McDermott Library
The University of Texas at Dallas

Larry D. Sall, Ph.D.

Larry Sall named Dean of UT-Dallas Libraries

Dr. Larry D. Sall, an historian and flight enthusiast, has been appointed to the newly created position of Dean of Libraries at The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD). The move will more close-ly align Sall, who has served as director of libraries at UTD's Eugene McDermott Library for the past four years, with peers at universities across the country and allow him to participate in the dean's caucus, the policy advising group for the university's provost.

Sall's appointment brings the number of deans at UTD to 11.
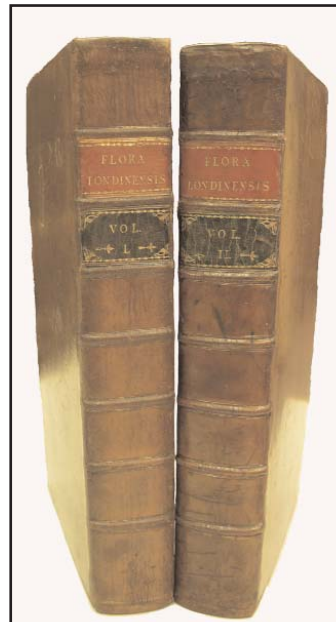
Flora Londinensis

One millionth volume event set for Sept. 10

McDermott Library will celebrate the acquisition of its one-millionth volume, a landmark 18th Century botanical set, in a cere-mony at 2 p.m. on Friday, Sept. 10.

The program will be held in the McDermott Library Auditorium (MC 2.410). The volume will be unveiled at a reception immediately following in the McDermott Suite on the fourth floor. The event is free and open to the public.

The Louise B. Belsterling Foundation of Dallas provided the means to acquire the one-millionth volume – *Flora Londinenis*, a landmark in English botany by William Curtis. The Belsterl-ing Collection of rare botanical and horti-culture books is located in the Special Collections Depart-ment and supported by the foundation.

"A special occa-sion calls for a remarkable book," said Dr. Larry D. Sall, director of UTD Libraries. "The Belsterling Found-ation has been excep-tional in supporting the Belsterling Collection. It has our profound gratitude for this wonderful gift on this great

Flora Londinensis

A landmark English botanical set by William Curtis

FALL EVENTS

Dr. Hanna Ulatowska

Oct. 6
2 p.m.

Library Auditorium

Poet Laureate Cleatus Rattan

Oct. 29
7 p.m.

Library Auditorium

Writing expert Paula Laroque

Nov. 10
2 p.m.

Library Auditorium

Laptops now available for library checkout

McDermott Library continues to enhance services for our users. Our latest effort is making 10 Dell laptop computers and peripherals available for checkout. The computers - with wireless access to the library catalog, databases, and the Internet - can be used inside the glass doors on the second, third and fourth floors. Checkout time is for three hours.

Dr. Ellen Safley, Associate Director for Public Services and Collections, notes that the laptops are also equipped with Windows Office software and SciFinder Scholar (the online version of Chemical Abstracts). Users can print documents in the Information Commons next to the Reference Desk on the main floor.

The laptop project is a product of the McDermott Library Wireless Initiative Task Force comprised of Matt Makowka, Tahmoures Elyasi, Nguyen Ly, Shaun Proctor and Susan Kutchi.

Ingenuity, technology allow McDermott Library to continue services during unscheduled blackout

An unusual energy outage that disabled the primary and secondary sources of power at the University of Texas at Dallas in mid-August prompted McDermott Library staff to use creative means to continue service.

When nine large buildings went black on the afternoon of Aug. 12, the library was without its computer catalog, air conditioning and lights. The building was closed on Friday, Aug. 13 but librarians rose to the occasion and set up wireless laptops to connect to the library's server to access databases through the Internet from two campus facilities unaffected by the blackout.

Reference librarians set up wireless laptops in the Jonsson and Green buildings to assist patrons and answer questions.

Dean of Libraries Larry Sall and Associate Director for Administration Carolyn Henebry staffed the lobby information counter to offer directions and assistance.

"Although the blackout happened during our intersession, we wanted to maintain a presence and offer library functions through our electronic resources," Sall said. "We couldn't check out books or receive returns but we continued to operate. An interesting day we hope never happens again."

Since the library was already scheduled to be closed on Saturday and Sunday, the power failure did not affect service on those days.

Water seepage was the culprit that affected the main and backup power lines. With power restored all university building and functions were operational on Monday, Aug. 16.

McDermott the first university library in Texas to offer Global Marketing Information Database

McDermott Library is the first university in the State of Texas to offer the full Global Market Information Database (GMID), an integrated on-line information system that provides key business intelligence on countries, companies, markets and consumers. The database is produced by Euromonitor.

GMID is offered by 31 of the top 50 MBA programs in the United States. The UTD School of Management is the largest among the university's academic programs.

Included in the database are:

● More than a million statistics for 205 countries

● Six-year historic market size data for some 330 consumer products and a 5-year forecast

● Lifestyle indicators such as eating, drinking habits, ownership trends and crime patterns

● More than 4,500 market reports (global, country and company)

● Profiles of 3,000 leading, fast-moving consumer goods companies

● Thousands of international market and business information sources

● Key political and economic indicators in 205 countries

Access is limited to UTD students, staff and faculty.

Kraus Curriculum Library covers PreK-12 to adult education

Kraus Curriculum Development Library Online is a new searchable database that provides curriculum information on a variety of subjects covered in preK-12 and adult basic education.

Registered users search for lessons and learning activities, educational objectives, instructional strategies, educational content, evaluative techniques, and curricula, frameworks and standards. A tutorial is provided. Access is limited to UTD students, staff and faculty.

Freshman Orientation Fair

Reference librarian Carol Oshel staffs the library table and distributes information to new students during the summer's first Freshman Family Orientation Fair in the UTD Activity Center. - Staff photo
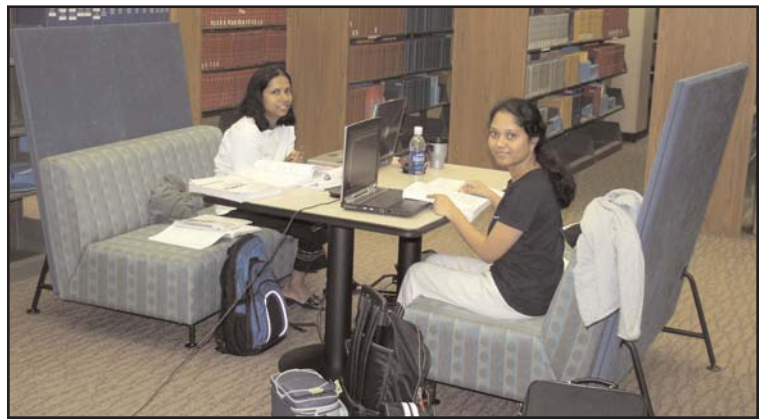

Information Is Power Workshop

Reference librarians Hillary Campbell, Loreen Phillips and Linda Snow, Head of Reference, make the first in a series of instructional workshops titled "Information Is Power!" for UTD staff and faculty. They explained the best methods to use the library's catalog for electronic books, databases and finding "old-fashioned" paper reference resources. - Staff photo

A reminder to renew TexShare cards

McDermott Library is a participant in **TexShare**, a resource-sharing program sponsored by the Texas State Library and Archives Commission. One valuable perk of TexShare is the **Card Program** that enables you to borrow materials when you visit other libraries across the State of Texas. For specific information about each library's policy, click: http://www.texshare.edu/generalinfo/about/programs.html. The TexShare card is valid for a semester. Cards are available at McDermott or Callier Center Library.

Doctors Mahmunda Islam and Yamuna Garrapu get comfortable.

Medical students enjoy new library comforts

Two doctors, one from India and one from Bangladesh, have spent long hours at McDermott Library studying for their United States medical licensing examinations.

Yamuna Gurrapu and Mahmuda Islam earned medical degrees in their respective countries - Yamuna from NTR University (2002) in her native Andhrepradesh, India and Mahmuda from Dhaka Medical College (1998) in her native Dhaka, Bangladesh.

They both live in Plano with their husbands. They met while enrolled in the Kaplan Medical (Dallas) program. Yamuna came to North Texas when her hus-band was transferred here to work at Texas Instruments. Mahmuda's husband works for Sabre and was a student at UTD before earning a degree at the University of Oklahoma.

Since they spend about 10 hours a day at McDermott Library, the internal medicine students were joyed to see new stylistic furniture arrive in the summer.

"The UTD library is very good for study," Yamuna said. "The staff is very friendly. It is really comfortable."

"The public libraries are too noisy," Mahmuda said. "We are here seven days a week so this new furniture makes it nice."

Dean Larry Sall says new title a recognition for entire library

Prior to his appointment as director of libraries in 2000, Sall led the library's special collections department for more than 20 years, where, among other things, he helped establish compilations in aviation history and philately.

Sall has overseen major achievements in library services at UTD, including the renovation and modernization of the library's fourth floor, the creation of the McDermott Library Lecture Series and the McDermott Library Writers Series, the establishment of a leisure reading program, the renovation and upgrade of the bibliographic instruction facility, the creation of satellite libraries and mobile kiosks in various schools and buildings on campus, a Friends of the Library program and the adoption of a new library operating system. Sall also has taken the library into the electronic age, making more than 30,000 journals and hundreds of databases available online.

"I am honored to be named dean of libraries," Sall said. "This is not a personal honor - it is a reflection of the work of a great library staff and the support of the entire university community, including administration, faculty and the student body. It also is recognition of the central role the library plays in a university, supporting learning and research as a partner in the academic endeavor."

Sall's appointment comes at a significant time in the library's history - as UTD prepares to celebrate the library's acquisition of its one-millionth volume, an 18th Century botanical set.

At its inception in 1969, UTD did not have a traditional academic library. As the university grew, the library expanded its profile to cover new disciplines while still providing major support for UTD's scientific and technical curriculum. Today the library serves about 14,000 students, as well as hundreds of faculty and staff.

Sall, an Audubon Society enthusiast, has written several book reviews and led numerous programs at professional conferences, talks to Rotary Clubs, school groups and other community groups about library developments, bird watching and environmental issues. He is a member of the Richardson Rotary Club, is a past president of Texas Philatelic Association and serves on the board of director of the Frontiers of Flight Museum. Sall also is a member of the Dallas Committee on Foreign Relations, is president-elect of the Dallas County Audubon Society and is on the board of directors of the Texas State Audubon Society. He received both his master of arts and Ph.D. degrees in history from Wayne State University.

ebrary adds 16,000 electronic resources to library

The library has added another new resource called ebrary, a growing collection of approximately 16,000 electronic books and maps.

The library subscribed to the Academic Complete package with maps.

Rather than the password/checkout model for e-books, ebrary works through your IP address. It is available through the proxy server.

Any number of users can connect to a single ebrary e-book. Password problems and simultaneous connections to a single item are issues that plague some other electronic book providers.

To use ebrary users must install a special reader. To download the reader, click - **http://site.ebrary.com/lib/utdallas/Download**.

New HAC databases available for research

More than 720 scanned photographs and metadata of aircraft and people from the Civil Air Transport/Air America Collection are now available for viewing and research on the Special Collections Department Digital Archive. To access the new archive please go to this web address:

http://www.utdallas.edu/library/collections/speccoll/dia/dia.htm

During the spring and summer, student workers created databases for the History of Aviation Collection's aircraft vertical files, aircraft operation manuals, airline annual reports, and airframe manufacturer's annual reports.

Compendex an index for engineering research

One of the most comprehensive bibliographic databases for engineering research, Compendex by Elsevier, is a new electronic resource at the McDermott Library. The database contains references and abstracts to more than 5,000 engineering journals, conferences and technical reports.

The broad subject areas of engineering and applied science are comprehensively represented. Coverage includes chemical and process engineering, computers and data processing, applied physics, electronics and communications, civil, mechanical and materials engineering. Online coverage runs from 1969 to the present. Compendex is updated weekly. Some 250,000 records are added annually. Access is limited to UTD students, staff and faculty.

Special Collections upgraded for display, research

The Special Collections Department underwent a recent facelift. Most of the display areas were moved to the front. The research room and the Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library spaces were switched.

In addition, an electronic research area was created which includes a library card catalog computer, a database computer, a photograph negative light board, a microfiche/form reader, and a VHS/DVD viewing station.
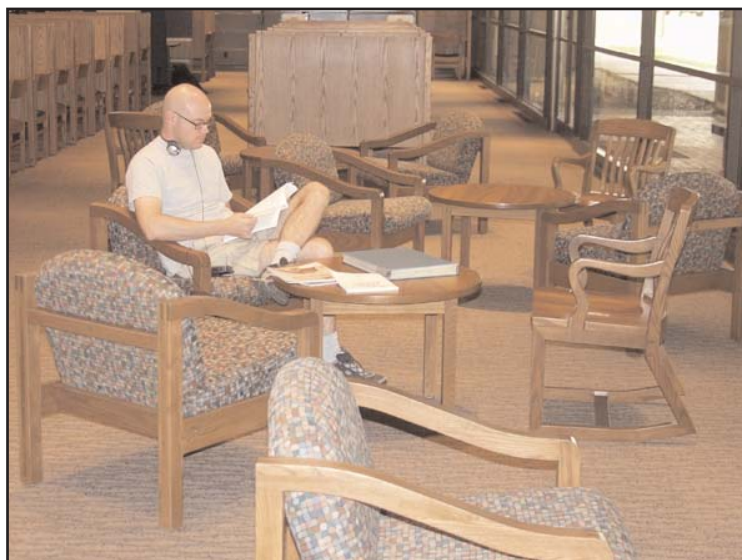
Air America members visit McDermott Library

The Air America Association annual reunion for 2004 was held in Dallas at the Westin Hotel. More than 400 former Air America employees, spouses and friends attended the three-day event.

During the general business meeting HAC Coordinator Erik D. Carlson, Ph.D., gave an update on the progress in the Air America Collection and the Digital Archive. Later Air America members attended a reception at the HAC. During the banquet president Jack Knotts presented a $5,000 check for continued work on the Digital Archive.

Students view computer screens from all angles in the expanded Information Commons next to the Reference Desk.

A new reading lounge area has been established on the west side of the Leisure Reading Collection shelving.

Public services areas upgraded on main floor of library

The completion of a multi-million dollar renovation of the McDermott Library's fourth floor in 2003 did not signal the end of steady improvements.

Work has continued on the physical layout of the main floor that has resulted in an expanded computer center now called the Information Commons or InfoCom. Formerly known as the Electronic Reference Center, InfoCom grew by one third and features all new computers and furniture.

Information Commons includes three pods (or clusters) of computer stations. Of the 37 computers, two are dedicated to federal documents, one is for CD ROM and one is for direct access to Interlibrary Loan forms and other online forms.

The Leisure Reading section was relocated from the back of the Reference Desk to an area near the west wall where for the first time patrons have a lounge area in which to relax, study and read. Casual furniture has been installed in that area.

The library copy center, once located in the very back of the main floor, was moved to an area next to the InfoCom and Leisure Reading shelves. The copy center also features microfilm printers.

"This adjustment and addition brings many of our public services to adjacent locations," said Larry Sall, Dean of UTD Libraries. "Students, faculty and patrons can 'one-stop shop' in this convenient consolidation. They no longer have to walk across the entire floor for certain services."

The Circulation Desk is also located in this area and the Reference staff is easily available to assist users.

The increase of computers was partly necessary because of the library's rapidly growing inventory of electronic databases and the students' need to access them. The university's enrollment has also grown steadily to 14,000.

There is a new procedure for paying library fines.

All fines and fees are now paid at the Bursar's Office located in the McDermott Library basement. Hours are 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday.

The new Copy Center offers color and black and white copies.

The Leisure Reading shelves feature up-to-date popular books.

Library to celebrate one millionth milestone Sept. 10

Shown above is *Antirrhinum cymbalaria* from
Flora Londinensis

occasion."

The program will feature a presentation by Dr. Ellen D. Safley, associate director for Public Services and Collections, about the significance of Curtis and *Flora Londinensis*. In addition, Sall will recognize members of the Belsterling Foundation and special guests.
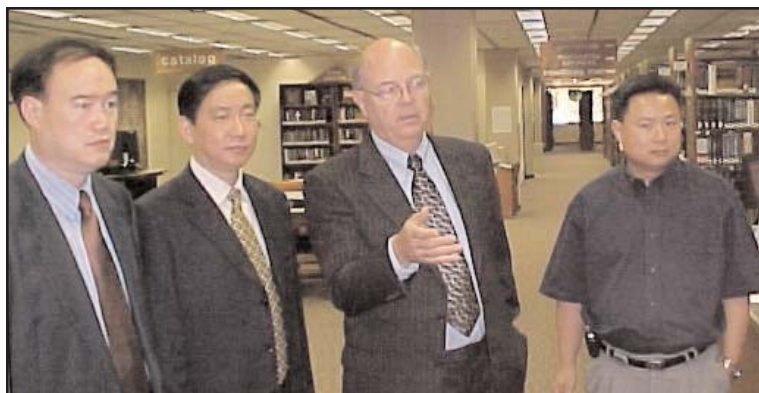
The McDermott Library's copy of *Flora Londinensis* is an exceptionally clean first edition that is virtually free from transfers. Printed in 1777, it features more than 400 hand-colored engraved plates. No more than 300 were produced, and the McDermott volume is one of the few surviving complete copies.

Sall said the millionth volume is a significant milestone for the university and its libraries. "Since its inception in 1969, UTD never has had a traditional academic library," he said. "Our early years were defined by the strict needs of our graduate

About *Flora Londinensis*

One of the great names in botany, William Curtis (1746-99), was a pharmacist, botanist and entomologist. He set up a botanical garden of British plants at Bermondsey in 1771. Two years later, he was appointed demonstrator of plants at the Chelsea Physic Garden.

Although the stated purpose of the *Flora Londinensis* is to depict plants growing within a 10-mile radius of London, the work is much more comprehensive in scope than its title suggests, for it embraces most of the English flora. As a result, it should be regarded as the first color-plate national flora. It is an impressive work with handsome engraved illustrations and wonderfully rich coloring. It contains some of James Sowerby's first botanical illustrations as well as the work of William Kilburn, Sydenham Edwards, Francis Sansom and perhaps other unsigned illustrators. By the 1790's, Sowerby was considered to be the finest botanical artist in England.

Flora Londinensis was not a financial success and was cut short for lack of subscriptions. No more than 300 of any single signature are believed to have been printed. The work, nonetheless, was appreciated by Curtis' fellow naturalists. Because the book normally was put under considerable pressure during binding, many copies show color and ink transfers. The McDermott Library edition was not pressed and is virtually free of transfers.

research scientists. We did not pursue the broad offering of books normally associated with university libraries.

"As we phased in the undergraduate programs, the library expanded its profile to cover new disciplines while still providing major support for our scientific and technical curriculum."

Flora Londinensis joins other notable jewels in the Belsterling Collection. Just a few of these are *Herbarium Latinum* (1499), *Genera Plantarum* (1742) by Linnaeus, *Botanicon* (1540), *Nievve Herball* (1578), *Kreuterbuch* (1593), *Compendium de Plantis Omnibus* (1571), *Description Des Plantes Nouvelles* (1800) and *The Herball or Generall Historie of Plantes* (1633).
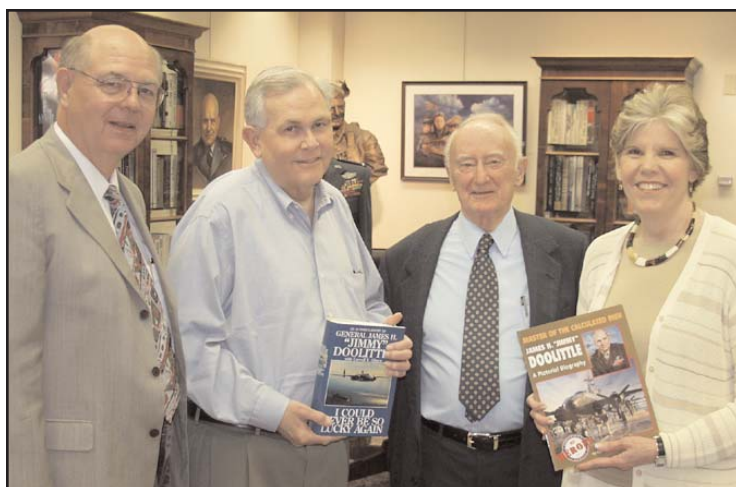
Chinese delegation tours McDermott Library

A delegation from Southeast University in Nanjing, China is escorted on a tour of McDermott Library by Dean of Libraries Dr. Larry D. Sall. The visitors viewed several areas of the UTD campus. - Staff photo

The audience reacts to C.V. Glines's humorous story about Jimmy Doolittle's career as a boxer.

2004 Jalonick Memorial Lecture draws capacity audience

At left, Larry Sall, Dean of UTD Libraries, joins George Jalonick IV, honored speaker Col. C.V. Glines (USAF Ret.) and Mary Jalonick at a reception after the 2004 Jalonick Memorial Lecture. George and Mary are receiving two of Glines' books about Gen. "Jimmy" Doolittle.

Below, a capacity audience turned out for the presentation by C.V. Glines titled "General James H. 'Jimmy' Doolittle: His Life Story" that was held in the McDermott Library Auditorium.

CAT Association to visit UTD Special Collections

The Civil Air Transport (CAT) Association will hold its annual reunion in Dallas, Texas in October. More than 300 former employees, spouses and friends are expected to attend.

The CAT reunion will consist of informal meet and greet gatherings, a general business meeting and a formal banquet.

The History of Aviation Collection at UTD will hold a reception in honor of the CAT Association in the Special Collections Department of the McDermott Library. UTD is the official home of the CAT/Air America Archive.

Frontiers of Flight Gala

The multi-million dollar new facility for the Frontiers of Flight Museum at Dallas' Love Field opened with a gala dinner. Many of the museum's artifacts are on long-term loan from the History of Aviation Collection at UTD. At dinner are (from left) Mr. and Mrs. Franklyn Jenifer, UTD President; UTD Dean of Libraries Larry D. Sall; and Mr and Mrs. Larry Terry, UTD Associate Provost.

Fall library lectures include expert writing coach, Texas Poet Laureate, Brain Sciences professors

Library lectures for Fall 2004 include 2004 Texas Poet Laureate Dr. Cleatus Rattan, expert writing coach Paula Laroque and three professors from the UTD School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences. All events are scheduled for the McDermott Library Auditorium (MC 2.41). They are free and open to the public.

Rattan is a former U.S. Marine and modern day rancher who is currently on the faculty at the University of Mary Hardin-Baylor. He will appear at 7 p.m., Friday, Oct. 29 as a part of Alumni Weekend. A resident of Cisco, Texas, Rattan taught English at Cisco Junior College for many years.

He will give his viewpoints on how poetry works from the inductive process rather than deductive. His latest published collection is *The Border*. In 2002 he received both the New Texas Poetry Award and the Texas Review Poetry Prize.

Paula Laroque is one of the foremost authorities on effective writing in the nation. She served as assistant managing editor and writing coach at the *Dallas Morning News* for 10 years and appears across the country presenting workshops. Larocque is the author of *The Book on Writing: The Ultimate Guide to Writing Well* and *Championship Writing: 50 Ways to Improve Your Writing.* She has taught technical writing and media writing at Texas A&M, SMU and TCU.

Dr. Bert Moore

The library is dedicating its 2004 Fall campus lecture series to the School of Behavioral and Brain Sciences. Dean Bert Moore has arranged for Dr. Hanna K. Ulatowska, Professor at the Callier Center for Communication Disorders, to present the first program on Oct. 6 at 2 p.m. in the Library Auditorium. Her topic will be "Mental Representation of Auschwitz Experiences: The Perspective of Child and Adult Survivors." Two other presentations from the school will be scheduled in the spring.