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Library Hours Fall 2007

Mon. - Thurs.
7:30a.m. - 1:30a.m.
Friday
7:30a.m. - 8:00p.m.
Saturday
10:00a.m. - 8:00p.m.
Sunday
Noon - 1:30a.m.

Reference Services

Mon. - Thurs.
8:00a.m. - 10:00p.m.
Friday
8:00a.m. - 8:00p.m.
Saturday
10:00a.m. - 8:00p.m.
Sunday
Noon - 10:00p.m.

Library Media Center

Mon. - Thurs.
7:30a.m. - 1:15a.m.
Friday
7:30a.m. - 7:45p.m.
Saturday
10:00a.m. - 7:45p.m.
Sunday
2:00p.m. - 1:15a.m.

Library Instruction Center

Mon. - Thurs.
8:00a.m. - 12:00a.m.
Friday
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Sunday
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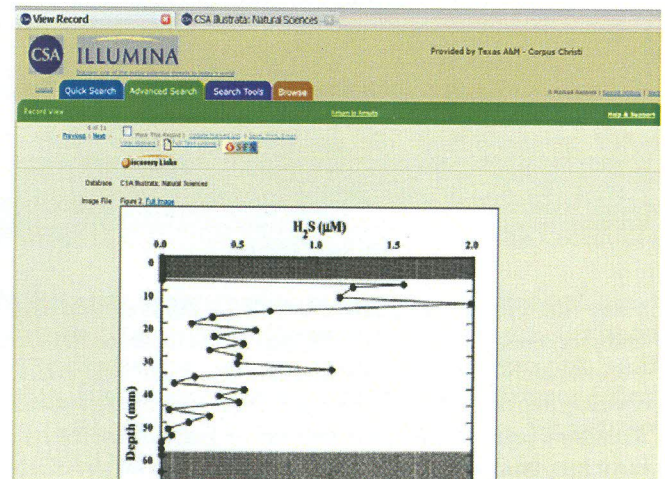
Special Collections & Archives

Mon. - Fri.
8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.
and by appointment

New Database: CSA Illustrata: Natural Sciences

By Sarah Sutton

We're excited about this new database acquisition because it represents a new way to search, or rather, a new place to search for scholarly articles and information in the natural sciences. The CSA Illustrata: Natural Sciences database contains searchable tables, figures, graphs, charts and other illustrations from scholarly research and technical literature. By employing deep indexing, CSA Illustrata: Natural Sciences enables the searcher to find content associated with individual tables and figures, information that otherwise would not be retrievable in traditional article-level indexing systems. Results include the full figures, tables and other illustrations (including caption information) as well as links and/or citations back to the paper or publication in which they appeared. For example, a search for "Corpus Christi Bay" turned up two tables and nine figures from journals such as the *Journal of Applied Phycology*, *Estuaries*, the *Journal of Coastal Research*, and *Aquatic Geochemistry*. Resulting tables, figures, graphs, etc. are presented as image files (all include embedded citation information to the article in which they appear) and may be copied and pasted.

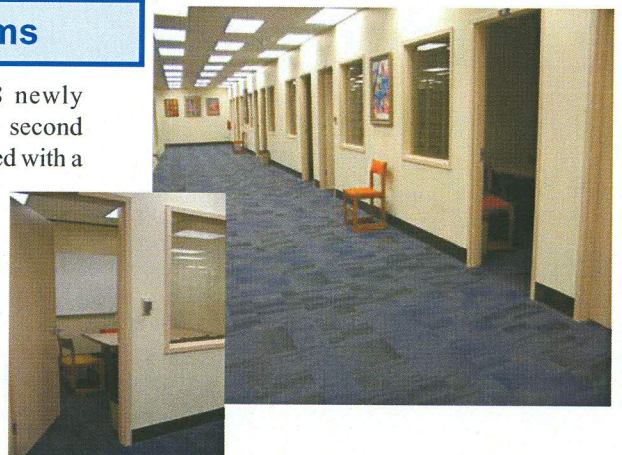


Sample full record of result

To use this resource, use the library's alphabetical listing of databases and search under "C" for CSA Illustrata. Like most of the library's electronic resources, CSA Illustrata: Natural Sciences can be used off-campus by the campus community. If you would like more information or assistance in using this resource, please call the Reference Desk at 825-2609.

Group Study Rooms

The Bell Library recently opened 8 newly constructed group study rooms on the second floor. The rooms are 11' x 10' and equipped with a table, chairs, a white board, electrical outlets, and wireless network access. Group study rooms are available to students on a first come, first serve basis, with groups of students getting priority over single students wishing to use the rooms. With the addition of these 8 rooms, the Library now has 14 group study rooms for student use.



Faculty Publications Bibliography

The Mary and Jeff Bell Library and The Office of Graduate Studies & Research hosted the annual Faculty Publication Reception & "The Academy Speaks" on April 17, 2007. This reception recognizes those faculty and staff who made scholarly contributions to their fields in 2006. Dr. Wes Tunnell was this year's recipient of the Excellence in Creative/Scholarly Activity Award for 2006/2007.



Dr. Robert Kirby, Dr. Robert Furgason,
Dr. Wes Tunnell & Dr. Mark Hartlaub

Library Instruction for your Classes

By Sally Bickley

Many first year students arrive at college thinking that they can find everything they need to fulfill their assignments on the internet. Unfortunately that's a fallacy that instructors can help dispel. Everything one needs to write research papers, compose a speech, or illustrate a personal statement may not be available on the internet, but it may be available from the Bell Library's print and electronic resources.

With nearly 200 electronic databases, most available both on and off campus, the Bell Library has a wealth of authoritative, scholarly articles and books to assist your students with their research. We also have an active program of Library Instruction to serve faculty and students. Librarians are available to provide customized instruction sessions tailored to meet the needs of your class. We provide instruction for First Year Students as well as graduate students who need to update their research skills. Your goal for the instruction session might be to find information on specific topics, how to focus searches for effective and efficient research, how to cite and evaluate sources, or just a tour of the various electronic and print sources we have available in your field. The Instruction Program can assist you with all these goals. We can provide instruction in the Library Instruction Center, Room 109 in the Library, which is equipped with 25 computers for hands-on learning, or in your classroom.

As you can see from the list on page 2 of this issue, Bell Library's list of electronic resources is constantly changing. Vendors update their interfaces or search engines, add or remove full text capability, and add new technology to familiar databases. We add new resources whenever possible.

If you would like to schedule a "guided tour" of important resources for your class, please call Edward Kownslar, who will be coordinating the Library Instruction Program this fall. You may call Ed at 825-2677 or email him at edward.kownslar@tamucc.edu to place your request.

New Electronic Resources

By Virginia Hopkins

ACADEMIC SEARCH COMPLETE is the newest version of EBSCO's multidisciplinary database Academic Search Premier. This comprehensive, scholarly, multi-disciplinary full-text database features journal articles and monographs, reports and conference proceedings. Subjects include: area studies, astronomy, biology, chemistry, engineering, ethnic & cultural studies, general science, geography, geology, mathematics, music, physics, psychology, theology, women's studies and other fields.

AMERICA'S HISTORICAL NEWSPAPERS (Readex) is part of the Archive of Americana and includes Series 1-5 of the Early American Newspapers Series 1690-1922 as well as other historical documents. Full-text is searchable by Presidential era, historical era, article type, place of publication, and newspaper title. Cross searching of Readex products is available by accessing Readex's home page.

CREDO REFERENCE, formerly Xrefer Plus, provides online reference content from digitized reliable, reputable reference sources. Search by reference source, by subject, or across all sources, CREDO Reference includes a concept mapping function to assist in broadening or narrowing searches. Citation assistance is available for the most popular formats.

FILM AND TELEVISION LITERATURE INDEX provides indexing and abstracts for literature covering film and television studies geared to film scholars, students and general viewers.

IN THE FIRST PERSON, from Alexander Street Press, is an index and full-text resource for personal narratives in English, diaries, letters and oral history (transcripts). Audio and video files are included where available. Coverage is from 1600 to the present.

LIBRARY, INFORMATION SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY ABSTRACTS WITH FULL TEXT, formerly Information Science & Technology Abstracts (ISTA), list 4 covers librarianship, classification, cataloging, bibliometrics, online information retrieval, information management, search engines, printed and electronic information sources, the information industry, scholarly communication, and electronic publishing. Coverage is from 1966 to the present.

REFERENCE UNIVERSE is an index authoritative reference sources by keyword or browsing, including article titles, links to online sources and complete indexes to reference resources. Some resources may be located in other libraries. You may select an option to retrieve citations to items in the Bell Library. Coverage is from 1985 to the present.

SALUD EN ESPAÑOL is the Spanish version of Consumer Health Complete. Complementary and holistic approaches to health are included, as are encyclopedias and reference books. Topics include: aging, cancer, diabetes, drugs & alcohol, fitness, nutrition, children's health, and men & women's health.

Library and Personnel News



Becky Melton, Librarian, passed away unexpectedly on May 26th in her home. Becky was the medical librarian at Driscoll Children's Hospital for twenty years before becoming employed by Texas A&M University Bell Library in 1997.

The following Librarians attended The American Library Association Midwinter Meetings in Seattle, WA, in January: **Sally Bickley, Ed Kownslar, Alita Pierson, Sarah Sutton, Jennifer Anderson, Laura Martinez, and Christine Shupala.**

Several Librarians attended The Texas Library Association Annual Conference in San Antonio, TX, in April: **Sally Bickley, Denise Landry-Hyde, Laura Martinez, Jennifer Anderson, Sarah Sutton and Christine Shupala**

Dr. Thomas Kreneck attended The Texas State Historical Association Meetings in San Antonio, TX, in March.

Dr. Mark Pfeifer attended The Hmong National Conference in Detroit, MI, in April and The 2nd International Conference on Lao Studies, in Tempe, AZ, in May.

Christine Shupala attended The Innovative Interfaces Academic Library Director's Symposium in Berkeley, CA, in April.

Jennifer Anderson, Abel Cantu, and Sarah Sutton attended The 15th Annual Innovative Users Group Conference in San Jose, CA, in May.

Grace Charles attended The Society of Rocky Mountain Archivists and Conference of Inter-Mountain Archivists in Colorado Springs, CO in May.

Dr. Paula Scott attended The Medical Library Association Annual Meeting and Exhibitions in Philadelphia, PA, in May.

Sarah Sutton attended The North American Serials Interest Group 22nd Annual Conference in Louisville, KY, in May.

Christine Shupala and Abel Cantu attended The 2007 Texas Conference on Digital Libraries: Building Scholarly Infrastructure for the Future in Austin, TX in May.

The following Librarians attended The American Library Association Annual Conference in Washington, DC, in June: **Sally Bickley, Sarah Sutton, Jennifer Anderson, Ed Kownslar, Laura Martinez, and Christine Shupala.**

The library would like to welcome new Staff Members; **Valerie Alvarez**, Accounting Assistant III; **Sara Billeaux**, Library Assistant I; **David Burk**, Systems Support Specialist I; **Kristen Davis**, Adjunct Reference Librarian; and **Charles Vasquez**, Business Coordinator.

The following library employees have resigned their positions to pursue other employment opportunities: **Alonzo Arce**, Accounting Assistant III, **Nathan La Nasa**, System Support Specialist I, **Alita Pierson**, Information Literacy Librarian, **Issac Rodriquez**, Library Associate II and **Sue Willman**, Reference Librarian. We wish them well in their new positions.



Allison Brown, Library Associate II, married in July and recently accepted the position of Archive Coordinator at the Corpus Christi Caller-Times.

Congratulations and best wishes to you in your new life and career.

Dr. Thomas H. Kreneck Receives Excellence in Librarianship Award

Associate Director for Special Collections & Archives Thomas H. Kreneck received the first annual Excellence in Librarianship Award for 2006-2007 from the university's Faculty Senate. A&M-Corpus Christi bestowed this honor for the first time this year to a professional librarian in the Mary and Jeff Bell Library who has demonstrated excellence in the practice of librarianship for the library, university, and profession as a whole. Kreneck was presented the award by President Flavius C. Killebrew at the Islander Awards Celebration on April 20, 2007.

Currently the longest tenured library staff member, Kreneck has served at the Bell Library as head of Special Collections & Archives since December, 1990. In its recommendation, the award committee highlighted his contributions in all areas of consideration.

Foremost, Kreneck has developed Special Collections & Archives from a fledgling resource to a center of excellence that is recognized across campus, the state of Texas, and the nation for its holdings and support of researchers. In 1993-1994, he was Interim Library Director and oversaw the library's selection of its current automation system. He has provided specialized bibliographic instruction, regularly taught courses in public history for the History master's program, and served on thesis committees. He has brought the university recognition through media coverage as well as honors from the Hispanic community. Dr. Kreneck's extensive scholarly record includes books, articles, and presentations.



Special Collections & Archives: Hispanic Publication Project Comes to Fruition

By Dr. Thomas H. Kreneck

During the 2006-2007 academic year, *El Progreso, 1939-1940: The Work of Rodolfo Zepeda Mirabal and Dora Cervera Mirabal*, by Rosie Mirabal Garza (Corpus Christi: Printer's Unlimited Press) was published. Its appearance culminated a long term project in which the Special Collections & Archives Department actively participated. It represents a significant contribution to the study of Corpus Christi and South Texas Mexican American history.

The volume contains reproductions of the earliest known extant images of *El Progreso*, an important Spanish-language newspaper from Corpus Christi that ran from 1938 to 1979. The book includes most of the issues printed from June 16, 1939, through October 4, 1940. As such, this volume reflects the work of the two remarkable people who produced the paper and provides a chronicle of life in Corpus Christi's Hispanic community during a crucial era.

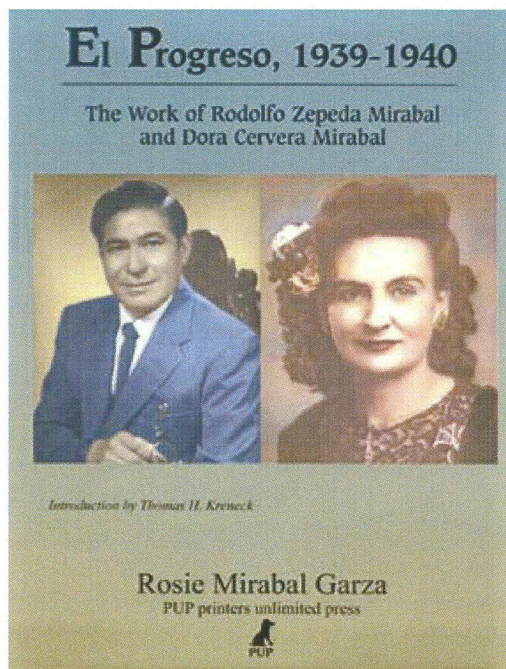
Rodolfo Zepeda Mirabal (1910-1968) and Dora Cervera Mirabal (1914-1979) were Corpus Christi business people and civic leaders. Rodolfo learned the printing trade during the 1920s and soon began his own shop. Dora Cervera was an adroit salesperson and developed solid writing skills at an early age. While still in her teens, she produced *La Calavera*, a collection of humorous poetry that appeared each year on *El Dia de los Muertos* (the Day of the Dead).

Rodolfo and Dora married in 1932. Together, they operated Mirabal Printing Company, which became a substantial firm during the

1940s. In 1938, they commenced *El Progreso*, which not only reported the news, but gave the local Hispanic populace a voice. Dora served as the newspaper's editor, while Rodolfo did the layout and physical production.

The couple's daughter, Rosie Mirabal Garza, began to place her parents' papers with Special Collections & Archives in 1991, and was thus inspired to compile a book on their lives. She, her brother Robert Mirabal, Sr., and nephew Robert, Jr. produced the impressive volume and included many supplementary items which illuminate the accomplishments of the Mirabal couple. They were ably assisted by the staff of Special Collections & Archives as well as by Professors Veronica Guerra and Jesus Rosales of A&M-Corpus Christi.

The book debuted at a grand reception at the university on March 1, 2007. President Flavius C. Killebrew received the first copy of the book on behalf of the institution. Special Collections & Archives is helping the Mirabal-Garza families to place complimentary copies of the volume in major research facilities across the United States. Proceeds from the sale of the books go toward the establishment of a history scholarship endowment for the university.



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