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Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

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## Library Hours Fall 2004

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  
8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.  
Saturday  
10:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.  
Sunday  
2:00p.m. - 12:00a.m.

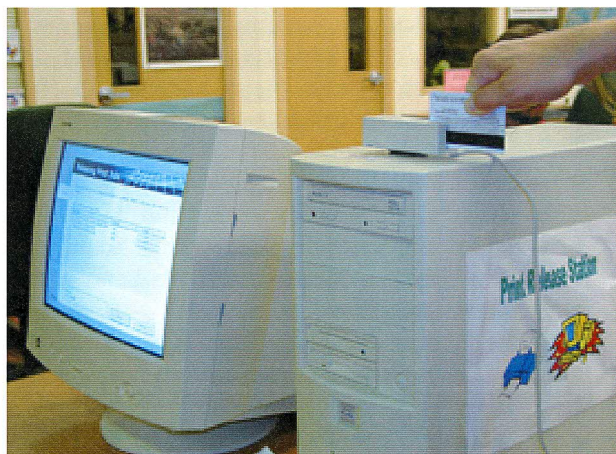
**Special Collections & Archives**  
Mon. - Fri.  
8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.  
and by appointment

## Print Management System Implemented Campus-Wide

This fall, the University is implementing a print management system for computer labs across campus, including the Library Instruction Center, the Library Media Center, and Electronic Resources workstations in the Bell Library.

Library users will have access to all the programs and resources they are accustomed to using in the library, and will be able to download or save electronic content at no charge. To facilitate the downloading/saving process, the library has purchased all new workstations with front USB ports and CD burning drives, as well as both zip and floppy drives. Students may also use the network drive provided with their university computer account to save materials on the university server. Students wishing to print items will be charged 5 cents per page. A vending machine containing storage devices will be available in the library lobby for those who wish to save materials to disk but do not have disks available.

"With the implementation of the print management system, students will see significant improvements in the quality of their black and white printouts as well as in the number of electronic storage options they have available," said Christine Shupala, director of the Mary and Jeff Bell Library. "Students will be able to retrieve a print job from virtually any public access print station on campus. They will also have access to color printing, because the system will allow them to send print jobs to a color printer at Campus Copies. Previously this type of printing flexibility was not available."



For those library users that wish to purchase printouts, payment may be made in one of two ways. Library users who are affiliated with the university may pay for purchases using funds on their SandDollar\$ cards. Library users who do not have a SandDollar\$ card may purchase vendacards from a vending station in the library. Money may be added to the SandDollar\$ card or to the vendacard using the value-added terminal located by the copy machines in the library lobby.

All library users affiliated with TAMU-CC (students, faculty and staff) are encouraged to get a SandDollar\$ card if they do not already have one. The SandDollar\$ card is a convenient way to pay for printing. More information about getting a card, as well as depositing money on their SandDollar\$ account, is available at <http://universityservices.tamucc.edu/dollar.html>.

The print management system was installed in the library and the computer labs in April 2004. Since then, the system has been in use, as staff and students have worked to ensure that it is fully functional and problem-free. During the testing phase, students were not charged for printouts. Charges for printing begin with the Fall 2004 semester.



## Internet Resources: Fall Elections

1. The Electoral College, Political Parties, and Elections: Sites to Help You Through the Voting Process

(<http://www.ala.org/ala/acrl/acrlpubs/crlnews/backissues2004/july04/elections.htm>)

An extensive clearinghouse of web sites for elections. Includes links for the Electoral College and the Federal Election Commission of the United States; political organizations; links to the Democratic National Committee, the Republican National Committee and the "third parties"; historical statistics of voting patterns and election results in the U.S.; and resources on the 2000 U.S. Presidential election.

2. Elections Division: Texas Secretary of State  
(<http://www.sos.state.tx.us/elections/index.shtml>)

Provides numerous resources for elections on the state level, including voter registration; early voting and military/overseas voting; and resources for conducting elections and for candidates. Also includes links to the Democratic and Republican parties of Texas through the "Candidates" link, which is located on the left-hand side of the screen.

3. Election Information: Nueces County Clerk's Office  
(<http://www.co.nueces.tx.us/countyclerk/elections/>)

Includes voting history patterns and election results in Nueces County, as well as links to the Democratic, Republican, Libertarian and Green parties of Texas. **Note:** As of July 22, 2004, the voting calendars and ballots had not been updated for the fall elections.

4. League of Women Voters (<http://www.lwv.org/>)

Lists an extensive number of links for elected officials and issues with voting. Click on "DemocracyNet" at the top of the page to link to the Texas voter guides.

## New Electronic Resources Available

1. Early American Imprints (1639–1819)

Covers every aspect of American life from the Colonial period to the early Nineteenth Century, including politics, foreign relations, exploration, music, religion, the Revolutionary War, home life, witchcraft and temperance. Provides full text and full images of primary sources and documents from the period, including books, journal articles, reports, broadsides, pamphlets, state papers, and government reports and proclamations.

2. Early American Newspapers (1690–1820)

Provides full text and images from newspapers from each state.

3. IEEE Electronic Library

Provides full text access to electrical engineering and computer science literature from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers and Institute of Electrical Engineers.

4. Philosopher's Index

Indexes all aspects of philosophy and related fields. Covers ethics, aesthetics, epistemology, logic, metaphysics, law, religion, science, history, and education.

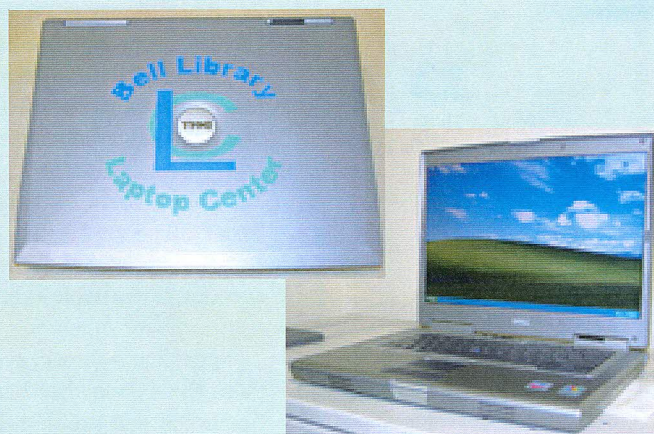
5. ValueLine: This title is one of the most crucial tools to track and analyze, a publicly-traded company's stock performance. The Library is switching from a print subscription to an online version at the beginning of the fall semester.

All of these databases can be accessed on the Library's "Electronic Resources" page (<http://rattler.tamucc.edu/electres/>). For more information about any of these new resources, please contact the Reference Desk at 825-2609.

## Library Increases Number of Laptop Computers for Students

Due to heavy use and popularity, the Library will double the number of laptops available for student checkout this fall. When the library began offering this service two years ago, students could check out 36 laptops; beginning this fall, 72 laptops will be available for checkout.

Laptops will be available 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday in the Media Center. No laptops can be checked out after 5 p.m. Only A&M–Corpus Christi students may check out the laptops. Laptops can be checked out for up to three hours, and may only be used within the Library. All students must follow the laptop checkout policies, which are available at: <http://rattler.tamucc.edu/policy/laptopcheckoutguidelines.html>. For more information, contact the Media Center at 825-2311.





## Personnel News

### ***Congratulations & Best Wishes***

Virginia Buckley,  
Library Associate I,  
married James Hopkins  
on June 19, 2004.



**Darryl Donaldson**, Library Associate I for Circulation, returned in May after serving for 17 months in the Army in Iraq. Welcome back, Darryl!

The Bell Library welcomes three new employees. **Greg Newton**, Systems Support Specialist I, and **Sean Schupbach**, Systems Support Specialist I, were hired in the Systems Department in May. **Isaac Rodriquez**, Library Associate II in the Media Center, was hired in July.

**Sally Bickley**, **Edward Kownslar** and **Chris Shupala** attended the American Library Association Meetings in San Diego, California, in January.

**Jan Weaver** and **Dr. Thomas H. Kreneck** attended the Texas State Historical Association's annual meeting held in Austin, March 4- 6, 2004. They heard presentations on the latest scholarship in Texas history and reviewed the latest books on Texas subjects that were on display.

**Laura Martinez** and **Deanna Solomon** attended the 12th Annual Innovative Users Group Conference in Boston in April.

**Dr. Kreneck** gave a talk on the life of Felix Tijerina, Houston entrepreneur, on April 14 in Galveston. His presentation was part of the lecture series "Texas in the 1950s", sponsored by Texas A&M University at Galveston.



**Nathan La Nasa**, Systems Support Specialist I, received a Bachelor's of Science Degree in Criminal Justice this summer.

**Dr. Paula Scott** attended the 2004 Medical Library Association Conference in Washington, D.C., in May.

Three Library staff members presented at the SAIL Conference in Port Aransas on May 13-14: **Jose Gonzalez** presented "Implementation of OCLC's ILLiad, a Total ILL Management Presentation"; **Denise Landry-Hyde** presented on "Piloting Collaborate Virtual Reference Service within the Texas A&M University System"; and **Sarah Sutton** presented "Journal Management at Texas A&M University – Corpus Christi using TDNet".

During June, **Grace Charles** and **Dr. Kreneck** conducted a series of workshops for area public school teachers on the use of archives, manuscripts, and Special Collections for studies in Civil Rights. These workshops were part of the Teaching American History Project of the Education Service Center, Region 2, and were held at the Bell Library.

**Sarah Sutton** attended the 2004 North American Serials Interest Group (NASIG) Conference in Milwaukee, WI, June 17-20.

**Jose Gonzalez** recieved a three year appointment to the Tex Share Interlibrary Loan Working Group Committee.

**Sally Bickley**, **Jose Gonzalez**, **Edward Kownslar**, **Denise Landry-Hyde** and **Sue Willman** attended the Texas Library Association's Annual Assembly meeting in Austin in July.

Several library staff have been appointed committee officers in the Texas Library Association: **Sally Bickley**, Vice Chair-Elect of the New Members Round Table (NMRT); **Edward Kownslar**, chair of the Government Documents Round Table's Electronic Resources Committee, GODORT Councilor, and chair of the College and University Library Division's Information/Membership Committee; and **Sue Willman**, Secretary/Treasurer of NMRT, as well as the Program Chair for the Library Instruction Round Table.

Three Library staff members have moved on to other opportunities: **Russell Beard**, who served as a temporary Library Assistant III for Access Services, left the Library in May. **Israel Castillo**, who served as the night supervisor in Media, left his position in April. **Richard Graham**, who coordinated Library Instruction since August 2002, accepted a position at the University of Nebraska – Lincoln in July. Thanks for your services to the Library, and good luck!

The Mary and Jeff Bell Library, The Office of Graduate Studies & Research and The Women's Center for Education & Service hosted the annual Faculty Publication Reception & "The Academy Speaks". This reception recognizes those faculty and staff who made scholarly contributions to their fields in 2003 and to view the works of student scholars. Dr. Pat Carroll was this year's recipient of the Excellence in Creative/Scholarly Activity Award for 2003/2004.



Dr. Harvey Knull, Dr. Sandra Harper, Dr. Pat Carroll and Dr. Wes Tunnell



## Special Collections & Archives

### Graduate Class in Applied/Public History

By Dr. Thomas H. Kreneck

During the spring, 2004 semester, the Special Collections & Archives Department was once again involved in the graduate history class on Applied/Public History, which is part of A&M-Corpus Christi's History M.A. program. While it was again my privilege to be the instructor, its success came because of the outstanding quality of our graduate students.

Applied/Public History is the practice of history outside of the traditional setting of being a classroom history teacher. Such endeavors include work in oral history, archival enterprise and print special collections, museums, educational displays, historical associations, historic preservation, history journal and book editing, documentary filmmaking, free-lance history writing, and other activities. These applied/public history pursuits encompass many activities in keeping with the mission of Special Collections & Archives.

In many ways, the students functioned as associates of Special Collections because their class projects -- oral history transcription and researching Texas historical marker designations -- fostered the goals of Special Collections, as well as prepared the students for what they might encounter as applied/public historians. The students this semester included Madalyn Ard, Jessica Brannon-Wranosky, William Chriss, Jason DuBose, Stephen Firestone, Audrey Flores, Damien Garcia, Peter Golwas, Meliton Hinojosa, Jr., James Hubbard, Jeffery Mahan, Dominic Martinez, Jason McCollom, Verity McInnis, Bonnie Munroe, and Marlene Orta.

The class met in the Special Collections Reading Room and made site visits. In Special Collections, the students received presentations by Dr. Louis J. Marchiafava, noted oral historian; Bruce S. Cheeseman, business archivist; Holly Zumwalt Taylor, Associate Editor of the *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*; Lupita N. Barrera, historical and cultural resources manager; Bill and Majorie Walraven, free lance history authors; Jeff Felts, KEDT Television documentary producer; and Dr. David Murrah, private history consultant. Off campus, the students participated in meetings of lay historical associations. They also toured the South

Texas Archives of A&M University-Kingsville under the guidance of Cecilia Aros Hunter and visited the Corpus Christi Museum of Science and History where they received instruction from Director Rick Stryker and Curator Don Zuris. To gain an appreciation for architectural preservation, they visited Corpus Christi's historic Galvan Ballroom and heard remarks on this important structure by local preservation architects Patrick McGloin and Brooke Sween McGloin as well as from Ralph Galvan, Jr. and Robert Galvan. These sessions helped the students understand how formal graduate training in history prepared practicing public historians for the various occupations represented.

The course once again illustrated the close connection between the Special Collections & Archives and the history program at A&M University-Corpus Christi.



Dr. David Murrah of Southwest Museum Services addresses the class on the subject of contract historical work.

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