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Welcome!

Welcome to the end and hence the beginning of another exciting semester at the UTEP Library! We are thrilled to begin a UTEP Library newsletter informing staff of important news, changes, past and upcoming trainings, and more. In addition, it will inform the UTEP community of what the library is up to. We are aiming to distribute a newsletter at the end of each semester. If you have news or any information that is useful to library staff and/or students regarding the library, contact **Sebastian Diaz** at 747-6721 or **Sol Maria Lopez** at 747-6703.

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Library Staff Changes

Mrs. Melody Nunez replaced Maria Moreno, who recently retired, as the new Library Assistant II / Reserves. Mrs. Nunez has been with the library since 2011. She's originally from El Paso, Texas, and holds a Bachelor's degree from UTEP in English and American Literature. She is married and has three children. Mrs. Nunez states **"It makes me happy when one of our students can come to me and I can help them with the knowledge I have."**

Mrs. Olga Illeana Ruiz is now Library Assistant II / Stacks. Mrs. Ruiz has been with the library for 5 years; she's married and has three children. She likes everything about her new position. Thank you to both for adding value to the UTEP Library and our services!

Good year for Library professional development

This year several of our professional staff members were fortunate to attend a conference. **Mrs. Nancy Hill**, Associate Library Director of Technical Services presented at the Conference on The First-Year Experience. **Sol M. Lopez**, Serials cataloger, **Les Arms**, **Angela Lucero**, and **Elizabeth Torres**, Reference and Instruction Librarians attended the Association of College and Research Libraries, ACRL, in Indianapolis, IN. **Lisa A. Weber**, Head of Digital Information Resources, **Jason W. Moore**, Technical Services Assistant Electronic Materials, **Virginia Rassaei**, Spanish-

language cataloger, and **Ralf Hallmann**, TSC Manager, all attended the Innovative Users Group, IUG, conference in San Francisco, CA. **Kathy Poorman**, Section head of Cataloging, presented at the Texas Library Association held in Fort Worth, TX. **Abbie H. Weiser**, Processing Archivist, **Claudia A. Rivers**, Head of Special Collections, and **Laura Hollingsed**, Manuscripts Librarian and Archivist, attended the Society of Southwest Archivists Annual Meeting & Workshops held in Austin, Texas. In addition, several librarians attended CETaL's Sun Confer-

ence on Teaching and Learning held on campus, plus two online conferences held within the library: the 2013 ER&L (Electronic Resources & Libraries) Conference, as well as the Amigos Annual Member Conference. That's eight total conferences! Continuing education and professional development is clearly a priority at the library as we strive to be current and up-to-date in the numerous services we provide to our UTEP students, faculty, and staff.

Upcoming Library staff trainings

- The Staff Development Committee is organizing Listening Insights / Assertiveness and Ethical problem-solving training by Dr. Linda Brown on August 15, 2013. Lunch is provided for those who RSVP. More details to come!

- The UTEP Human Resources is having several upcoming trainings: Emergency Management on 7/9, Active Shooter on 8/2, Ask and You Shall Receive / Customer Service on 8/16. To learn more, click on Human Resource Services.

- The BRLA Fall Conference will be on Saturday, October, 5th, 2013 with a Meet and Greet on Friday, October 4th, 2013. The keynote speaker will be Benjamin Alire Saenz, who won both the ALA Michael L. Printz Award for Excellence in Young Adult Literature and the PEN/Faulkner Award this year. The location is still to be determined. There is a call for proposals, if interested in presenting contact Angelica Garcia at 915-241-7934 or Sharon Amastae at 915-565-2152.

New 2013 library resources to watch out for!

- Underground and Independent Comics, Comix, and Graphic Novels

- ICE Video Library for Universities

- LLMC digital (Law Library Microform Consortium

digital)

- RDA Toolkit: Resource Description & Access [American Library Association (ALA)]

- Encyclopedia of Arabic Language and Linguistics

(Brill)

- COS Funding Opportunities (ProQuest)

- Morningstar investment research center

- SpringerMaterials: The Landolt-Börnstein Database

Special congratulations to Library Staff

We'd like to congratulate our very own library staff that graduated this past Spring and Summer 2013 for their hard work in their accomplishments. Congratulations to **Juana Rivas**, Supervisor in Media & Microforms, who received a Bachelor's in Multidisciplinary Studies. **Israel H. Chavez**, TSC Supervisor, received a Master's in Mathematics. **Abbie H. Weiser**, received a Master's in History and

was named Outstanding Graduate Student in History for Spring 2013.

In addition, special recognition was given this past Spring semester to **Juan A. Sandoval**, Reference Librarian and subject selector for Art/Chicano Studies and **Charles W. Gaunce**, Law librarian and Head of Government Documents. They both were honored by students as a few of UTEP's 'Hidden Heroes'.

Congratulations to **Harvey Castellano, Jr**., Assist. Director for Instruction/Information Literacy as he was selected to receive UTEP's Distinguished Achievement Award for Service to the University by a Member of the Professional Staff.

Best of luck to future librarians **Joy Urbina**, Library Assistant II, **John Padilla**, Library Assistant II, and **Jason W. Moore** in your pursuit of a Master's degree in librarianship!

"For me, graduating was the completion of a goal."
—Juana Rivas, M&M

Fascinating Facts

WHO KNEW?

- Did you know that **Priscilla M. Tremenheere**, Admissions Counselor at the Military Student Success Center, is **Gordon Tremenheere**'s daughter? Gordon is a supervisor for the Copy cataloging section in Technical Services and has been here over 30 years!

- The UTEP Library (this location) opened its doors on December 12, 1984.

- Upon opening, the UTEP library had about 42 miles of shelving in the library!

- The first five floors comprising our library is about the size of a football field!

- The UTEP Library published a newsletter titled

"Keywords" from 1994-1998.

- The **Library of Congress (LOC)** receives about 15,000 items per working day to catalog!

- The smallest book at the Library of Congress is 1/25" x 1/25", or the size of the period at the end of this sentence.

Highlight Services at the Library

Interlibrary Loan (ILL)

ILL is located on the second floor of the library, Room 201 B, phone 747-5678. The library's Interlibrary loan department allows users to borrow material, whether books or articles, from other institutions. Upon requesting material, users may access ILLiad, the requesting form, online through the UTEP Library homepage, and by creating an account. The service costs .50 cents per request. The department is staffed by **M. Estela Reyes**, ILL Coordinator, **Edu**

ardo Oropeza-Sanchez, Library Assistant, and **J. Martin Sanchez**, Library Assistant. They are open Monday-Friday 8:00 am—6:00 pm during the regular semester. Thank you ILL for assisting patrons so efficiently and for supplementing our own collections to provide outstanding service to our patrons!

Highlight Library staff members

Professional staff:

Debjani Mukhopadhyay has been working at the library for 10 years. She is the Engineering/Reference librarian providing instruction to engineering students, faculty, and staff; to pre-engineering undergraduates, graduates, and post graduates. She received an MLS from Texas Woman's University and is currently working towards completion of an MBA at UTEP by 2014. Instruction and research are her favorite assignments.

Classified staff:

Alex Hinson has been at the UTEP Library for 20 years. She is a Library Assistant in Technical Services under Acquisitions, focusing on serials ordering. She is married and has three daughters, two of which are currently attending UTEP.

Student staff:

Mayra Vasquez is a work-study and has been at the library for 5 years. She works in the Circulation department. She has been here throughout her undergraduate studies and is now working on a Master's in Special Education with an emphasis on Autism. She is expecting to graduate in May 2014. What she enjoys most about her position at the library is the environment, stating **"You get to meet people from all over the world, the department works with your schedule, and you appreciate all the benefits a library can offer you."**

What is TSC at the Library?

The Technology Support Center (TSC), located in Library room 300, provides a wide array of hard to find technology services for students, faculty, and staff. It is equipped with video editing stations and the right tools for video production, software development, and graphic design. Other services provided by TSC include:

- Help Desk
- Collaborative Learning Center
- Software Workshops
- Computer Clinic

- Group Study Rooms
- Assistive Technology Lab
- Room Reservations
- Equipment Checkout

For more information, visit Technology Support Center.

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THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARY

Mission Statement
The library provides innovative and high quality services, programs, and resources that support UTEP's stated mission of education, research, scholarship, and community service. The library provides access to a wide range of print and electronic information resources that meet the individual needs of its users in its multicultural university community and the U.S. – Mexico Border Region.

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Moving on to Sierra

As most of us are aware, we are moving to Sierra on August 22, 2013. Technical Services and Circulation will be the departments most affected by the transition. Per III representatives, Sierra currently has "400 commitments with 200 live," (Kelley, 2013). These numbers can be reassuring as it increases the likelihood of having some of our own questions answered by the time we switch. According to Library Journal, this past April, "Libraries have responded quite positively to Sierra, with 206 contracts made in 2011 and another 117 in 2012. The vast majority represent migrations from Millennium,

though 14 this year were from new name customers." (Breeding, 2013). There is yet no formal in-house training scheduled for Sierra, but there are available tutorials to help us get a feel for it, a Sierra listserv, as well as access to the Sierra Sandbox. A few of us are worried about the Create Lists function as it will be drastically different, but with the right training, time, and patience we will get there. One exciting feature is Sierra dashboard, which provides customization of daily tools. I personally use several programs and cataloging tools that I need to have open concurrently, so this feature is exciting! Another fea-

ture we look forward to is the Workflows feature, where rather than having to go to different modules to perform different functions, staff members can do this in one place. We will probably follow up on Sierra as the implementation date draws near, so stay tuned!

Submitted by: Sol M. Lopez.

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Kelley, M. (2013). III shifts its direction; Innovative Interfaces' new CEO calls for greater collaboration, *Library Journal, 138*(10), 56.