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Mary and Jeff Bell Library
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi

Library Hours Effective January 13 to February 1, 2003

Mon. - Thurs.
7:30a.m. - 12:00p.m.
Friday
7:30a.m. - 5:00p.m.
Saturday
10:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.
Sunday
2:00p.m. - 12:00p.m.

Periodicals Department & Reference Services

Mon. - Thurs.
8:00a.m. - 10:00p.m.
Friday
8:00a.m. - 5:00p.m.
Saturday
10:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.
Sunday
2:00p.m. - 10:00p.m.

Library Media Center

Mon. - Thurs.
7:30a.m. - 12:00p.m.
Friday
7:30a.m. - 5:00p.m.
Saturday
10:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.
Sunday
2:00p.m. - 12:00p.m.

Library Instruction Center

Mon. - Thurs.
8:00a.m. - 11:30p.m.
Friday
8:00a.m. - 4:30p.m.
Saturday
10:00a.m. - 5:30p.m.
Sunday
2:00p.m. - 11:30p.m.

Special Collections & Archives

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

Library Conducts Expanded Hours Project for Spring 2003 Semester

In its continuing efforts to improve and expand services, the library will be conducting an extended hours project during the spring semester.

From January 13 to February 1, the library will be operating under the same hours for the Fall 2002 semester. However, from February 2 to May 9, 2003, the library will be open during these hours:

Monday - Thursday: 7 a.m. - 3 a.m.
Friday: 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Saturday: 10 a.m. - 10 p.m.
Sunday: Noon - 3 a.m.

The operating hours for each department will vary during this period:

- The Circulation Department will be open when the building is open (please see the hours listed above).
- The Media Department will operate 7:30 a.m. - 3 a.m. Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. - 10

p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m.-10 p.m. on Saturday, and noon - 3 a.m. on Sunday.

- The Reference Desk will be open 8 a.m. - midnight Sunday through Thursday, 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. on Friday, and noon-10 p.m. on Saturday.
- The Periodicals Department will remain open 8 a.m. - 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Saturday, and Noon - 10 p.m. on Sunday.
- Special Collections & Archives will remain open 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- The computer lab in Library Room 109 will remain open 8 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. on Saturday, and 2-11:30 p.m. on Sunday.

When the project is completed at the end of the semester, the library will determine whether it should extend its hours on a permanent basis. If the hours of operation change, the library staff will notify the campus community.

Patrons Reminded About Food and Drink Policy

By Sally Bickley

Although Java City has brought a few changes to the Mary & Jeff Bell Library, the library would like to remind patrons that it has not changed its food and drink policy. Drinks with lids are allowed in the library, but we ask that you keep all drinks away from the computers. Food is allowed ONLY in the Sugar Shack.

The library staff appreciates the role that Java City has played in emphasizing the library's position as a gathering place for the University Community. Patrons may use the picnic tables placed outside the Library in the breezeway for snacking.

The Library cannot replace books or equipment damaged by food or spills. Trash and crumbs attract insects that are harmful to the collection. The Library continues to enforce the "no food" rule to protect the collection and the environment.

Patrons may enjoy coffee, sodas or bottled water, as long as the drinks are in containers with lids. Patrons visiting the Library Instruction Center (LIC) or the Media Center may not bring drinks into the labs.

Remember: Faculty Publications coming to you in April 2003! See page 2.

New Print and Electronic Resources Available to Users

The library has added several print and electronic resources this semester to help you in your research endeavors. If you have any questions, please stop by the Reference Desk, call ext. 2609, or ask your friendly library liaison!

Print Maps

The library has added several hundred 7.5-minute topographic maps of Texas, published by the U.S. Geological Survey, to the collection. Many of these maps cover the Coastal Bend area and are located in the map cabinets near the government documents collections.

New Electronic Databases

1. Annual Reviews: This series highlights the major research areas in a discipline and provides the full text of scholarly articles. Disciplines include the sciences and social sciences (including sociology and psychology).
2. ERIC Document Reproduction Service: Full-text access to a significant number of ERIC documents.
3. Lexis-Nexis Statistical: Provides immediate access to government data on most topics. Includes the full text of the tables, as well as links to the full reports if they are available to the public. Searchable by keyword and can be restricted to geographic area, demographics, economics, and frequency of publication.
4. Project Muse: The Library has expanded access to the full text of 220 scholarly journals in the humanities and social sciences.
5. Nature Publications: Provides full text access to Nature magazine and its "sister publications": Biotechnology; Cell Biology; Genetics; Immunology; Medicine; Neuroscience; Cancer; Drug Discovery; Genetics; Immunology; Molecular Cell Biology; Neuroscience; and Structural Biology.
6. Kluwer Online: Provides full-text access to 700 Kluwer journals in the fields of science, technology, medicine, business, humanities, and law.
7. Wiley Interscience: Full-text access to journals in business, science, education, law, mathematics and psychology.

Change in Databases

Effective December 1, the Dow Jones database was renamed **Factiva**. This change will be reflected in the business database listings.

All databases can be accessed under the alphabetical database listing in "Electronic Resources".

Internet Resources: Mold

Facts About Mold (New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene)

<http://www.ci.nyc.ny.us/html/doh/html/epi/epimold.html>

A Growing Concern: How Texas is Coping with the Mold Menace (Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts)

<http://www.window.state.tx.us/comptrol/fnotes/fn0201/growing.html>

Article about insurance costs in the January, 2002, issue of Fiscal Notes.

Mold Links (Centers for Disease Control)

<http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/airpollution/mold/links.htm>

Provide links to resources at the Environmental Protection Agency, Federal Emergency Management Association, National Library of Medicine, and non-governmental organizations.

Mold Resource Page (Texas Department of Insurance)

<http://www.tdi.state.tx.us/commish/mold.html>

Includes consumer brochures, mold data, news releases, Commissioner's statements on mold, public hearings, and additional mold resources.

National Center for Environmental Health (Centers for Disease Control)

<http://www.cdc.gov/nceh/airpollution/mold/>

Sections include Molds in the Environment; Stachybotrys chartarum and Other Molds; State of the Science on Molds and Human Health; Information on Aspergillus Molds; and additional web links.

Texas Department of Health: Indoor Air Quality Branch

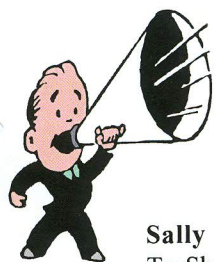
<http://www.tdh.state.tx.us/beh/iaq/default.htm>

Provides information on mold prevention.

Library Invites Submissions for Faculty Publications Bibliography

Each year the Bell Library celebrates National Library Week by recognizing faculty members for their scholarly pursuits during the previous calendar year. This year, National Library Week is April 6-12, 2003. The library will collect items published, produced or presented during 2002 calendar year in the spring and will place them on display in the library atrium during the month of April. A reception honoring scholarly achievements will be held during National Library Week. As in previous years, the library will also produce a bibliography of faculty works.

To submit your scholarly achievements for display and inclusion in the bibliography, please forward them to Christine Shupala in the library. Questions may also be directed to Chris via e-mail (cshupala@falcon.tamucc.edu) or by telephone (825-2348). We look forward to honoring our faculty once again this spring!



Personnel News

Sally Bickley and **Jose Gonzalez** attended the TexShare Interlibrary Loan workshop in Dallas in November. In addition, Sally participated in the "Cultural Competencies Workshop" at TAMU-CC in October and the Amigos online training session for the Union List.

Darryl Donaldson, Library Assistant III for Access Services, was recalled to active duty in the Army in December.



Congratulations to Josie Garcia, Media Lab Supervisor, on the birth of her new baby girl, Nadya Jules Garcia, on October, 29.

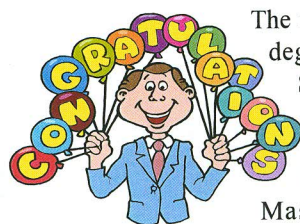
Edward Kownslar attended the Federal Depository Library Conference in Washington, D.C., in October. In addition, he attended a user needs workshop (which is part of the "Building for Tomorrow" project) at Texas Woman's University in Denton in November.

Dr. Thomas H. Kreneck gave a talk on Dr. Hector P. Garcia at the workshop on Family and Local History for area high school and middle school history teachers held by Del Mar College on November 22.

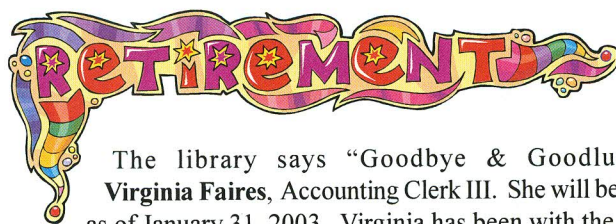
Denise Landry-Hyde attended the Texas Library Association's District IV meeting in Laredo in October. Also, Denise was appointed to TLA's Continuing Education Committee for a three-year term.

The library would like to welcome several new staff members: **Nechole Beale**, Interim Business Coordinator; **Abel Cantu**, Systems Support Specialist I; **Brianne Sharrar**, Library Assistant III for Technical Services; **Prashant Kumar**, Graduate Assistant in the Circulation Department; and **Jennifer Anderson**, adjunct cataloging librarian.

Several library staff have moved on other opportunities: **Dennis Aligno**, Temporary Systems Support Specialist I; **Terry de la Garza**, Library Assistant III for Access Services; **Jeanette Hatcher**, Adjunct Cataloging Librarian; **Lydia Kelley**, Library Assistant III for CBHIN; **Frances Michelle**, Project Librarian for CBHIN; and **Roland Rocha**, Systems Support Specialist I. The library wishes them all the best.



The following staff members earned their degrees in December 2002: **Brianne Sharrar**, Library Assistant III, who received a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice; and **Sue Willman**, Reference Librarian, who received a Masters of Library Science Degree.



The library says "Goodbye & Goodluck" to **Virginia Faires**, Accounting Clerk III. She will be retiring as of January 31, 2003. Virginia has been with the Library

Administration Office since she was hired November 1, 1979. Mrs. Faires said that if someone had asked her back then what a CD-ROM or a Rewritable CD was, you would have received a strange look. Learning to use computers and new technology after many years of using carbon paper and typewriters, she can now say "I've come a long way, baby." Virginia has seen many changes take place and the most exciting has been becoming a part of the Texas A&M University System. Mrs. Faires says her job at the university has been a positive experience and she will miss the university environment, especially the student assistants at the Bell Library. Virginia is loved and well thought of throughout the library and the university community alike. We wish her all the best in her retirement. Health and happiness to you, Virginia! You will be greatly missed!



Location of the New Collections

Library users have probably noticed since last summer a significant number of "Under Construction" signs in the building since August. Also, some collections and machines are not where they used to be! To assist library patrons, we would like to announce some of the changes that have taken place:

- ♦ The photocopiers that were previously at the entrance of the building have moved to Library Room 120. This room is staffed between 8 a.m. and 10 p.m. to assist patrons with the photocopiers.
- ♦ The Curriculum and State Textbook collections have moved next to the Juvenile Collection on the Second Floor.
- ♦ The Periodicals Collection is being shifted on the first floor. If you suddenly come across a gap in the collection and can't find the title you're looking for, please ask for assistance in Room 120.
- ♦ The offices for Periodicals and Government Documents have moved. If you need to speak to someone in either of these departments, please ask at the Reference Desk.

Special Collections & Archives:

Justice for my People: The Dr. Hector P. Garcia Story

By Dr. Thomas H. Kreneck

A milestone was reached in the use of Special Collections & Archives material with the completion of *Justice for my People: The Dr. Hector P. Garcia Story*, the film documentary produced by the local PBS affiliate KEDT-TV. This documentary was broadcast locally on November 17, and will be shown nationally beginning in January, 2003. Drawing extensively from the Dr. Hector P. Garcia Papers and staff expertise in Special Collections & Archives, the film portrays the life and contributions of the longtime Corpus Christi physician, civil rights leader, and founder of the American G.I. Forum.

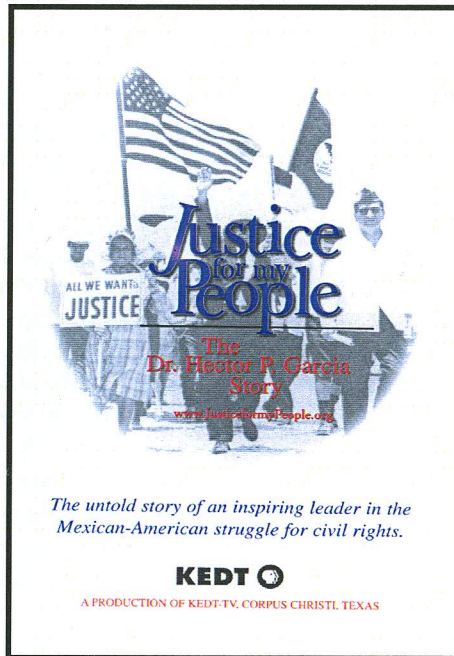
Produced by Jeff Felts, KEDT director of television production, *Justice for my People* was six years in the making. Felts and his staff drew from many sources. Fundamental to their inquiry, however, were their initial three years of research in the Garcia Papers. The documentary also included many historic photographs and other visuals from the Garcia Papers.

Grace Charles and Thomas Kreneck of Special Collections & Archives served on the film's thirteen-person advisory board. Ms. Charles proved especially crucial in her research and reference work for the documentary through her specialized knowledge as the chief processor of the Garcia Papers.

At the banquet held at the Omni Bayfront Hotel on November 12, recognizing the film's completion, Felts told the several hundred people attending that Dr. Garcia had been approached

by several prestigious universities to donate his papers to their institutions. Dr. Garcia had been wise, Felts continued, for having chosen Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi because of the care given to those valuable papers by the Bell Library's Special Collections & Archives.

Jeff Felts and KEDT have produced a masterful film. *Justice for my People: The Dr. Hector P. Garcia Story* shares an important segment of Mexican American history with the nation. It is a significant educational tool, both for the public and educational institutions. Special Collections & Archives is gratified to have played a collaborative role in this effort.



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