



New A-Z Resource List

By Sarah Sutton

In its continuing efforts to make library materials readily accessible to students, faculty, and staff, the library introduced a new web page for finding articles and databases for the Fall 2011 semester. The new page includes the popular functionality of the old web page like quick article searches and groups of databases by subject. We've added an alphabetical directory of all of the databases and electronic resources subscribed to that is intended to make it easier to find the particular database you're looking for quickly. There's also a quick link to a list of the databases that we're trying out before we purchase them (trials) that contains a link to a short survey so that users can tell us what they like or dislike about them.

Throughout the fall, librarians will be adding pages that describe databases and other electronic resources that are relevant to specific subject areas (we used to call them Quick Sets). Users will be able to not only view a

list of the resources relevant to a particular subject but they will also be able to search across them with one search. As they are completed, links to these pages will be added to the 'Resources by Subject' box that appears on each page. For example, there are already groupings of databases for Communication, Federal Government Documents, History, Music, Philosophy, and Sociology. Coming soon are groupings for Art, Mexican American Studies, Spanish, and Business.

The Quick Search box searches all of the databases and other electronic resources to which the library subscribes including the library catalog. Results appear in a familiar format and provide links to full text when available. Results for books in the library catalog include the call number and location of the book within the library as well as whether the book is currently available for check-out. Results also include images and all results can be limited by date, format, level of scholarship (that is, whether they are peer-reviewed or not), and subject.



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Did you Know?

- Did you knowThe Mary and Jeff Bell Library collections contains 501,810 volumes.
- Did you know The Mary and Jeff Bell Library recorded 621,762 visitors through its turnstiles in 2010?
- Did you know The campus library has been its present building since 1978.

Meet the Mary and Jeff Bell Library Librarians

Zachary Allred



How long have you worked at the Mary and Jeff Bell Library?

Just over 900 Days

What educational degrees do you hold?

A.S., B.A., M.L.S.

What other jobs have you held throughout your career?

Janitor, Chef, Carny

What is your position at Bell Library and what are some of your key responsibilities?

Government Documents Librarian, Managing the Texas State and Federal Depository Collections; Liaison to Political Science, Theater and Engineering; Teaching, reference, etc.

What are some of your scholarly/professional interests?

Professionally, I am interested in books and things.

What do you like the most about your job at Bell Library?

The fame and glamour.



Jennifer Anderson



How long have you worked at the Mary and Jeff Bell Library?

I started working part-time as an adjunct in 2002 and began as a full-time Catalog Librarian in 2006. I also had the opportunity to work in the library as a student worker while doing my undergraduate work.

What educational degrees do you hold?

B.A., M.L.S., working on an M.A.

What other jobs have you held throughout your career?

Small business owner, inventory control for a public warehouse, food service at the Grand Canyon National Park.

What is your position at Bell Library and what are some of your key responsibilities?

As a Catalog Librarian, I am responsible for creating records in our online system that allow access to the materials in our collections. My primary responsibilities include cataloging materials for the Media Collection and Special Collections and Archives. I also serve as a Liaison to several departments on campus.

What are some of your scholarly/professional interests?

Communication behavior, teaching, learning and cognitive science.

What do you like the most about your job at Bell Library?

Being surrounded by books and being immersed in an atmosphere where learning is the whole point...

Edward Kownslar



How long have you worked at the Mary and Jeff Bell Library?

I have worked at the Mary and Jeff Bell Library since December 1998.

What educational degrees do you hold?

B.A., M.L.S., M.P.A.

What other jobs have you held throughout your career?

I have also worked as a Librarian at Millsaps College (Jackson, MS) and Austin College (Sherman, TX). Before I was a Librarian I worked as a journalist. Like many other people I also worked for years in retail.

What is your position at Bell Library and what are some of your key responsibilities?

I work as the Associate Director of Reference and Collection Development Services. My ultimate responsibilities include reference, library instruction, government documents, and collection development.

What are some of your scholarly/professional interests?

I've found that my professional interests have changed over time. I'm involved with several organizations that focus on library collection development, and I plan to continue working in that area. I was originally trained as a medical librarian, and even though I don't have an academic background in the Sciences, I'm still interested in that field of research. In addition, I am getting more interested in marketing research, demographics, design, business communications, and library technology.

What do you like the most about your job at Bell Library?

I like working with my colleagues as well as the students. TAMU-CC has a significant number of students who are first-generation college students, and that's a different scenario from other places where I have worked. I greatly admire their determination to get their degrees here.

Meet the Mary and Jeff Bell Library Librarians

Thomas Kreneck



How long have you worked at the Mary and Jeff Bell Library?

I have been here 21 years.

What educational degrees do you hold?

B.A., M.A. and Ph.D.

What other jobs have you held throughout your career?

Was Assistant Manager of the Houston Metropolitan Research Center and have taught numerous courses in United States, Mexican American, and Public History. Currently, am Graduate Lecturer in Public History for the History program at TAMU-CC.

What is your position at Bell Library and what are some of your key responsibilities?

I am Associate Director for Special Collections and Archives. As such I am head of the department.

What are some of your scholarly/professional interests?

Local, Texas, United States, and Mexican American History. Also oral history and archival management.

What do you like the most about your job at Bell Library?

Interacting with/advising interested undergraduate and graduate students as well as campus and off campus scholars. Also making Special Collections and Archives relevant to the local community.

Denise Landry-Hyde



How long have you worked at the Mary and Jeff Bell Library?

19 years.

What educational degrees do you hold?

B.S. and M.L.S.

What other jobs have you held throughout your career?

I began my work life as a teacher. I was a secretary between teaching and librarianship careers. I've worked for an arts and sciences center, a university geology department, a university foundation, an online newspaper library, as a one-person marine science center librarian, and as an academic librarian at several universities. I've been at TAMU-CC longer than at any other place where I've worked.

What is your position at Bell Library and what are some of your key responsibilities?

Reference/Distributed Learning Librarian. I teach, respond to reference and research questions, participate in collection development, and try to stay abreast of constantly-changing technology and web resources.

What are some of your scholarly/professional interests?

Distributed, e-learning; open access and scholarly communication; database searching; information seeking behavior.

What do you like the most about your job at Bell Library?

Learning is always going on. I enjoy meeting and working with a constantly-changing student and faculty body.

Lisa Louis



How long have you worked at the Mary and Jeff Bell Library?

8 months

What educational degrees do you hold?

B.A., M.A., M.L.S.

What other jobs have you held throughout your career?

I've been a waitress, a bookbinder, a shop assistant in a pet store, a fine jewelry salesperson, a vocal soloist in various churches and a librarian for 20 years in academic, public and law libraries.

What is your position at Bell Library and what are some of your key responsibilities?

My official title is Reference and Information Literacy Librarian; I work on the reference desk, teach classes and other duties as assigned. So far, my biggest project has been working on our new LibGuides software.

What are some of your scholarly/professional interests?

I'm interested in the reference interview, why students do or do not ask for help in the library, and becoming a better teacher.

What do you like the most about your job at Bell Library?

Working with faculty and students to help them be successful in their research. A close second would be working with my awesome colleagues!

Meet the Mary and Jeff Bell Library Librarians

Laura Martinez



How long have you worked at the Mary and Jeff Bell Library?

I have worked here for 9 years (since May 16, 2002).

What educational degrees do you hold?

B.A. and M.L.S

What other jobs have you held throughout your career?

Prior to my current position, I have had one other position in my library career. Two weeks after graduating from library school and receiving my MLS, I became the librarian for the Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth, where I worked for 11 years. As the sole librarian for the Museum's Library, I managed library operations and was responsible for all services provided to the staff and visiting patrons.

What is your position at Bell Library and what are some of your key responsibilities?

As Technical Services Librarian, I serve in an administrative capacity as Head of the Technical Services Department, supervising Acquisitions, Cataloging, and the processing of Government Documents. I also currently serve as Librarian Liaison for Art, Spanish, and Mexican-American Studies and teach information literacy instruction classes.

What are some of your scholarly/professional interests?

I am currently interested in topics of a historical nature, such as World War II.

What do you like the most about your job at Bell Library?

I value the interaction with faculty and the other library departments to help determine whether Technical Services is meeting their needs.

Mark Pfeifer



How long have you worked at the Mary and Jeff Bell Library?

Since the end of July 2006.

What educational degrees do you hold?

B.A., M.A., M.L.S., Ph.D.

What other jobs have you held throughout your career?

Director, Hmong Resource Center Library and Grantwriter, Hmong Cultural Center, Saint Paul, MN. I am also currently an online lecturer for the State University of New York Institute of Technology in Utica, NY. I teach an Anthropology course related to cultural diversity for SUNY-IT.

What is your position at Bell Library and what are some of your key responsibilities?

I am a Reference/Instruction Librarian. I am Liaison to the Geography, Geology, GIS, Public Administration and Education programs. I teach library instruction classes to undergraduate and graduate students in a wide range of programs here on campus. I provide reference desk service and chair the library's Publications and Safety Committees.

What are some of your scholarly/professional interests?

Since 2003, I have been editor of the peer-reviewed Hmong Studies Journal. I have also published a Hmong Studies research bibliography, a collection of folk songs from the A Hmao ethnic group in China and a scholarly anthology of articles related to the experiences of Hmong Americans is pending.

What do you like the most about your job at Bell Library?

I like working with students and faculty. I especially enjoy it when students and faculty tell me that one of the library workshops I have taught was very useful for their research.

Bradley Scott



How long have you worked at the Mary and Jeff Bell Library?

Since March of 2010.

What educational degrees do you hold?

B.A. and M.L.S.

What other jobs have you held throughout your career?

Reference librarian for both college and public libraries. Library circulation clerk, shelver and book processor. Line worker in a mechanized distribution warehouse. Pizza delivery driver. Short-order cook.

What is your position at Bell Library and what are some of your key responsibilities?

Reference and information literacy librarian.

What are some of your scholarly/professional interests?

History; Railroads (both real and model); Fantasy, SF and adventure fiction; Poetry and music; Baseball. (Go Rangers!)

What do you like the most about your job at Bell Library?

Access to the accumulated record of human knowledge, experience, and ideas, and the opportunity to share that access with others.

Meet the Mary and Jeff Bell Library Librarians

Sarah Sutton



How long have you worked at the Mary and Jeff Bell Library?

10 years, 6 months, 4 days as of today, August 1, 2011 first as a library assistant and then as serials librarian and finally as serials/electronic resources librarian

What educational degrees do you hold?

MLIS and PhD

What other jobs have you held throughout your career?

See above: library assistant and then serials librarian, and then as serials/electronic resources librarian

What is your position at Bell Library and what are some of your key responsibilities?

I'm responsible for acquiring, organizing, and providing access to serials (magazines, newspapers, journals, databases, etc.). In that capacity I review and approve subscription renewals, review and negotiate license agreements (required for most online databases and e-journals), and work to avoid and/or alleviate problems with access to databases (with the help of a great many others). I am also responsible for the A&M-Corpus Christi institutional repository.

What are some of your scholarly/professional interests?

I'm interested in the education of librarians and the ways in which their education complements the work they do (the title of my dissertation is *Identifying Core Competencies for Electronic Resources Librarians in the Twenty-First Century Library*). I'm also interested in the impact that Millennial (and later) generations of scholars are having on the system of scholarly communication.

Did you Know? The Library Reserve Text Book Program is Back!!

By Pornuma Onnoum

Mary and Jeff Bell Library has again continued the reserve textbook program. This program provides temporary access to textbooks and required readings for students to use within the library. After discontinuing this program a few years ago, the library is proud to announce that the program started again in the Fall of 2010. With support from Ms. Kathryn Funk-Baxter, Executive Vice-President of Finance and Administration and Mr. Reginald Wade, Director of University Services, university funds are being allocated to make this program possible. We are able to continue the program for a second year and hope to carry it on as long as resources continue to be available. Although not all textbooks are included, the collections contains all of the core curriculum texts from English Literature through Biology and all of the required readings for Nursing and Engineering. Check out times vary with 3 hours allowed for most of the items. Patrons can also check the availability of the textbooks online at http://rattler.tamucc.edu/find/Find_CourseReserves.php. If you are interested in checking out textbooks or required readings, please visit us at the Library Circulation desk or call 825-2340 for more information.

Expanded Media Center

By Amanda Horne

What's new in the Media Center this fall? The Media Center has 3 new multimedia presentation rooms for student use. These state of the art rooms contain SMART Board technology and digital video cameras for perfecting your group presentations. Also new in the Media Center: 6 recently refurbished viewing rooms complete with flat screen TV's. These rooms are available for checkout with a current SandDollar ID.



Sarah Sutton Cont.

And I'm currently working on a review of the serials literature from 2010-2011 for *Library Resources and Technical Services*.

What do you like the most about your job at Bell Library?

That it gives me the opportunity to work on a wide variety of projects with a wide variety of people.



In our ongoing attempt to better address the needs of TAMUCC Faculty and Staff the Mary and Jeff Bell Library has designated a study room specifically for faculty use. If a professor, or full time staff member, would like to use this room before 5 pm Mon-Fri you may make your request to the library administration office in person, by calling 825-2643, or by emailing Cindy Roper at cynthia.roper@tamucc.edu. If a professor, or full time staff member would like to request the room after normal business hours staff members at the circulation desk will be able to assist you.

LibGuides come to the Mary and Jeff Bell Library

By Lisa Louis

This fall, Bell Library will be making access to library resources and research help easier than ever. The library has recently purchased a subscription to LibGuides, a content management system by Springshare designed specifically for libraries and the people who use them.

LibGuides will make it possible for TAMUCC librarians to craft online research guides for each program on campus, combining access to books, articles, government information, websites and more with tip sheets, tutorials and other helpful tools. The goal of the project is to

create a seamless research experience, uniting researchers with resources when they need them most.

Sarah Sutton, Serials/Electronic Resources Librarian, who was instrumental in bringing LibGuides to TAMUCC, was initially most impressed with their potential to enhance library instruction. She refers to the system's "ease of use and flexibility," and looks forward to the conversion of the library's print guides to digital form. "It had become very obvious to me that most students preferred to receive that content electronically rather than in print."

This fall TAMUCC Research Guides will debut with over 20 subjects represented,

and the library plans to add more to that list in the near future. Librarians will also be able to collaborate with faculty to design course guides to help students succeed in their research assignments for specific classes. Faculty can also make research guides and course guides available to students from within Blackboard.

Test drive our Research Guides for yourself! Visit <http://tamucc.libguides.com> and see the new face of research help at Bell Library.



By Virginia Hopkins

RosettaStone is a new addition to the Mary and Jeff Bell Library's list of electronic resources. Implemented late this past spring students, faculty and staff may register to learn a language. Through a consortium arrangement with Texas A&M University, Mary and Jeff Bell Library has 30 learner seats. The choices of language are: Arabic, Chinese

(Mandarin), Dutch, English (American), English (British), Filipino (Tagalog), French, German, Greek, Hebrew, Hindi, Irish, Italian, Japanese, Korean, Latin, Persian (Farsi), Polish, Portuguese (Brazil), Russian, Spanish (Latin America), Spanish (Spain), Swedish, Turkish, Vietnamese.

To register, access the alphabetical list of databases (<http://rattler.tamucc.edu>) and

find the RosettaStone listing. Click on the link and, once you have authenticated, complete the registration form. A user name and password are assigned and last for 6 weeks. User names and passwords may be renewed as long as there is no one on the waiting list. If there is a waiting list, you will be placed on the waiting list for renewal.

Special Collections & Archives: Department Highlights

By Grace Charles

Special Collections and Archives is located on the second floor of the Bell Library. This department consists of a variety of historical materials pertaining to the local region, Texas as well as Northern and Southern Mexico. These materials are heavily utilized by campus students, faculty, staff, the community and area schools.

Special Collections and Archives consists of 35,000 Texana books, rare and out of print books, journals, magazines, maps and periodicals. Our print materials cover scholarly works from the 1800s to the present in history, literature, education, poetry, Civil Rights, politics, the Civil War, and newspaper microforms from Corpus Christi and the Southwest. Spe-

cial Collections also stores and preserves personal donor documents, letters, and photographs of early pioneers in Corpus Christi to the present.

Scholars travel long distances to visit our department and research our materials. They use our materials to complete Doctoral dissertations and Master's theses as well as other scholarly publications. Our documents and photographs have also been used for documentaries. Special Collections and Archives has also been involved in helping area high school students compete in the History State Fair. Some of these students have reached state and national status.

Special Collections and Archives is open Monday-Friday from 8:00-5:00 and by appointment.



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A Students Perspective: Avoiding Common Library Problems

By Lynn Marie Fahey (Student Assistant for Access Services)

Using library services can be stressful and overwhelming if you are not clear about the policies. This article highlights 2 problems frequently encountered by students at the library and the best tips to prevent them from happening to you!

Printing and Copying:

All printers and copiers require a Sanddollar ID loaded with money to operate. It costs 10 cents per sheet to copy or print. If you don't have a Sanddollar you can obtain one at the Sanddollar office located in the University Center. If you need to purchase a temporary Sanddollar for quick copying and printing purposes you can do so at the Bell Library. Simply use the ATM-like kiosk

located on the first floor near the stairs. Temporary cards cost \$1.00 dollar to purchase and can then be loaded up with cash for your print job. Note that this machine only takes bills so coins cannot be used. Unfortunately, the library cannot provide you with change so please bring cash with you if you plan to use printing and copying services. On the other hand, if you are looking to refresh yourself with a drink from the downstairs vending machine, there is a change machine in the library which gives coins!

Checking out the study rooms

In order to check out study rooms it is required that you have your Sanddollar and at least one study partner ID with their Sanddollar. The 3 hour rule for ID room check out is strictly enforced and a fine will be placed on both students' ac-

counts if the key is kept out too long. To solve this problem, simply come back to the circulation desk prior to your due time and renew the key! Note that both students with their IDs must be present in order to renew it.

Because these are group study rooms, at no time can they be checked out to individuals. Looking for a quiet place to study individually? Try the study desks located in the LB-LC section of the main collection stacks or try the quiet area tables located behind the Juvenile and Curriculum sections in the back corner of the second floor of the library.

Technical Services: Department Highlights

By Laura Martinez

Acquisitions and Cataloging:

Library books and materials are acquired through purchases (approval plan, firm orders, standing orders) and gifts donated to the university. The Technical Services Department is responsible for acquiring and cataloging all materials added to the library's collections, providing technical support for academic collection development plans.

Library Materials Ordering Process:

We encourage faculty to actively participate in building library collections. Each year, the library designates funds for each program to purchase books and materials. Each Fall semester, faculty representatives in each college receive notification regarding the amount of funding available for each program and the deadline for placing orders.

Rush Cataloging Requests:

Items that have arrived but have not yet been cataloged are noted in the library's online catalog with the message "1 copy being processed for Main-2nd floor." Rush cataloging may be requested on any item designated as "in process" by contacting the Technical Services Depart-

ment at extension 2354 during regular business hours (Monday – Friday, 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.) After business hours, requests may be left at the Reference Desk or Circulation Desk. Most items will be prepared for use within one business day. Items requested during a holiday or weekend period will be prepared for use on the next regular business day.

Other Area Institutions We Serve:

In addition to providing technical support for the library needs of the university, the Technical Services Department is also responsible for the processing of books and materials for Driscoll Children's Hospital and the South Texas Institute for the Arts.

Government Documents Processing:

The Bell Library is a federal depository for government documents, which are made available to faculty, students, and the general public. The Government Documents section of Technical Services is responsible for the processing of federal documents in coordination with the Government Documents Librarian.

Curriculum Materials:

In association with the Education Service Center, Region 2, Corpus Christi, ele-

mentary through high school level curriculum materials (grades K-12) are housed within the Bell Library. Curriculum materials are processed by the Technical Services Department and made available to library patrons.

Withdrawals and Database Maintenance:

The Technical Services Department processes withdrawals from the library's collections and performs regular database maintenance as needed in the library's online catalog.

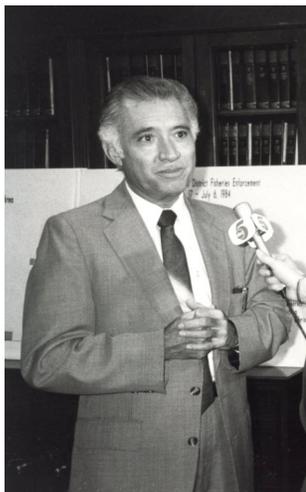


Special Collections & Archives: The Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz Papers and the Hi-Fairnessee Girls Club Records

By Dr. Thomas H. Kreneck

It is with great pleasure that the department announces that it has accessioned the congressional papers of Solomon P. Ortiz and the historical records of the Hi-Fairnessee Girls Club of Corpus Christi. These donations represent two more important acquisitions for the library's research holdings.

Born on June 3, 1937, Solomon Porfirio Ortiz rose from humble South Texas beginnings to serve for twenty-eight years as a respected member of the United States House of Representatives for the 27th District of Texas. A native of Robstown, Texas (near Corpus Christi), Solomon Ortiz was the son of immigrants from Mexico. In 1982, Ortiz won his first term as Congressman when District 27 was created. He had campaigned on the position of focusing on education and creating jobs, which formed his core beliefs. While in Congress, Ortiz, a moderate Democrat, established a reputation of commitment to his constituents and served effectively in many capacities. By the end of his tenure in 2010 he was the Dean of the Texas House Democratic Delegation and the Congressional Hispanic Caucus.



Congressman Solomon P. Ortiz

Congressman Ortiz donated his voluminous papers to the library at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi at a formal ceremony on June 16, 2011. They consist of approximately 380 cubic feet of materials which reflect his contributions to the military, transportation, trade, natural resources, border security, education, regional economic development, and many other issues.

Equally exciting, on August 10, the Hi-Fairnessee Girls Club donated its records to the department at a reception held in Special Collections & Archives. The organization was founded in 1931 by a group of Corpus Christi High School (now Roy Miller High School) Mexican American students as a wholesome social outlet and to focus on pursuing a high school diploma. In that era, such an educational attainment was rare in the local Hispanic community. The term Hi-Fairnessee derives from an old English word meaning "friendly."

In January 1932, the club was reorganized by the female students as the Hi-Fairnessee Girls Club. In 2011, it celebrated its 80th anniversary and has over 2000 alumni. The group has formed the fabric of the modern Corpus Christi Hispanic community and has contributed many leaders to the city.



Under the leadership of Hi-Fairnessee alumnus Terri Longoria, the club assembled and donated its historical records. These documents comprise over three cubic feet of materials and include such items as the annual books the club produced chronicling its yearly events. Special Collections has also conducted a series of oral history interviews with club members from the 1930s to the present. These records provide a valuable research resource on the history of Mexican American women in Corpus Christi.



Hi-Fairnessee Girls Club Alumni. August 10, 2011. Alumni Nati Alaniz, Library Director Chris Shupala, and Alumnus Terri Longoria sign the donor agreement.