NORTH CAROLINA

WHAT IS A BOOK, MOVIE, OR SERIES  
RECOMMENDATION?  
N/A

GUILTY PLEASURE  
MOWING THE GRASS

MEANINGFUL RANGER COLLEGE  
MEMORY  
1979 FOOTBALL NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

CARING CAMPUS MOMENT  
STILL IN PROGRESS





It feels good to  
**feel well.**

meta  
teletherapy

# SOCIAL MEDIA POST OF THE WEEK



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Big things are happening at Ranger College! After months of planning and collaboration, we're excited to share some incredible news tomorrow. Stay tuned—you won't want to miss this! [#Growth](#) [#Expansion](#) [#RangerCollege](#)







# BLOOD *Drive*

Receive a hooded long sleeve!\*



Jaden from Grand Prairie, TX  
Blood Recipient

**Monday, January 27, 2025**  
**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

Schedule an  
appointment



**CarterBloodCare.org**  
**800-366-2834 | Text CBCDonate to 999-777**

\*While supplies last. Appreciation gifts may be substituted for a different gift.

**Ranger College**  
Carter BloodCare Bus  
1240 College Circle  
Ranger, TX 76470



# MORE THAN JUST BOOKS

## BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF LIBRARY SERVICES, JON HALL

FACULTY MEMBERS, BEFORE YOU CONTINUE READING, GATHER TOGETHER EVERY OTHER NEARBY FACULTY MEMBER OR STUDENT. THE GOLEMON LIBRARY IS IMPLEMENTING A SERVICE THAT IS LONG OVERDUE FOR THIS COLLEGE, TOOK ME FIVE YEARS TO LAY THE GROUNDWORK FOR A SUCCESSFUL IMPLEMENTATION, AND IS TANTALIZINGLY CLOSE TO BEING READY FOR USE.

OKAY, NOW THAT EVERYONE IS PAYING ATTENTION, THE LIBRARY HAS PARTNERED WITH EBSCO TO IMPLEMENT WHAT IS KNOWN AS A DISCOVERY LAYER. DISCOVERY LAYERS EXPAND THE CAPABILITIES OF A TRADITIONAL OPAC (ONLINE PUBLIC ACCESS CATALOG) AND SIMPLIFY THE SEARCH PROCESS FOR USERS LIKE YOU, YOUR FELLOW PROFESSORS, AND THE STUDENTS FROM WHOM YOU ARE EXPECTING TO RECEIVE ASSIGNMENT SUBMISSIONS THAT ARE WELL RESEARCHED AND CORRECTLY CITED.

THE EBSCO DISCOVERY SERVICE (EDS) IS CODE THAT IS EMBEDDED INTO THE HTML OF THE CURRENT SEARCH BAR ON OUR LIBRARY WEBSITE TO ENHANCE ITS CAPABILITIES. IN THE PAST WHEN YOU INITIATED A SEARCH, THE OPAC WOULD ONLY RETURN RESULTS FROM THE BOOKS ON OUR SHELVES. HAVING A SEARCH TOOL CAPABLE OF ONLY SEARCHING THE BOOK COLLECTION, MADE OUR OPAC ESSENTIALLY WORTHLESS AS A FINDING TOOL. PREVIOUSLY, IF YOU NEEDED A VARIETY OF RESEARCH TOOLS IN SEVERAL DIFFERENT FORMATS, YOU WOULD HAVE TO FIRST SEARCH THE OPAC FOR BOOKS, THEN SEARCH THE TEXSHARE DATABASES FOR JOURNAL ARTICLES AND E-BOOKS. NEWSPAPER ARTICLES FROM AMERICA'S NEWSBANK HAD TO BE SEARCHED USING THEIR PROPRIETARY SEARCH ENGINE. ADDITIONALLY, ALL OF THE MATERIALS FROM ANY OF THE MANY OPEN SOURCE DATABASES AND FREE VERSIONS OF PAY SITES WE HAVE COMPILED ON OUR A-Z LIST HAVE TO EACH BE SEARCHED INDIVIDUALLY.

THAT MAKES FOR A LOT OF SEARCHING AND TAKES A LOT OF MENTAL GYMNASTICS TO JUSTIFY THAT AMOUNT OF WORK TO FIND THE QUALITY AND VARIETY OF SOURCES NEEDED TO SATISFY THE REQUIREMENTS OF A COLLEGE ASSIGNMENT. INSTEAD OF JUMPING THROUGH ALL THOSE HOOPS, A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE OF OUR STUDENTS WILL SIMPLY TAKE THE ZERO OR TURN IN SOMETHING INCOMPLETE OR POORLY EXECUTED. AS YOUR LIBRARY DIRECTOR, I FELT A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF RESPONSIBILITY AND BLAME FOR THOSE POOR OUTCOMES BECAUSE THE LIBRARY RESOURCES TO WHICH THOSE STUDENTS WERE SUBJECT, WERE INADEQUATE FOR THE STUDENT'S NEEDS. PREVIOUS STUDENTS WERE HANDCUFFED TO AN OUTDATED TECHNOLOGY THAT, THROUGH MODERN INNOVATION, HAD BECOME OBSOLETE AND NO LONGER RELEVANT IN A HIGHER EDUCATION SETTING.

UPON IMPLEMENTATION, EDS WILL SEARCH ALL OF OUR LIBRARY RESOURCES SIMULTANEOUSLY AND RETURN RESULTS IN ALL THE DIFFERENT FORMATS TO WHICH WE HAVE ACCESS. IF YOU NEED A BOOK, IT WILL BRING BACK RESULTS FROM THE PHYSICAL COLLECTION BUT IT WILL ALSO SEARCH THE 300,000 PLUS EBOOK TITLES TO WHICH WE SUBSCRIBE THROUGH TEXSHARE, EBSCO, AND PROQUEST. A SINGLE, INITIAL LOGIN TO START THE SESSION WILL ALLOW YOU TO BYPASS THE LOGIN PROCESS FOR EACH INDIVIDUAL RESOURCE. THIS MEANS THAT EVERY CATALOG SEARCH WILL SOON RETURN A COMPREHENSIVE LIST OF RESOURCES BASED ON YOUR SEARCH PARAMETERS.

DISCOVERY LAYERS ARE A RELATIVELY NEW TECHNOLOGY IN ACADEMIC LIBRARIES, BORN OUT OF A DESIRE TO RECREATE THE GOOGLE SEARCH EXPERIENCE FROM A STANDALONE OPAC. ANY MAJOR UNIVERSITY WILL HAVE THIS SERVICE EMBEDDED IN THE SEARCH ENGINE ON THEIR LIBRARY WEBSITE. THIS UPGRADE WILL BOOST THE COLLEGE'S RESEARCH TOOLS AND ABILITIES TO A LEVEL ON PAR WITH ANY OF THE MOST WELL-FUNDED COMMUNITY COLLEGES IN TEXAS. WITH AN ALMOST IDENTICAL LOOK AND FEEL TO THE LIBRARY SEARCH ENGINES AT UNIVERSITIES ACROSS THE COUNTRY, RANGER COLLEGE GRADUATES WILL LEAVE HERE WITH ANOTHER SKILL TO IMPROVE THEIR CHANCES OF SUCCEEDING AT THE NEXT LEVEL. STAY TUNED FOR UPDATES AND A GO-LIVE DATE.

