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Enjoying Summer?

Welcome to the **Summer 2015** issue. Here we inform staff of important news, changes, past and upcoming trainings, and more. Sit down, relax, and enjoy learning about what the library has been up to lately. 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

There are so many staff changes this summer! Patricia Carrete was promoted to Library Assistant III in Circulation. She has been with the library since she was a student employee in 2011. Victor Aragon was promoted to Library Assistant II in Circulation; he has a B.S. in Microbiology and has been with the library since 2009 as a student employee. Matthew Lopez was recently appointed as a Librarian in Cataloging and will oversee the JSTOR project. He has a

strong background in technology and education and graduated from UNT with an MLS in 2011. Scott Ogrey was promoted to Library Assistant III to assist with the JSTOR project as well; he is currently enrolled in the LIS graduate program at UNT. He has been with the library since 2012. Naomi Martinez was appointed as Library Assistant I in Circulation and has been with the library since 2010. Gordon Tremenheere from Cataloging retired after 33 years with the library! Joy Urbina was promoted as Library Assistant III in Cataloging

and has been with us since 2011. Adrian Morales has been appointed as an Instruction Librarian; he graduated from UNT in 2009 and has much experience in education. Alejandra Mayer was appointed as Library Assistant II in M&M and will be graduating from UNT with an MLS this August. Robert Oropeza has moved from M&M to Cataloging as a Copy Cataloger; he has been with us since 2013. Many congrats to all of you!

Pic from Laura Hollingsed's Farewell Party



Photo courtesy of Yvette Delgado, Spec. Coll. Imaging Specialist.

When asked about her upcoming retirement, Laura Hollingsed said, "Retiring is very bittersweet. I look forward to sleeping in and doing the things that I have never had much time for, such as gardening. Of course, I will miss the challenges of my work, and most of all I am sad that I won't see all of my friends here at the Library every day. But I won't miss driving to and from work in El Paso's terrible traffic! I hope to come back to El Paso frequently, so I will stay in touch and come by to visit everyone!"

A few of Laura's colleagues feel that after Laura leaves, it will be as devastating as when The Beatles had broken up! Farewell Laura, happy retirement!

Pic from Gordon Tremenheere's Farewell Party



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Digital Badges in the Library

The Staff Development Committee has been active finding ways to recognize and motivate staff to take part in professional development opportunities. Recently, they began awarding staff with a digital badge for any staff development activity or accomplishment related to their work. Digital badges are a clever way to allow staff to keep track of activities in staff development that can help in documentation for annual performance reviews. They also allow staff and their supervisors to visually see what and how much was accomplished or learned in skills related to one's position. Badges exists for being Embedded in a course, Professional Organizations, Library Workshop, Cross-training, and many more. LibraryPros is the website created to be able to obtain such badges. Simply log in with your username and password. Click here for LibraryPros.



Message Board

- Did you know there were SEVEN El Paso high schools that were National History Day winners, 4 of which came to conduct their research
 at the UTEP Library. Special thanks to Nancy Hill, Joy Urbina, Damaris Giron, Virginia Rassaei, John Padilla, and Les Arms for supporting the local community!
- If you're a member of BRLA (Border Regional Library Association), a reminder to pay your dues. Contact Sebastian Diaz at sdi-az@utep.edu or 747-6721. The BRLA Fall Program is scheduled for Saturday, November 7th, location TBD.
- Instruction librarians are offering a tweeting service for research questions: Ask UTEP Lib Wizards @UtepLib.
- The UTEP Student Engagement and Leadership Center offers a Family Friendly Room for faculty, staff, and students with lactation space, special lighting, toys and games, books, magazines, a rocking chair, and changing table. It is located at 112 Union West and is open from 8-5 pm. The UTEP campus is increasingly more family-friendly!
- Congratulations to Technical Services' Rosa Rodarte and her student employees, Juana Rivas and her students, Joy Urbina, Virginia Rassaei, Kathy Poorman, Oscar Chacon, and Cynthia Navarro for completing the initial processing of ALL Federal documents, that is close to 200,000 government documents now available to users!
- Special thanks to Eva Ross, a volunteer from Special Collections, and all the Special Collections team, for assisting an NYU graduate student, Elizabeth Maeve Maguire, with her thesis, for which she writes in an email: "I have attached my senior honors thesis, which I successfully completed and defended a few weeks ago. This thesis actually earned the History Honors Thesis Prize, which is awarded to the best history senior thesis at NYU! I couldn't have done it without you guys, thank you SO MUCH for all your help!!!!"
- The Safety Committee is planning for an Active Shooter drill in the library scheduled for Wednesday, August 12th, 2015. To prepare for
 the drill, please review the following: <u>Emergency Procedures</u> AND Shots Fired video. For the video, log in with your username and password first, the two videos will be under the Shots Fired section at the very bottom of the webpage.
- Mark your calendars for a well-varied, all-day staff training scheduled for Thursday, August 13th, 2015, from 9 am to 3:30 pm, with lunch included for those who RSVP. More details soon!
- A LibGuide for staff and students, from the Staff Development Committee, has been published; for anything related to staff development, go here.
- Virginia Rassaei and Joy Urbina recently came back from ALA Annual Conference in San Francisco. To read their conference report, go the Conference Libguide.

Name Badges, Clothing, and Approachability in the Library

Here are two excellent Library and Information Science articles on the topic of approachability, recommended by the Customer Service Committee:

Article 1

Article 2

Can You Spot A Library Staff Member in This Photo?



Photo of UTEP Staff Council with President Diana Natalicio. Photo courtesy of Laura Hollingsed.

From Library Worklife: HR E-News for Today's Leaders

Here are 6 tips to finding your own balance from "<u>Tips from the Ying-Yang Librarian: Finding the Work-Life Balance</u>" by Yadira V. Payne:

- 1. Remember to take deep breaths throughout the day (this produces good endorphins and circulation).
- 2. Smile often, even when you feel like crying (this helps remind you that you are a person and not a product).
- 3. Do not bring work home with you (the work will still be there when you return and it never ends, trust me).
- 4. Don't you dare check your work email while you are on vacation or on the weekend (this is your time not theirs!).
- 5. Set appropriate boundaries for your personal space while at work (play music, use aromatherapy, hang paintings or photos, so forth).
- 6. Remember that you have a life and you have a right to it (do not give this human right over to your work).

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Many congratulations to award winner for **Summer 2015**:

• Elvira Carrizal-Dukes (CHIC 4350)

Many congratulations to award winners for Fall 2015:

- Lorenzo Candelaria (MUSL 3321)
- Kate Gannon (COMM 3313)
- Carl Kirk (CHEM 2101)
- James Salvador (CHEM 2101)
- Pamela Herron (ENGL 4354)
- Laura Mendoza (ESOL 1310)
- Joseph Ortiz (ENGL 2311)
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