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Fall 2002 Library Hours

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
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Sunday
2:00p.m. - 10:00p.m.

Library Media Center

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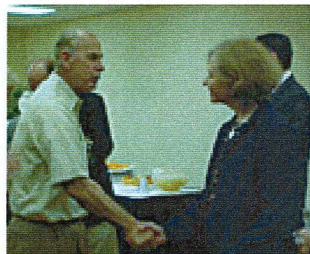
Special Collections & Archives

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

Bell Library Director Accepts UT-Dallas Position

Abby Kratz, University Librarian, left the Bell Library on July 15 to become the Assistant Provost and Director of Innovative Education at the University of Texas at Dallas.

Abby served as the library director from 1999 to 2002. Her contributions to the library include expanded access to online databases, including NetLibrary and Science Direct. Other advancements made during her tenure include new technology and services for interlibrary loan and document delivery; new reader/printers for microforms; and a TIF grant for laptop computers and a touch-screen information kiosk. Improvements to the building include the "Super Quiet Study Area," new furniture and expanded shelving. In addition, she helped guide the library through the SACS review process. Despite budgetary challenges, she worked to ensure more consistent library funding through earmarked library fees. Abby will be rejoining her family in Dallas. The Bell Library staff would like to wish Abby the very best in her new position.



Dr. Furgason & Abby



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Library Director Abby Kratz says goodbye at her Farewell Reception held on July 10, 2002. Photos taken by Virginia Buckley.



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Classes may use Textbook Software in Library's Media Center

The Library Media Center offers faculty the ability to have software that accompanies textbooks loaded onto Media Center workstations for student use. To have software loaded, submit a "Library Software Request" form (available in the Media Center) and provide a copy of the software to be installed. All software is loaded as received and remains on workstations for the duration of the semester. At the end of each semester, all course-related software is removed from all workstations and returned to faculty. For further information, please contact Josie A. Garcia, ext. 2793.

Inside the Wave

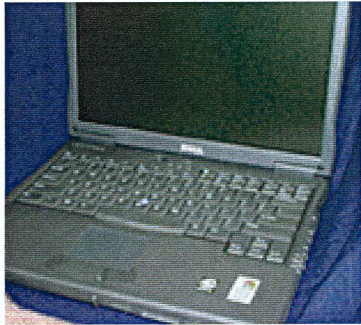
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Laptop Computers Available to TAMU-CC Students

Beginning this fall, TAMU-CC students will be able to check out laptop computers in the library.

The laptops will be available 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and students may check out these computers in Room 217I in the Library's Media Center. Students must be currently enrolled, and they must present a valid SandDollars ID. Under the conditions of a grant, only students may check out these laptops.

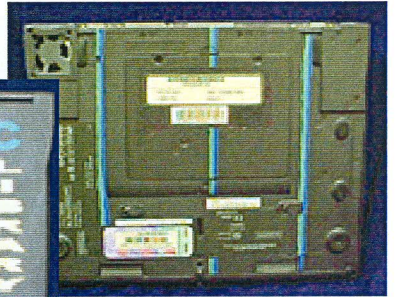


Before students receive the laptops, they will have to sign a contract and read the rules for using them. Also, they will need to specify whether they would like to use a floppy drive, zip drive, or CD-ROM. The laptops are available on a first-come, first-serve basis, and they must stay in the library. In addition, students should expect a 15-minute waiting period before checking them out, as well as a 15-minute period when they return the laptops.

The software on the laptops will include MS Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint and Access), Microsoft Explorer, and Netscape. Users will be able to access the Internet on the laptops anywhere in the library. Print jobs can be picked up at the Library's Media Center.

Any questions about this service should be directed to Nathan LaNasa, Systems Support Specialist I, at ext. 3737 or through email at Nathan.Lanasa@mail.tamucc.edu.

Note: This project was supported with funds from a grant awarded to the Bell Library from the Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund (TIF) Board.



Photos by Virginia Buckley



This fall, TAMU-CC faculty, staff and students are invited to try the new Java City coffee bar in the library.

Java City, which will have its grand opening on August 26, will be located at the entrance inside the library building and will operate seven days a week. The proposed hours of operation include:

Monday - Thursday: 8 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Friday: 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Saturday: 11 a.m. - 2 p.m.
Sunday: 2 - 6 p.m.

Any changes in hours will be announced by University Services.

The beverages and food available from Java City include espresso drinks, iced specialties, brewed coffee, bottled beverages, pastries and ready-to-eat sandwiches and salads.

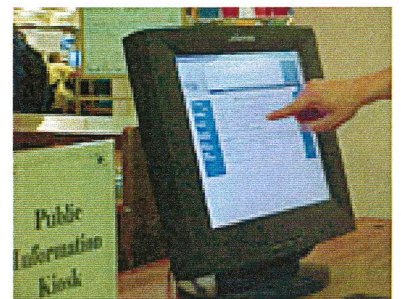
Patrons are asked to observe the library's food and drink policy in the building.

Library Information Kiosk

Wondering about the current tropical activity in the Gulf? Need to know the hours for the Library or the Tutoring and Learning Center?

This fall, the Bell Library's Systems Department will place a touch-screen kiosk at the entrance of the building, and patrons may check this PC for a variety of quick information with the press of a finger. The screen will feature several information options, including:

- Library's Departmental Hours
- Weather
- Maps of the Library
- Tutoring and Learning Center/Center for Teaching Excellence
- Events
- Frequently Asked Questions



So please try it out and let us know your thoughts! Also, please let us know if you have suggestions for other types of information that should be provided.



Personnel News

The Bell Library would like to welcome these staff members who are new to the library or are changing positions: **Sally Bickley**, Access Services Librarian; **Darryl Donaldson**, Library Assistant III for Access Services; **Richard Graham**, Information Literacy Librarian; **Laura Martinez**, Cataloging Librarian; **Sarah Sutton**, Serials Librarian; and **Sue Willman**, Reference Librarian.

Two Bell Library staff members participated in group panels at the Texas Library Association's Annual Conference in Dallas in April: **Abby Kratz**, "Are Electronic Resources Manageable?"; and **Dr. Tom Kreneck**, "Mapping a Path to TexTreasuries". Kreneck presented a paper entitled "The Galvan Family Photograph Collection: A Case of Library/Community/TexShare Cooperation". In addition, these staff members attended the TLA conference: **Sally Bickley**, **Edward Kownslar**, **Denise Landry-Hyde**, **Sarah Sutton**, and **Sue Willman**.

These library staff members earned master's degrees in the spring or summer: **Roland Rocha**, M.S. in Education Technology; **Sally Bickley**, M.S. in Library Science; **Rebecca Dillen**, M.S. in Library Science; and **Sarah Sutton**, M.S. in Library Science. Congratulations!!

The Navy has once again recalled the Library's Business Coordinator, **Susan Gaston**, to active duty. This time, she will be going to the National Imagery and Mapping Agency (NIMA) in Bethesda, MD. NIMA's mission is to provide timely, relevant, and accurate Geospatial Intelligence in support of national security. Susy will be their Naval Reserve Liaison Officer for the next 2-3 years.

Grace Charles, **Jan Weaver**, and **Dr. Tom Kreneck** from Special Collections & Archives attended the Texas State Historical Association's annual convention in Corpus Christi March 7-9, 2002. Dr. Kreneck was the commentator at the TSHA session entitled "Corpus Christi at 150: The Emergence of a Modern City." In addition, Dr. Kreneck presented a paper entitled "An Archivist/Historian's Odyssey: Researching the Biography of Felix Tijerina" at the annual conference of the Society of Southwest Archivists held in Flagstaff, Arizona, May 16-19, 2002.

Denise Landry-Hyde, **Paula Scott** and **Christine Shupala** attended the American Library Association's annual conference in June in Atlanta, Georgia.

Paul Rossi, Library Assistant III for Access Services, retired in May. Paul has worked in the library's Media, Reference and Access Services departments. We wish you the best, Paul!

The following library staff members have moved on to other professional opportunities: **Clint Chamberlain**, to Trinity University; **Nancy Cunningham**, to Sonoma State University in California; and **Janet Murphy**, to the University of New Orleans. Thank you for all of your good work. We wish you the best in your new jobs!!



Congratulations

to **Dan Cayce**, Library Assistant III, on the birth of his son; and to **Noreen Kalien**, Circulation Supervisor, who has a new grandson.

In Memory:

Nell Kelly and Ray J. Garcia

by Dr. Thomas H. Kreneck

Special Collections & Archives is sad to note the passing of two great benefactors of the division. Nell Kelly, who died November 20, 2001, served as a volunteer in Special Collections for nine years (1991-2000). As the volunteer curator of the Kilgore Collection, Nell performed many duties in making that important collection available to students and other researchers. Among her most significant accomplishments, Nell sorted, identified, and electronically cataloged the Kilgore Historic Picture Postcard Collection of over three thousand items. On March 27, 2000, Nell was the subject of a feature article in the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* as a nominee for the Jefferson Volunteer Awards for her contributions to Special Collections.

We must also note that Ray J. Garcia passed away on June 4, 2002. Born in Corpus Christi on January 3, 1911, Ray was active in local history circles as a longtime member of the Nueces County Historical Society and the Spanish American Genealogical Association (SAGA), as well as in many civic organizations. Ray proved especially crucial in Special Collections acquiring the papers of E.E. Mireles and Jovita Gonzalez de Mireles, two pioneer Corpus Christi Hispanic educators. He played an active role in persuading the owner to donate those materials to the University. As such, Ray was largely responsible for the posthumous publication of two major novels by Jovita Gonzalez.

Nell Kelly and Ray J. Garcia are both keenly missed by the staff of Special Collections & Archives.

Special Collections & Archives: Graduate Class in Applied/Public History

By Dr. Thomas H. Kreneck

During the spring 2002 semester, the Special Collections & Archives Division was involved in the graduate class in Applied/Public History, which was taught for the first time at Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi as part of the History M.A. program. While it was my privilege to be the instructor for the course, its success came because of the eleven outstanding graduate students who comprised the class.

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

The students included Peggy K. Bourge, Tarah Burns-Carpenter, Richard F. Donka, Richard B. Heldt, Charles A. Henne, Terrie L. Lee, Andres Martinez, Jr., Angeles Martinez, Anthony M. Raposa, Cecilia G. Venable, and Michael J. Wranosky. In many ways, these students functioned as associates of Special Collections because their class projects fostered the goals of the division, as well as introduced them to the world of applied/public history.

The class met in the Special Collections Reading Room and made site visits. The sessions in Special Collections included presentations by practitioners in the various fields of applied/public history. Off campus, the students participated in

meetings of professional and lay historical associations; toured museums and corporate archives; and visited a historic building under the guidance of local preservationists. These applied/public historians conveyed to the students how history graduate training prepared them for their current occupations.

The course once again demonstrated the close connection between Special Collections & Archives and the history program at A&M-Corpus Christi. It further linked an important group of advanced students to this research division of the Bell Library.



Applied/Public History graduate students examine literature dealing with historic preservation. Seated l. to r. Peggy K. Bourge, Cecilia G. Venable, and Tarah Burns-Carpenter. Standing l. to r., Michael J. Wranosky and Richard B. Heldt.

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