

Cheng Chat by Beth Ann Bates



Warm Up with a Cool Book

What do you like to read? Everyone knows that the Cheng Library has thousands of books and ebooks of an academic nature. Titles about history, nursing, art, music, anthropology, and just about any other subject that is offered at WPU are in the Library's collections. We take the responsibility of choosing and organizing these titles very seriously, but we know that students, faculty, and staff read for pleasure too.

Often this "leisure reading" is of a very different type of book. Sure, there are a few scholarly types who read serious educational books in their spare time, but most of us reach for novels by James Patterson or Janet Evanovich when we want to put our feet up at home. Did you know that Cheng Library has some of those books too?

On the first floor of the library is a small collection of books called the "Leisure Lounge." These are recently published titles selected for their popular appeal. We try to have something for everyone, including books by well-known fiction authors like Stephen King, Lee Child, and Dean Koontz as well as great fiction by up-and-coming authors whom you may not have read yet.

The Leisure Lounge collection also includes a wide variety of non-fiction books, such as celebrity autobiographies by Victor Cruz, Chelsea Handler, and Ozzy Osbourne. Other autobiographies include I am Malala: The Girl Who Stood up for Education and was Shot by the Taliban, My Brief History by Stephen Hawking, and My Story by Elizabeth Smart. The collection includes cookbooks, books on nutrition and dieting, and how to books for many activities and skills.

Maybe you have an unruly pet at home and need The Cat Whisperer: Why Cats Do What They Do—and How to Get Them to Do What You Want! Or are you looking to improve your mind with Power Foods for the Brain: An Effective 3-Step Plan to Protect Your Mind and Strengthen Your Memory?

If you really want a break from your school work, we have titles that you may recognize from television and movies, including: Orange is the New Black, Fifty Shades of Grey (and the two sequels), The Fault in Our Stars, and Water for Elephants.

Come in and browse the Leisure Lounge recreational reading collection, and take a break from your academic reading! Leisure Lounge books may be borrowed for two weeks at a time (with one renewal!).

New books are chosen regularly by a library committee and we'd love to hear your suggestions. We welcome your feedback; feel free to email me at batesb@wpunj.edu with your ideas.