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## Spring Semester Library Hours

Mon. - Thurs.

7:30a.m. - 12:00a.m.

Friday

7:30a.m. - 5:00p.m.

Saturday

10:00a.m. - 6:00p.m.

Sunday

2:00p.m. - 12:00a.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.

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



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## *Library Creates Access Services Department*

Beginning last fall, the Library's Circulation and Interlibrary Loan departments began to merge into the newly-created Access Services Department. Nancy Cunningham, Associate Director for Public Services, said that this reorganization occurred for several reasons, including the need "to share technology more efficiently and to optimize the use of human resources."

Although the Circulation and Interlibrary Loan Departments are still physically separated, one of the primary goals is to move these departments into one area. In the meantime, the two departments have already begun to share duties; for example, patrons may pick up interlibrary loan requests from the Circulation Desk.

In addition, the Access Services Department will work on improving document delivery services to on- and off-campus students, including those enrolled in distance education courses.

## *Library Acquires New Microform Readers*

By Tracey Delillo

The arrival of 5 new Minolta SP2000 Microform Scanner/Printers in mid-September was a dream come true for patrons and staff. The new machines are the latest in microform scanning technology and feature a number of options not previously available. The "auto-deskew" option generates perfectly aligned printouts, even when the image is crooked on the screen. Masking and centering features save toner and produce more legible printouts by eliminating unnecessary borders and margins. Sensitive controls allow patrons to finely adjust the exposure when printing, a feature that can greatly enhance printouts of photos and poor-quality film. The presence of a second paper tray allows for one-touch landscape printing, or an easy switch to legal size paper. Most importantly, the SP2000s utilize standard laser printer technology, resulting in efficient, consistent, high quality printing.

Patrons and staff who remember the persistent paper jams and uncooperative toner of our previous reader/printers have been overjoyed with the performance of the new machines. Despite numerous new features, the SP2000s remain quite easy for our patrons to operate. This is in large part due to the use of controls nearly identical to previous models and to an overall look and feel that is very similar to what patrons are accustomed to. Of the 5 microform readers purchased, four were installed in the Periodicals department, and the fifth is now housed in the Special Collections department, where it serves to greatly enhance access to rare and local-interest microformat collections.





## Personnel News

**Sally Bickley** and **Rebecca Dillen** were hired as Reference Desk Assistants in October.

**Christine Freeman** has been hired as Library Assistant III in the Periodicals Department. Also she received her Bachelor of Arts in History this past fall.

**Denise Landry-Hyde** planned and coordinated the program for the District IV Meeting of the Texas Library Association on Oct. 19-20, 2000, which took place on the TAMU-CC campus.

**Nathan LaNasa** was hired as the Media Lab Supervisor in October. Welcome aboard!

**Brad Meyer** resigned as the Government Documents Librarian on October 13 to become a reference librarian at Blinn College's campus in Bryan. Good luck, Brad!

**Abby Kratz** and **Priscilla Shontz** attended the TAMU System Medical Library Consortium Meetings at Scott & White Hospital in Temple, Texas.

**Paul Rossi**, who previously worked as a Library Assistant in Media and Reference, was hired as Library Assistant III in Access Services in November. Welcome back, Paul!

**Candace Schorsch** resigned as Library Assistant III in Technical Services in September to move to California.

New graduate assistants for 2000-2001 include **Christopher Ledford**, Reference; and **Alfredo Zamora**, Circulation.

**Roland Rocha**, Systems Support Specialist I, received his Bachelor of Arts in Communications.

Three Bell Library staff members have begun their studies in the Cooperative Master's Degree Program in Library Science between the University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University: **Esmeralda Calderon**, **Susan Gaston**, and **Sue Willman**.

The following staff members attended the American Library Association's Midwinter Meeting from January 12-17 in Washington, D.C.: **Nancy Cunningham**, **Edward Kownslar**, **Abby Kratz**, **Priscilla Shontz** and **Chris Shupala**.

## Spotlight on ...

### Science Direct and net Library

Science Direct is a full-text database that covers more than 1,000 journals in the sciences and social sciences. Most of the journal articles go back 2-5 years and include all of the images through PDF format (which requires the Adobe Acrobat reader).

To access Science Direct, go to the Library's "Electronic Resources" page (<http://rattler.tamucc.edu/elecres.html>) and click on "Science and Technology."

Tips for using ScienceDirect:

- On the first screen, click on "Group-Wide Login"
- On the top of the next screen, you can browse journal titles or conduct a search.
- If you do not have the Adobe Acrobat reader installed on your PC, go to the Adobe web site and download it off the Internet for free: <http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

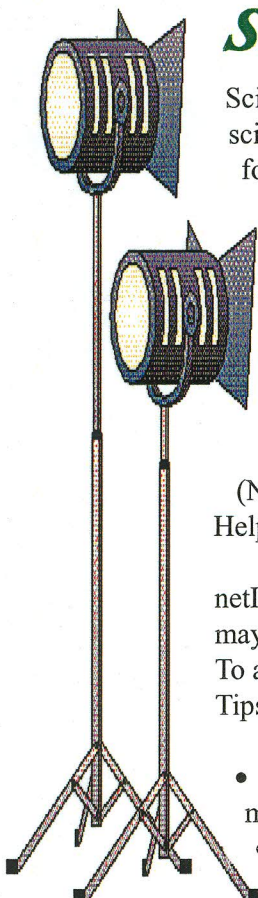
(Note: Before downloading any software onto your PC, please check with the University's Computer Helpline at 825-2692.)

netLibrary provides online access to thousands of electronic books in all academic disciplines. Users may check out books electronically.

To access netLibrary, go to the Library's "Electronic Resources" page and click on "Books."

Tips for using netLibrary:

- To check out books, you must have a personal account. Click on "Create Account" at the top of the main page.
- On the main page, scroll down to "Learn More about netLibrary" for information about reading and downloading electronic books.





# *Annual Meeting of South Texas Librarians Held at TAMU-CC*

By Denise Landry-Hyde

On October 19-20, 2000, for the first time in nearly a decade, the annual meeting of the Texas Library Association's District Four region met in Corpus Christi on the TAMU-CC Campus. The annual gathering was kicked off with an evening reception at the Texas State Aquarium. The next day brought a full agenda of meetings, beginning with welcoming remarks from TAMU-CC President Furgason and University Librarian Abby Kratz, followed by a keynote address from Peggy Rudd, the Texas State Librarian. Peggy brought attendees up to date on current initiatives of the Texas State Library and Archives Commission, including an increased array of databases offered to TexShare libraries (a statewide consortium of all types of libraries).

Other programs during the day included a tour of the Early Childhood Development Center and a discussion of what makes the center unique; a demonstration and discussion of SEDL SCI/MAST—the Bell Library is one of ten access centers in the state for K-12 Math and Science curriculum materials; and two preservation programs: "Saving Family History" and "Pest and Mold Management."

Approximately 68 individuals attended the conference from all types of libraries: academic, public, school, and special, such as the Caller-Times Library. Library paraprofessionals and students in the new distance education program in Library and Information Science being offered jointly by UNT and Texas Woman's were in attendance, as well.

## ***Texas/Mexico Border: Web Sites***

### **Business/Commerce**

1. Office of Border Initiatives (Texas Department of Economic Development)

<http://www.tded.state.tx.us/borderinitiatives/>

Numerous links to development programs, as well as local agencies and chambers of commerce.

2. Overview of the Maquiladora Program (U.S. Department of Labor)

<http://www.dol.gov/dol/ilab/public/media/reports/nao/maquilad.htm>

3. Border Trade Data (Texas A&M International University)

<http://www.tamiu.edu/coba/bti/>

Lists the top 25 imports from 1994 to the present.

### **Demographics**

1. MapStats (U.S. Census Bureau)

<http://www.fedstats.gov/mapstats/>

Provides data by county on agriculture; demographics and population; business; crime; and energy and environment.

### **Environment**

1. U.S./Mexico Border (U. S. Environmental Protection Agency)

<http://www.epa.gov/usmexicoborder/index.htm>

Cooperative effort between the U.S. and Mexican governments "for protecting health and the environment along the U.S.-Mexico border." Includes the full text of docu-

ments, maps, data and related links.

2. Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission: Border Issues

<http://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us/exec/ba/>

Provides documents and data on economics, infrastructure, natural resources, water resources, solid waste, hazardous waste and air quality.

3. U.S.-Mexico Border Environmental References (TNRCC)

<http://www.tnrcc.state.tx.us/exec/ba/sites.html>

Links to U.S. and Mexican agencies and organizations.

### **Government**

1. Governments on the WWW: Mexico

<http://www.gksoft.com/govt/en/mx.html>

2. State and Local Government on the Net (U.S.)

<http://www.piperinfo.com/state/index.cfm>

### **Health**

Both of these sites provide documents and data on birth defects, border health, children with special needs, environment, genetics and medical services.

1. Texas Department of Health – El Paso Office (Regions 9 & 10)

<http://www.r10.tdh.state.tx.us/>

2. Texas Department of Health – Harlingen Office (Regional 11)

<http://www.r11.tdh.state.tx.us/>



## Special Collections & Archives:

### *La Prensa* of San Antonio

By Dr. Thomas H. Kreneck

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Among the microfilm holdings in Special Collections & Archives, the newspaper *La Prensa* of San Antonio ranks as one of the most valuable sources for researching the twentieth century Mexican American experience in Texas. Founded by Ignacio E. Lozano, originally from Durango, this Spanish-language newspaper was published between 1913 and 1963.

*La Prensa* initially addressed the Mexican population which had fled the Revolution of 1910. During its first year, *La Prensa* appeared as a weekly; however, by late 1914, it became a daily with a circulation of more than 10,000. As it progressed, *La Prensa* covered not only news from Mexico, but other international events as well as United States national news. Perhaps most important, *La Prensa* included articles submitted by Mexican American correspondents covering local events in Hispanic communities across Texas. These latter news items provide a chronicle of the social,

cultural, political, and civic life of Mexican Americans in such places as Laredo, Corpus Christi, Houston and the Rio Grande Valley.

The *La Prensa* microfilm is being viewed by undergraduate and graduate students using the new Minolta reader/printer in the Special Collections reading room. These researchers are facilitated in their work by the specialized knowledge of the Special Collections staff. Currently, Special Collections has 181 microfilm rolls of *La Prensa*, spanning the crucial period 1913-1945, with plans to obtain the remainder of the newspaper as soon as possible.

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