Texas author Joe Nick Patoski of Wimberley, TX received the 2009 TCU Texas Book award for his biography, *Willie Nelson: An Epic Life*. The award is sponsored by the Friends of the TCU Library and the TCU Press and is presented biannually to the author of the best book about Texas.

Due to the generous gift honoring Bob Newkirk from Mr. and Mrs. Paul Andrews, the library has hired Cannon Design to develop a feasibility study for a building addition and renovation. Though still early in the project, the library architectural team has had multiple meetings with library and campus administrators. The plan is being coordinated with the Campus Master Plan.

A few trends are already apparent: the project will include a new front entrance and significant renovations within the building. The additional building space will be used for seating capacity rather than book storage. A mixture of open stack shelving and an Automated Storage and Retrieval System (high density storage) will enable the library to expand to the east and north sides of the current building.
- Enhancing the TCU University Experience: The Library’s Strategic Plan, 2009-2012

- Significant New Databases, Newly Processed Archival Manuscripts, and Rare Books

**Processed Manuscripts**

Over 190 linear feet of collected papers and archival manuscripts were processed including the following collections: Amon G. Carter, M. E. Sadler, Dave Oliphant, and James M. Moudy

**New Databases**

- American History in Video
- Dance in Video
- Mergent Online
- Nineteenth Century UK Periodicals
- Opera in Video

**Rare Books**

Major print acquisitions in Special Collections included: James Hutton, *Theory of the Earth* (1795); Anthony Trollope, *The prime minister* (in 8 original cloth-bound parts); Anthony Trollope, *The vicar of Bullhampton* (in original parts), and Anthony Trollope, *Orley Farm* (in original parts)

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**Vision Statement**

To enhance the university experience by creating a world-class library that facilitates exploration and scholarship.

**Mission Statement**

To provide intellectual resources, innovative technology tools, and an inspiring physical and virtual environment to serve TCU’s diverse community of learners, supported by approachable and resourceful staff.

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### Library Hours extended to 24 hours, 5 days a week

In the fall of 2008, the Library began providing 24/5 service hours from the Information Commons, Sunday noon through Friday evening. Two third-shift lab managers were hired to staff the IC. Gate statistics show that over 4,000 students entered the Library during these new hours at least once each semester. New security measures involved closing off wings of the building and restricting access after midnight to those with a TCU ID Card. Head counts taken during the semesters document that over 100 people are in the building around 1 a.m. on most nights. This number drops to around 30 students around 3:00 a.m. By 5:00 a.m., the number of students climbs again. Most of the students in the building during the new hours were juniors and seniors (data from turnstile counts).