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"Your Doorway to
Scholarly Research"

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From the Director ...

We've started another exciting new year and we continue to expand our serves to meet the information needs of the U. T. Tyler community. The number one request from the users who responded to our last survey was for extended hours. We are glad to announce that starting this Fall we have extended our hours to midnight, Sundays through Thursdays.

With the use of LERR Funds (Library, Equipment, Renovation & Repair) from U. T. System we will be adding significantly to the Library's collection in Nursing and Health Sciences. In addition, we are the first Library in the nation to purchase all of the Springer eBook collections for 2005, 2006 and 2007. Springer is the largest science, technology and medicine book publisher in the world.

Summer Weeding! ...by Vandy Dubre

If you visited the library this summer, you may have noticed carts of books being marked out and taken away. Over the years the library stacks get crowded. Although individual parts of our collection have been "culled" the last major "weeding" was in 1981 when we moved into our current building. As our enrollment increases, new programs are added and departments get library material grants, we run out of space. Some of the books that were removed from our collection were sent to Brook Hill School in Bullard. This process helps make the library safer, eliminating the need to stand on tiptoes or crawl on your belly to get a book!

Many of the books that were weeded were acquired through public or professorial donations from the 1970's & 80's. The topics were quite varied. Some of my favorites were, *Design and Print Your Own Posters*, 1979, *Crock Pot Cooking*, 1982, *How to Water-Ski*, 1973

The College of Business & Technology provided funds for us to obtain materials for the Human Resources Development program. Funds from that college also enabled us to provide access to ABI/Inform---a key online resource to business news and research.

The Rotary Club of Tyler has generously contributed to our growing collection by donating books in honor of each of their guest speakers. In the past each speaker was given a small memento, but now they are given a certificate denoting the donation. "The Rotary likes it because it nurtures future Rotarians," states Jesse Acosta. "The Speakers appreciate it because they feel their talk was valued and they are helping to support a worthwhile educational cause."

and my absolute favorite: *Hot Tubs All Year Round* from 1979.

Some of the books were on topics never taught at this university while others were textbooks from courses not taught in a decade or more.

Don't worry, not everything old has been discarded. Each topic has its own set of weeding rules. A copy of Moby Dick from 1931 is still as valid as one from 2004. The nursing department, on the other hand, does not allow research materials to be over five years old unless they are of historical value. And of course, everything was inspected by our historical expert, Vicki Betts, cataloguing librarian. If she said it stayed, then it stayed.

We still have areas that need improvement as far as book purchasing. We hope this will help highlight our weaker areas as we strive to improve our library collection and environment.

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We Say Goodbye to an Old Friend ...by Vandy Dubre



Jeanne Pyle, David Hamblin & Vandy Dubre at Going Away Party

David volunteered his time and degree for use by the Library when we needed it most.

He recently obtained a Full time Librarian job at Longview Public Library. I have known David for many years, both through our struggles of obtaining Masters of Library Science degrees, and as a librarian & co-worker. I understand how truly dedicated he was as a Lab Technician here at the University, and I know him to be a hard working, caring individual. We are all sad to see him go and wish him luck and happiness in his new endeavors.

Referring to Reference ...by Vandy Dubre

"Guard your P2 card like a credit card."



We welcome Ricky Ashby to the Reference Staff

We have made a few changes in the Reference department since last spring. Hopefully more will come in the next few semesters, but here are the newest additions.

The Pharos Printing System is something I hope you have all experienced, since it was implemented last April. This system allows you to use your student ID or P2 card to retrieve your printing. Just swipe your card, pick your print job (which you named at the computer), and select print. However, please remember to log off your account. We have three print stations so if someone is at the first station, just step to the next one. If you do not have your P2 card you can still receive your printing, by paying for it at the Circulation Desk.

I would also like to introduce the newest member of the Reference Team: Ricky Ashby. Ricky recently graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Theatre from UT Tyler. Perhaps you remember him from his artwork or cheerful demeanor at Blends and Brews. He enjoys the outdoors and playing the banjo. Ricky is a valued member of our team and is as dedicated as the rest of us at giving you the best service we can. Remember, he's fun, he's witty, and he's waiting to answer your questions.

Just a friendly reminder; guard your passwords and P2 card like a credit card. It can be used as a debit card just like your bank card so if you lose it, please report it and get a new one so you do not lose the money you have.

Welcome to Our New University Archivist



Deirdre Joyce is the new University Archivist at the Robert R. Muntz Library. She holds two master's degrees from the University of Wisconsin - Madison, one in history and the other in library and information studies - and received her bachelor's degree in history from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, Minnesota. Her primary interests are in rare books and manuscripts and how these are used in modern research, most recently working as a graduate assistant in the Department of Special Collections at the UW. Originally from Minneapolis, Minnesota, Deirdre has worked in a variety of environments giving her a wealth of dynamic experience, including such non-library fields as restaurant management, engineering support, and computer science. She is excited about the opportunities offered at U. T. Tyler and looks forward to being a contributing member of our growing academic environment.

ERES Update ...by Penny Reynolds

Oh, how times have changed!

Let's take a walk down Memory Lane.....to a time (not too terribly long ago) when a Professor would assign an article for the whole class to read and then tell their students the article had been placed on RESERVE at the Library. And the students thought - Oh goody - a trip to the Library....NOT! The Professor would provide their only copy to the Library - one copy for the whole class, which meant only one person could read the article at a time, during the time the Library was physically open. Oh, how times have changed! Now, you can actually view the article(s) your Professor has asked you to read from the privacy of your own computer, any time, any where! Have you ever heard of ERES? ERES stands for "electronic reserves". ERES is a user-friendly, web-based, password-protected software program, which allows students to easily access reserve material from any computer with internet access! And did you know, your Library provides this fantastic service for our students and faculty?

Get ILL at Your Library!

Have you ever come into the Library, checked the online catalog and databases only to find the library does not own the particular titles that you need? Your face gets a bit red, your heart starts to beat a little too fast and you start to panic! You wonder, "now what am I going to do!"

Well, I'll tell you what you're going to do - you're going to get ILL! No, not sick, ILL, as in Interlibrary Loan.

Located in Room 221 of the Library, the Interlibrary Services Department (ILS) can help you by locating the information you need & retrieving it from other institutions. This service, provided to currently enrolled distance learners, students, faculty and staff, includes

You say, COOL BEANS! GEE WHIZ! MY WORD! HOLEY MOLEY! GEEPERS KREEPERS! WHOA, MAYNARD! (PICK JUST ONE) I didn't know that! Well, now you do!

Faculty submitted materials are converted into an electronic file by library personnel. The files are then stored on a database, which can be downloaded, and either printed to hardcopy or viewed electronically. This database is accessible to registered students and faculty, 24/7. Course syllabi, sample exams, lecture notes, problem sets, and articles from journals, short chapters from books, PowerPoint presentations, color images and links to websites represent the types of materials that can be made available to you from any computer with internet access! Each course offering electronic reserve material has its own password protected webpage. Each webpage comes with a real-time chat room option that allows students and faculty to communicate with each other outside of class. Oh! How times have changed.

...by Penny Reynolds

locating books, theses, and articles that are not owned/subscribed to, by our Library. We have requested and received items from the obscure *Senckenbergiana Biologica* to the not so obscure *Bessie Smith's Songbook* which includes songs like "Gimme a Pigfoot and a Bottle of Beer!" (Yummy!)

The ILS Department has access to more than 43 million records in over 6700 libraries, resource centers and documents suppliers, worldwide.

What will it cost you? Good news! We do not charge you unless we are charged by the lending library.

For more information regarding policies, please check out our website at <http://library.utt Tyler.edu/ILL.HTM> and call Penny Reynolds at 566-7396 for any questions that you may have!

Library Assistant, Jan Harp, would be more than happy to answer any questions you have concerning ERES as well as provide class presentations once your materials have been placed on electronic reserve! You may contact Jan at extension 5541 or call Penny Reynolds at 7396, for more information.



University Archives News ...by Deirdre Joyce

The University Archives at the Robert L. Muntz Library are back! For researchers and students interested in the history of the University, the Tyler/Smith County area, and the region of East Texas, this is a promising development. As the Archives staff works to prepare materials in our holdings for use, we hope to keep interested parties informed of the exciting developments taking place here.

Our first order of business will be the preparation of the Bill Ratliff papers,

former Lieutenant Governor of Texas and a state senator from Mt. Pleasant. The university archives hold these papers in a custody arrangement with the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. In addition to the papers, the university has obtained a large collection of memorabilia and personal artifacts, much of which is now on display in the new Ratliff Suite in the south building of the Bill Ratliff Engineering complex. This display is currently being set up for the dedication of the building, which will take place on November 2.

New Student Emails ...by Penny Reynolds

Out with the old; in with the new!

If you do not know about your new student email address, please visit <http://stemail.uttyl.edu/> and follow the directions there to activate your new address. All fines, bill notices and correspondence from the Library Circulation and Interlibrary Loan Departments are sent to you at your new student email address. If you have problems with activation, please contact the Campus Computing Center in Room 101 of the Business Building.

Recent Events ...by Joanne Buendtner

Welcome Ann Darnley!

Ann is our newest addition to the Circulation Desk team. She is a part-time Library Assistant II, supervising the Circulation counter on Saturdays and various other times during the week. Please stop by and meet Ann!

Goodbye and Good Luck to Michael Porter. Our former Distance Ed Librarian is pursuing a PhD from Florida State University. We are conducting a search for a qualified librarian to fill the position he vacated.

Service Awards

At the Fall Convocation 2 of our Library Staff received awards for 25 years of service. Congrats to Marianna Cunningham and Joanne Buendtner! Library Director, Jeanne Pyle received a 5 year service award. Way to go!

Day of Remembrance

The Muntz Library participated in the campus wide 9-11 tribute by sponsoring a Chorale Reading made up of excerpts from famous American speeches throughout history. Tyler Public Library co-sponsored the reading under the direction of Evelyn James, Events Coordinator. Volunteer readers included U. T. Tyler faculty members; Drs. David Beams, Michael Eidenmuller, Sarah Del Collo, James Newsom and Victor Scherb. The event took place on the stage in the University Center at Noon.

Banned Books

The Muntz library, in conjunction with the American Library Association observes Banned Books Week each year in October. This year we held our "Read-Out" on the beautiful new Harvey Lake Deck on September 28. The weather was perfect! Faculty, staff and students read selections of their own choosing from books that have been banned or challenged. What a great way to celebrate our intellectual Freedom!