"By 2021, according to another research firm, Ovum, there will be almost as many voice-activated assistants on the planet as people. It took about 30 years for mobile phones to outnumber humans. Alexa and her ilk may get there in less than half that time." Privacy concerns notwithstanding, it looks like people are willing to concede the future to Google and Amazon—at least in much the same way that the recent past belonged to Microsoft and Apple. The adage that whoever controls the flow of information controls you only applies if you allow yourself to be deceived. "All truth is God’s truth" means that everything else is a lie. That’s why it is so important to learn to evaluate the reliability of information. The only power Satan can have over us is by deceiving us (the original fake news). "Information is power" was the line that Satan used to tempt Adam and Eve to try to be gods unto themselves. Knowing things is powerful, but it does not place you in charge. It only makes you more effective in the role in which you apply your knowledge, whether that role is in service to the One Who really is in charge or the one who is still and always will be just a wanna-be. If you accept what you hear, read, etc. indiscriminately without evaluation (judging according to the flesh or by appearance), as the world does, you are vulnerable to deception. But if you “judge righteous judgement” as we are commanded to do by Christ (Jn. 7:24) you exercise the power of information not to deceive, but to combat deception, and by extension to combat Satan’s power.

- Dr. Gary Fitsimmons

HAPPENING IN THE LIBRARY THIS MONTH

National Candy Corn Day 🍁alloween
October 31st – Due to the library being closed for the majority of the day on October 30th, we will observe National Candy Corn Day on Halloween this year! Visit the library Friday, October 31st for a candy corn treat.

Open Access Week 📖
October 21st-25th – Open for Whom? Equity in Open Knowledge
How can open access benefit you? This week in the library learn what open access means and how open access resources can benefit you!

FALL BREAK HOURS
The library will close at 5pm on Friday, Oct. 11th and remain closed through Sunday, Oct. 13th. The library will be open 8am-5pm Monday, Oct. 14th-Thursday, Oct. 17th and be closed again Friday, Oct. 18th-Saturday, Oct. 19th. Regular semester hours will resume Sunday night, Oct. 20th.

DATABASE SPOTLIGHT
Yewno
Tying together interdisciplinary fields of study, Yewno visually guides students and helps them uncover connections in research they may not know existed, thus bolstering their scope and understanding of a particular subject area.

Click here to access Yewno: https://library.bryan.edu/yewno
Watch Yewno tutorials here: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL40S6MStAPwYy-2V-TRJ8K3U09t5m01

VOTER REGISTRATION DAY REPORT
Thank you to everyone who participated in the library's Voter Registration Day event. We had a great turn out!
- 14 students registered to vote
- 7 students checked their registration online
- 2 students inquired about absentee ballots
If you missed the Registration event and would still like to register to vote, it’s not too late. Stop by Erin Sanchez's office in the library for help registering or you can register online at https://library.bryan.edu/vote

MIDTERM STUDYING ACCESSORIES
- Studying for midterms? Each study room in the library is equipped with a whiteboard for you to use. Dry erase markers are available to check out at the library front desk.
- Forget your earbuds in the dorm? We've got you covered! The front desk has headphones you can check out.
- Need to block out all the noise? There will be a box of earplugs at the front desk through midterms.

NEW IN THE LIBRARY
Board Game Collection
You can now check out board games at the library! The games are located at the library front desk. Check one out with your student ID card, and challenge your friends to a Monopoly study break!