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Electronic Library Resources: The Wave of the Future

The University Library is pleased to announce its newly automated card catalog and several electronic databases/resources. Electronic resource work stations were designed to assist students, staff, and faculty in meeting their information needs, by providing multiple user access to several databases. These workstations are located near the Reference area on the first floor. Listed below are descriptions of the electronic resources available.

Portal (TAMU-CC online catalog)

The online catalog, the automated version of TAMU-CC's card catalog, provides access to materials in the University library. It replaces the current card catalog.

CD-Rom Databases

Provides access to information retrieval products such as ERIC, PsycLit, Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature (CINHAL), Government Publication Index (GPO), Aquatic Science and Fisheries Abstracts (ASFA), MLA (Modern Language Association) International Bibliography, PIAS (Public Affairs Information Service), RIA's Onpoint Tax Library, Academic Index and Business & Company Profile Index.

Wilson Databases

A collection of databases providing access to the Reader's Guide to Periodical Literature, Humanities Index, Social Sciences Index, General Science Index, Biological & Agricultural Index, Business Periodicals Index, Art Index, and Applied Science and Technology Index.

Carl UnCover

A document delivery service, serving approximately 17,000 magazines and journals. Articles are available through an

online ordering system.

Other Online Catalogs

Access to the online catalogs of A&M System campuses and University of Texas at Austin.

TexShare

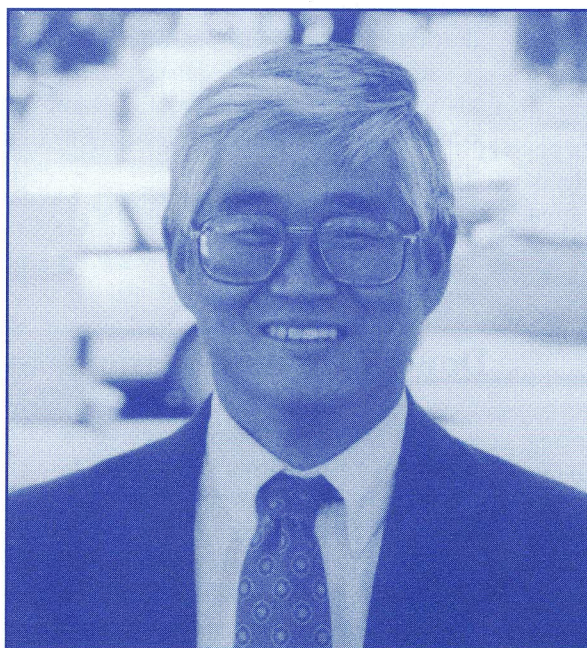
Provides online access to resources such as the Federal Register and Business Commerce Daily as well as a wealth of information in a variety of formats. Sponsored by the Texas Council of State University Librarians.

Instruction

Reference librarians and staff are available to assist library users in utilizing these products to meet their information needs. Instructional workshops will be available throughout the semester. Check at the reference desk for times and locations.



Sylvia Contreras



Wakashige Library Director

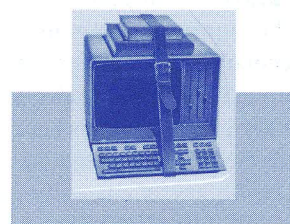
A sense of excitement and the opportunity for development as a mission of the University community are among the main attractions that appeal to Benjamin T. Wakashige as the new Library Director. Wakashige has been served as Director of the University Library since August 8, 1994.

Prior to accepting this position, Wakashige served as director of the Miller Library at Western New Mexico University for seven years. During his tenure, he supervised the implementation of an integrated library automation system. In addition, he served as acting vice president for Academic Affairs during the 1989-90 academic year.

Wakashige sees the Library's role as the center of academic life in the University community. He believes the Library should be service-orientated and provide the best service possible. Wakashige would like to see the Library be on the cutting edge of library technology.



Joe Watson



Interlibrary Loans: What they are and how they work.

The Interlibrary Loan (ILL) Department, located in Reference on the first floor, will borrow books or articles from other libraries if TAMU-CC library does not own them. Policies have been changed to make the ILL process easier for students. Interlibrary loans are now free to all students, and faculty signatures are no longer required.

The number of ILL's that the library provides has expanded tremendously. In 1991 the department processed 3278 requests, by 1993 there were 4647 requests, a 42% increase. Due to the increased volume of items requested, limitations on ILL requests have been imposed. Graduate students may submit seven requests per week and undergraduate students may submit three per week.

To request materials from other libraries, fill out one ILL Request form, available at the Reference Desk, for each item requested. Please **MAKE SURE** the library doesn't already own the item prior to making the ILL request! If you are not sure of how to check TAMU-CC's holdings, ask a Reference Librarian.

Materials usually arrive within two weeks; however, the time required can range from one day to five weeks. **The sooner you submit your ILL request the sooner it will arrive!** When your book or article arrives, you will be contacted. Then you can pick it up in Room 113 of the Reference Department. The loan period for books is determined by the lending library and will be listed on the front of the book. Articles are yours to keep. If you have any questions about Interlibrary Loans call Bonnie Jewel or Penny Rogers at 994-5772.

Future Developments

The library is committed to exploring technological developments that will improve services to students. The Interlibrary Loan process is being significantly affected by breakthroughs in technology. The library is currently experimenting with CARL UnCover and FirstSearch,

document delivery services with vast databases that provide rapid delivery of journal articles. Additionally, TAMU-CC library is part of the ARIEL network. ARIEL is composed of libraries that deliver articles through the Internet to other libraries.

 David Moinette

Dr. George Kramer Donates Collection

Dr. George H. Kramer, Jr., former adjunct psychology professor at TAMU-CC, Del Mar, and Texas A&I, donated his impressive collection of psychology books and journals to the University Library. Prior to his retirement last year, Dr. Kramer was also the Executive Director of the Psychological Service Center and a practicing clinical psychologist.


Dr. Kramer's gift includes over four thousand books and journals, which will be an excellent addition to the library's psychology collection and will benefit students for years to come. The library is very fortunate to have received this collection and would like to express its deepest appreciation to Dr. Kramer.

If you would like to donate materials or know someone who would, please contact David Moinette, Collection Development Librarian.

 David Moinette

Down's Circle Donations

The University Library received a donation of books from Down's Circle (a support group for families of children with Down Syndrome in Corpus Christi). The gift included the following titles: Communication Skills in Children with Down Syndrome: a guide

for parents, by Libby Kumin; A Difference in the Family: Living with a disabled child, by Healen Featherstone; Children with down Syndrome: A developmental perspective, edited by Dante Cicchetti & Marjorie Beeghly. The presentation was made by Bess Althaus Graham, the organizer of Down's Circle. Benjamin Wakashige, Director of the University Library, received the gift during a public ceremony at the Corpus Christi Public Library. 

Editor's Note

In preparing for automation, all library materials were barcoded. Library staff and volunteers worked diligently applying barcode labels to over **100,000** books. Please join us in congratulating all *barcoders* for a job well done!

SHOOT OUT AT THE BARCODE CORRAL

their eyes were sternly focused
their voices crisp and clear
they worked smoothly together
no errors allowed in here!

the conversation cryptic
their concentration showed
the challenge pushed relentless
nothing their pace could slow

the hands on the clock moved
onward
sheet after sheet they slew
each shelf a new adversary
from book to book they flew

what separates these players
is not quite understood
but one thing seems for certain
barcoding's in their blood.

Gene

New Faces

Nell Kelly, Library Volunteer

A desire to stay active and contribute to the community after retirement led Nell Kelly to her present position as a volunteer in the Special Collections & Archives Department of the University Library.

Ms. Kelly, discovered the availability of this position through a phone call to the Volunteer Center. The prospect of volunteering in a library appealed to her because it was a change of pace from her previous employment experiences, which most recently included Southern Minerals and IBM.

Ms. Kelly, a welcomed addition to the Special Collections & Archives Department, has volunteered for a little over three years now. She puts in approximately eight hours a week. Her job involves working with the Kilgore Col-

lection, an impressive body of books and manuscripts assembled by Dan E. Kilgore.

As a resident of Corpus Christi since 1935, Ms. Kelly witnessed the growth of the city. As one familiar with the University from its days as University of Corpus Christi, a Baptist sponsored university, Ms. Kelly feels that the University has made an important contribution to the community. As a result, she enjoys the opportunity to respond by contributing her time and services. She finds her volunteer work here rewarding and enjoyable. "It's a pleasant atmosphere, and the people are nice," she says.

The Special Collections & Archives staff members, in turn, are impressed with Nell's contributions to the department. Dr. Thomas H. Kreneck,

Special Collections Librarian/Archivist, states, "She has been absolutely crucial in her work with the Kilgore Collection. She has, in effect, become the volunteer curator of this collection." When Dr. Kreneck accepted the position of Special Collections Librarian/Archivist, there was an abundance of material in the Kilgore Collection that had not yet been processed and cataloged. Ms. Kelly worked with this material in a consistent manner with little need of supervision.

 Joe Watson

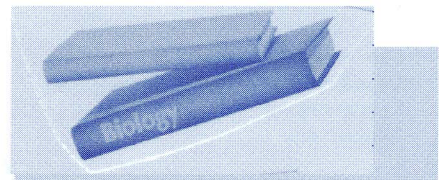
Special Collections & Archives

Located on the Library's second floor, Special Collections & Archives is dedicated to acquiring and making available to researchers those materials which deal with the development of the local area. As such, our holdings principally encompass Corpus Christi and its South Texas environs, as well as Texas and Northern Mexico. Our materials include some 13,000 books, periodicals, and other printed items, and over 2,500 linear feet of archives and manuscripts, mainly dealing with local topics.

Among the department's most important collections are the voluminous papers of Dr. Hector P. Garcia, longtime Corpus Christi physician, community activist, and founder of the American G. I. Forum; the Dan E. Kilgore Collection, an impressive body of books and manuscripts assembled by Dan Kilgore, Corpus Christi accountant and former president of the Texas State Historical Association; and the Blucher Family Papers, the records of the pioneer German

family, whose members held the office of Nueces County Surveyor for several generations. In addition, the department has valuable book collections donated by Dr. S.K. Stroud, Dr. Clotide P. Garcia, Dr. Joe B. Frantz, Edward and Janet Harte, Myrthle Christian, and others. Our manuscript collections have been significantly augmented through the addition of the papers of such community leaders as DeWitt Hale, Ruben Bonilla, Jr., Tony Bonilla, Mayor Emeritus Luther Jones, Eddie Cavazos, Judge Allen Wood, as well as the late W.E. Pope, Dee Woods, E.E. and Jovita Gonzalez Mireles, and many others.

Special Collections & Archives also serves as the depository for many select records of Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi and its predecessors: Corpus Christi State University, Texas A&I University at Corpus Christi, and the University of Corpus Christi. People find it especially useful and enlightening to review such items as our back issues of the



Library Hours:
 Mon - Thurs. 7:30 am to 10:00 pm
 Fri. 7:30 am to 5:00 pm
 Sat. 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
 Sun. 2:00 pm to 10:00 pm

Library Phone Numbers:
 Reference 994-2609
 Circulation 994-2340
 Interlibrary Loan 994-5772

University News, past college catalogs, and early college annuals (called the Silver King) from the University of Corpus Christi years, 1948-1973.

As a community resource, the material within Special Collections & Archives is available to people beyond the campus. It has attracted academic scholars from across the state and nation.

Special Collections & Archives are always on the lookout for donations, so if you or someone you know has books or documents that may be of value to the department, please contact the department.

Normal open hours for Special Collections and Archives are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday or by appointment.

 Dr. Thomas H. Kreneck

InfoWave is dedicated to the memory of
Associate Editor, Joe Watson.

Do not stand at my grave and weep.
I am not there.
I do not sleep.
I am a thousand winds that blow;
I am the diamond glints on snow.
I am the sunlight on ripened grain;
I am the gentle autumn rain.
When you awaken in the morning's hush
I am the swift up-flinging rush
of quiet birds in circling flight.
I am the soft star that shines at night.
Do not stand at my grave and cry
I am not there;
I did not die.

Anonymous

ATTENTION!!! NEW LIBRARY HOURS!!!

**STARTING SPRING 1995
THE LIBRARY WILL BE
OPEN SATURDAY
10 AM - 6 PM**

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