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Muntz Library Musings

The Prijedor: Lives from the Bosnian Genocide Exhibit
- Isabel Altamirano, STEM Librarian

“The Prijedor: Lives from the Bosnian Genocide” exhibit arrived at the Muntz Library on March 10, 2014. It resides in the living room section of the library until April 7th. The display consists of 32 panels and a 40-minute video with original photographs and testimony from survivors.

Jeanne Standley, Directory of the Muntz Library, received an email from William A. McWhorter of the Texas Historical Commission; he asked whether Standley would be interested in hosting the exhibit. After saying yes, the exhibit arrived here a few months later and is the 4th of 8 Texas venues participating in this event.

This part of eastern Europe was an area of conquest, starting in the 14th century. Many different religions and ethnic groups settled in the area formerly known as Yugoslavia during the rule of Marshal Tito. When Tito died in 1980, many countries were formed from Yugoslavia.

Orthodox Christian Serbians felt that Bosnia should be free of two religious groups: Muslims and Catholics. So, in the 1990s, there was a holocaust, known as “ethnic cleansing” in Bosnia. The exhibit tells of the story of one city, Prijedor, and its troubles between 1992 & 1995.

The Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission serves as sponsor. More information is available from: http://thgc.texas.gov/resources-for-education/resource/prijedor-lives-from-the-bosnian-genocide-exhibit

We want to know...
- April Borromeo, Reference and Outreach Library Assistant

If you could change one thing about the library, what would you change?

“I’m satisfied. I can’t really think of anything.” - Tara Henry, Senior, Psychology

“To me it’s just an excellent place. I don’t think there’s anything to change.”
- Chipo Miles, Junior, Nursing

“Nothing, I like it.” - Edgar Robles, Freshman, Business

“Maybe extend weekend hours. Add an extra hour on Fridays.”
- Esmeralda Cruz, Sophomore, Nursing

In each issue of Muntz Library Musings, “We want to know...” will feature a question directed at library patrons to give opportunity to express their views.

Library Stats

The Library is a very busy place. We serve thousands of patrons each month and we loan numerous books, articles and spaces. The stats below are from January thru March.

- Gate Count: 49,680
- Questions Asked & Answered
  - Jan—498
  - Feb—634
  - Mar—527
  - Total = 1,659
- Classes Taught: 32
- Advanced and Research Consults 526
- Interlibrary Loan: 1,452 requests
- Circulation: 2,026 and 612 (ILL) = 2,741
- Study Room Checkouts: 1,156

eBooks Used Calendar Year 2013
23,560

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Alma Ravenell  
Public Services Librarian

It is now the time of the year that librarians love, treasure, and look forward to: National Library Week! Library staff and library lovers will be busy preparing for various events and festivities.

Some libraries will have the privilege of hosting well-known authors, celebrities, scholars, or politicians. Some communities and friends groups will honor library staff with a breakfast or luncheon. Some will celebrate simultaneously with Poetry Month and Shakespeare’s birthday (they are also in April).

There is no right or wrong way to recognize this week. The important thing is that we celebrate libraries!

Libraries are evolving and changing. Today there is even a library in Texas that is totally bookless, but yet, it’s still a library. They still realize the need to employ librarians and other library staff to assist the patrons which use it.

I just love libraries! And I hope you do too! National Library Week is April 13-19. The library will have a special poster display during the week.

"Libraries are anything but quiet: they resound with centuries of knowledge and human experience -- and I can think of no more perfect music!"  
Kristen Kittscher (Author)
Events at Muntz Library!

Muntz Library Staff are excited about existing and upcoming displays and events!

Events:
• National Library Week (April 13-19)
• The Prijedor: Lives from the Bosnian Genocide Exhibit continues through April 7th.
• World Book Night is April 23rd
• The "Peeps" Diorama Contest in honor of William Shakespeare's birthday: April 22-25

Displays:
• Poetry month—3rd Floor
• 2014 Pulitzer’ Prize Winners—2nd Floor
• The Red River Campaign - 3rd floor of the library.
• Preservation Week - 2nd Floor April 27th through May 3rd.
• What a UT Tyler Librarian Looks Like—2nd Floor

We hope you will be able to view or participate in some of the really great things that are happening at the library this month.

Notable Displays at Muntz Library

Two very special displays during the month of March were: “The Monuments Men”, coordinated by Vandy Dubre and a display featuring “Suffragettes of Smith County” by Vicki Betts. These displays were in direct support of two very important events on campus. Robert Edsel, the author of the Monuments Men gave a lecture on campus and March was Women's History Month. Ms. Betts gave an outstanding presentation on her subject matter.
Dr. Spencer Acadia  
(Reference Librarian)
Submitted a paper he co-authored on “Selection, Implementation, and Behavioral Considerations for Knowledge Management Tool Adoption”, which has been accepted for the 2014 IFLA Conference in Lyons, France.
Dr. Acadia has been teaching a class on Psychology of Gender this semester. He has plans to teach this summer and the coming fall.
Additionally, Dr. Acadia has written a review on the SpringerLink database for sociological and anthropological research.

Vicki Betts  
(Reference Librarian)  
Gave a presentation on “The Suffragettes of Smith County to three different groups: Confederate Reunion Grounds State Historic Site in Mexia, Tyler Race Relations Forum at Tyler Public Library and the Munz Library.
Ms. Betts presented “Sex and the Progressive Era City” to Meadow Lake Retirement Center and the Daughters of the Republic of Texas.
She also accompanied the University’s Webb Historical Society to San Antonio, March 9-11.
This month she was named to the editorial board of Chronicles of Smith County, Texas, and is working with Dr. Clair Robertson, on ideas for an upcoming exhibit on Civil War history at the Tyler Museum of Art.

Ann Darnley  
(Library Assistant)  
Became the new Circulation Supervisor November 2013. Ann has worked at Munz Library since August 2006.

Alma Ravenell  
(Public Services Librarian)  
Volunteered at the Teacher Fair on March 28th. Alma also attended a Library Summit at Wiley College and a meeting with The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI) to determine the library's involvement.

Vandy Dubre  
(Reference Librarian)  
Attended the Music Librarian Association Annual Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia Feb 25th – Mar 3rd.

Jeanne Standley  
(Director of the Library)  
Worked with Measurement, Assessment, and Evaluation Section (MAES) of LLAMA to create a webinar. She serves as liaison (and Board Member) for a state wide working group on a ‘shared print collections’ solution with the Texas Council of Academic Libraries (TCAL).
In January she attended the ALA Midwinter meeting in Philadelphia. She serves on the legislative committee of TLA.
Ms. Standley is planning for the East Texas Book Fest to be held on Saturday, September 13th, 2014. She is Chair.

Library Staff  
Attended the Robert Edsel lecture at the Cowan Center on March 25th.

Library Staff  
Participated in the Greek Life faculty and staff appreciation breakfast on April 2nd.

Isabel Altamirano  
(Reference Librarian)  
Visited the Houston campus to update our faculty, students and staff.

Librarians  
Visited The University of North Texas for a North Texas Library Assessment Winter Meeting January 17th.

Tiffany LeMaistre  
(Acquisitions Librarian)  
Took part in the UT System Collections Group Meeting March 28th.

Jeanne Standley  &  Terra Bianchi  
(University Archivist Librarian)  
Attended the Texas Digital Library (TDL) meeting at TWU in January. The meeting covered services that the TDL can offer libraries, including digital repositories, faculty electronic journals, blog sites, and online conference management. After the meeting, attendees were given a tour of the TWU Library, allowing them to view good examples and gain new perspectives on library study space, services advertisement, and special collections exhibit space.
Antonio Cardenas accepted the Library Assistant position on December 11, 2013. He was born in Jacksonville, Texas and graduated from Jacksonville High School, then moved away to attend The University of Texas at San Antonio. He graduated with a B.A. in History.

In his spare time, Antonio enjoys jogging, watching sports (the Cowboys are a favorite), and spending time with family and friends. Anthony believes it’s very important for the Robert R. Muntz Library to provide a comfortable atmosphere to the students because great surroundings makes everyone feel right at home.

Please join us in welcoming Mr. Antonio Cardenas to our team! We look for great things to happen during his tenure.

"A library is a house of hope. It's a place where we all, whatever our situation, can feed our ideas and develop our dreams." Doug Wilhelm (Author)

NEW STUDENT ASSISTANTS

Rebecca McCord
UT Freshman. Assists in the Periodicals Department.

In her spare time, she enjoys reading and playing PS3.

Pernima Shrestha
UT Junior, Majors in Clinical Laboratory Science. Assists in the Circulation Department.

She is from Nepal and enjoys music, dancing and reading.

Linda Nguyen
UT Freshman, Majors in Psychology. Assists in the Circulation Department.

A Dallas, Texas native, she enjoys art, theatre, swimming, spending time with friends and books.

Muntz Library is pleased to announce the arrival of three new student assistants.

We look forward to continued outstanding service for our users with the combined efforts of these new students, returning students, and library staff.

THERAPETS ARE COMING!

Muntz Library is pleased to announce that we will have a very special treat for patrons during finals! PETS or Pets Eliminate The Stress. It is expected that our students (and staff) will enjoy this welcome break.

The guest animals are part of “Therapet: Animal Assisted Therapy” right here in Tyler. Their mission is to utilize specially trained and certified animals to promote health, hope and healing.

The Therapets will be at the library the following dates & times:

- May 5th - 2-4pm & 6:30-8:30pm
- May 6th - 2-4pm & 6:30-8:30pm
- May 7th - 2-4pm

Our trial of Public Documents Masterfile ends on April 10th. This database makes quality primary research easier. It enables a single search for indexes and records spanning over 200 years of U.S. Federal government information. (https://ezproxy.uttler.edu/login?url=http://documents.paratext.com/)
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University Archives and Special Collections (UASC)

-Terra Bianchi, Archivist Librarian

One of the most unique collections at the University Archives and Special Collections Department is the Tim Anthony Jackson Collection (TAJC).

Artifacts include campaign pins, posters, pennants, statues, masks, campaign literature, political novelties, and other items related to each presidential campaign through the years, covering a period of history from 1884 to present. These items are supplemented by a wide array of historical artifacts that extend back to the American Civil War (referencing the personal history of William McKinley), through the Spanish American War (Teddy Roosevelt), WWI (Woodrow Wilson), WWII (FDR and Truman), the Cold War, and continuing up through contemporary international affairs from the Iranian Hostage Crisis of Jimmy Carter to 9/11 and our present-day involvement with the Middle East.

In addition, the Tim Anthony Jackson Collection contains a wide variety of domestic historical artifacts dealing with women’s suffrage, civil rights, prohibition, American labor unions, religion, politics, patriotism, and a myriad of other social issues—all of which informed and influenced the character of each presidential election.

Researchers interested in viewing materials from the TAJC can visit the University Archives and Special Collections Department in LIB107 Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm, or view a small portion of digital images here. (http://archon.uttler.edu/index.php?p=digitallibrary/thumbnails&collectionid=29)

Dr. Spencer Acadia, Reference Librarian

PsycTESTS and PsycBOOKS – Two new database trials through June 30, 2014!

UT Tyler library has secured trials to the two databases PsycTESTS and PsycBOOKS. These databases are owned and operated by the American Psychological Association (APA) and contain a wealth of information for students and faculty regarding topics in psychology, education, nursing, health sciences, and other fields where the measurement of human attributes is important.

PsycTESTS1 “is a research database that provides access to psychological tests, measures, scales, surveys, and other assessments as well as descriptive information about the test and its development and administration.” Much—but not all—of the database is full-text, meaning the actual tests are immediately available for use in most cases.

PsycBOOKS2 “is a full-text database that provides electronic access to thousands of scholarly and professional titles published by APA, including recent titles in psychological and behavioral science, plus a substantial backfile of classic and creative works.” The database contains over 3,500 titles all in PDF format. The PDF format means that the books can be used by multiple users at the same time.

Our free trial to these databases lasts until June 30, 2014 so there is plenty of time for students and faculty to use them. The databases are accessible via the “Databases by Title” listing on the library website.

1 http://www.apa.org/pubs/databases/psyctests/
2 http://www.apa.org/pubs/databases/psycbooks/