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Seamless library service for enrolled students extended to include summer



JOYFUL MOMENT - Tahmoures Elyasi, far left, of Library Information Technical Services, accepts one of two 2005 McLemore Awards for Library Excellence from 2004 winner Loreen Phillips. In between them is the other 2005 McLemore Award winner, Mircea Grancea of Circulation who moments before received his award from Dean of Libraries Larry Sall and 2004 winner Merry Trujillo. Additional photographs on Page 4.

Wireless laptop program is 'wildly successful'

Terming McDermott Library's wireless laptop program, "wildly successful," McDermott Library Associate Director Ellen Safley had good things to say about staff who put the program together.

"Our thanks to the Wireless Initiatives group and Library Information Technology Services for their continued vision and support of our laptop program," she said.

The library doubled the number of laptops available for check to 32 in late March. On the first day of operation with the additional computers, almost all of them circulated throughout the day.

Patrons check out the laptops with wireless connectivity to the library's electronic resources and catalog for use in most areas of the building.

McDermott Library is now offering seamless eligibility for library services to students between major semesters.

UTD students who were enrolled in the 2005 spring semester and who are registered for the 2005 fall semester continue to have full library privileges over the summer even if they are not enrolled during the summer semesters. The same arrangement will apply to students who are registered in the summer and take a hiatus in the fall, so long as they are registered for the spring semester.

"This is a major improvement to student library privileges in response to requests from our user community," said Dr. Ellen Safley, Senior Associate Library Director.

Previously, students who were enrolled in the spring and fall but were not enrolled in the between summer sessions were ineligible for full privileges (book checkout and electronic access). McDermott Library is open to anyone who wishes to read or conduct research in the library.

Students must be in good standing to qualify for library privileges. Outstanding fines or fees must be cleared before access is provided.

To achieve this new service, administrators reprogrammed the library's Voyager System to combine registration for different semesters without removing the eligibility of students who have taken off a semester from classes. Dr. Safley pointed out that, as in the past, students enrolled in the 2005 spring semester who are not registered for the fall 2005 semester do not have continuing library privileges over the summer semesters.

Library experience helps Walters write guide to finding Texas facts

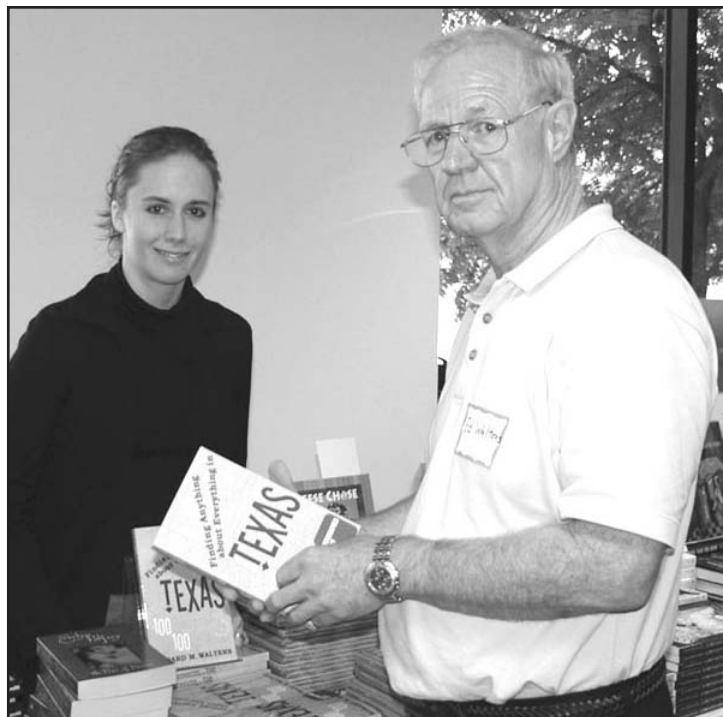
Former McDermott Library director Edward M. Walters used his extensive experience to write a reference book for those interested in Texas facts.

The book is titled *Finding Anything About Everything in Texas: 100 Credible Books and 100 Reliable Web Sites* (Taylor Trade, \$18.95).

For 19 years he served as director at McDermott Library. He has been a historian, teacher and information consultant for government agencies, businesses and the film industry.

One of his articles, "The Future of the Book: A Historian's Perspective," is often cited for its accurate forecasts of significant technological developments in publishing.

At the Best Southwest Book Fest in April, he made two presentations: "A Writer's Technique for Finding Anything About Texas," and with Janet Harris, "Tales from the Trenches of Publishing."



Ed Walters gave two presentations during the Best Southwest Book Fest held at the University of North Texas Dallas campus April 22-23 near DeSoto. With him is Trish Jones of event sponsor Barnes and Noble. - McDermott Library Photo

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At left, Reference librarians Loreen Phillips, Susie Kutchi and Teresa DeLoach greet new UTD President David Daniel during announcement festivities in the School of Management building.

At right, Linda DePhillips administers aid to "victims" during emergency training. Others who participated include Paul Oelkrug, Rosa Thompson, Merry Trujillo and Ti Nguyen.



Birth of a new Central Reference Desk



**Just another
Erector Set . . .**



**Wired and
nearly ready . . .**



**Doing
business . . .**

Susie Kutchi
Teresa DeLoach
Hillary Campbell
Linda Snow
Stephanie Isham
Carol Oshel
Kreg Walvoord
Loreen Phillips
Matt Makowka

2005 McLemore Awards for Library Excellence

Canyon Creek Country Club, Monday, May 9, 2005



Carole Thomas, Sylvia Johnson, Mary Caspari



Nancy Whitt, Nancy Steele, Patsy Aguilera



Merry Trujillo, Teresa DeLoach, Jenny Nguyen



Susie Kutchi, Debbie Montgomery, Larry Sall



Mary Ann
Thompson, Lila
Babcock



Cynthia
Kennickell,
Debbie
Gilbert



Thomas Allen, Aaron Lambert



Rosa Thompson, Ti Nguyen



Peggy Olsson, Linda Snow, Hillary Campbell



Participating in the scientists stamp unveiling at UTD are left to right: John Ferraris, Interim Dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics; Dr. Russell Hulse, UTD faculty member and Nobel Laureate (Physics, 1993); Dean of Libraries Dr. Larry D. Sall; Carl January, Jr., U.S. Postal Service Dallas District Manager; Dr. Franklyn Jenifer, UTD President; and Robert Weiser, Postmaster, City of Richardson, Texas.

UTD helps Postal Service unveil scientist stamps

When it comes to innovative science and scholarly research in North Texas, The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD) sets the standard. That is why the United States Postal Service (USPS) chose UTD as the site of a regional public ceremony on May 6 for the new stamp issue featuring four famous American scientists.

The Wineburgh Philatelic Research Library located in the Special Collections Department of the McDermott Library helped organize the event for the USPS and the UTD School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

A robust audience saw the unveiling of the block of four stamps honoring cytogeneticist Barbara McClintock, mathematician John von Neumann, physicist Richard Feynman and thermodynamicist Josiah Willard Gibbs.

The event was held in the Kusch Auditorium located in the heart of UTD's scientific community. The late Polykarp Kusch

was a UTD faculty member in the early 1980s and received the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1955. One of the special guests who participated in the ceremony was Dr. Russell Hulse, UTD faculty member who shared the Nobel Prize in Physics in 1993.

USPS Dallas District Manager Carl January Jr. orchestrated the unveiling with the UTD dignitaries that included UTD President Franklyn Jenifer, Interim Dean of the School of Natural Sciences and Mathematics John Ferraris and Dean of Libraries Larry D. Sall. Richardson Postmaster Robert Weiser served as master of ceremonies.

The postal service sold the new stamps and offered special cacheted envelopes to commemorate the occasion. Two cancellations were used to cancel the stamps - one that noted UTD as the location of the event and one that noted the "Second Day of Issue." In 1999 Special Collections held a similar event for the integrated circuit stamp that featured inventor Jack Kilby.



Audio books have been in big demand this spring. - McDermott Library photo

Audio Books arrive at McDermott Library

Since its arrival this spring, the new AudioBook Collection at McDermott Library has been so popular that some patrons have found it difficult to find the CDs available.

The books are available for checkout for three weeks with no automatic renewal. Books that do not have a hold on them can be renewed.

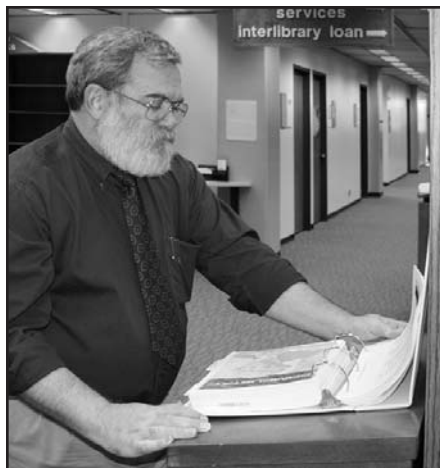
Reference librarian Teresa DeLoach, program coordinator, said audio books are being added every two weeks and that increase should eventually ease the demand.

She can be reached at 972-883-2614 or at teresa.deloach@utdallas.edu.

McDermott Library people

Congratulations to Reference librarian **Kreg Walvoord** and wife **Chantal** who welcomed their first child, 6-pound, 10-ounce daughter **Annabelle Nicole** on April 25. Dad described her as having "a very full head of dark hair, long eyelashes and cute as she can be . . ."

Dr. Walter Johnston is the new Data Librarian at McDermott. He has a BA and Ph.D. in statistics from the University of Texas at Austin. He has worked for UTD as a lecturer in the mathematics and science programs. Walter has experience using statistical software such as SAS and SPSS. In addition he has used a number of programming languages such as Unix, Linux and Windows. He will be working primarily with faculty and students to assist them in locating and using datasets. Many of the datasets used by UTD faculty are financed



Dr. Walter Johnston

through the library in support of research. The resources include extensive information about companies and industries, our federal and Texas governments, and other types of longitudinal information gathered from university research programs and work funded from other agencies. Johnston is playing a role in showing students and faculty these resources and how to access them.

In Library Information Technical Services (LITS) **Lawrence**



Stan
Rosenfield



Vikram
Ramakrishnan



Lawrence
Sonntag

Sonntag came on as a student worker in May . . . **Jennifer Cockrell** is a new student worker assistant on the Public Services Help Desk. A UTD junior she is working toward a Historical Studies degree, specializing in European history. She previously worked in specific software tech support (software used for pharmacies and as a sales associate. She enjoys reading . . . Also new in LITS is **Stan Rosenfield**, computer equipment technician. He has an MCSE (Microsoft Certified Software Engineer), A+ (software and hardware certification), N+ (networking certification) and CCNA (Cisco Certified Network Associate). He has worked as an aircraft mechanic for Lockheed in Georgia and enjoys scuba diving . . . **April Martinez** works in Cataloging . . . **Vikram Ramakrishnan** is new in LITS . . .



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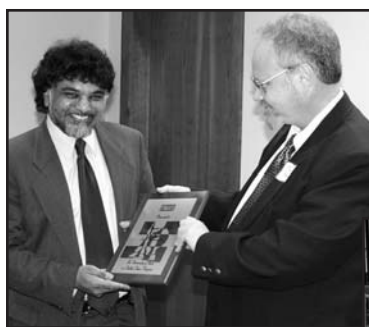


April
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Author Bee Pedersen



Top - Bee Pedersen, author of *Women Write the War*, signs a book for Galerstein Women's Center Director Lauren DeCillis. Below, Serenity King of Cataloging with her brother, Sgt. Devin King, whom she wrote about in Pedersen's anthology.



ChessFest IV

The library also collaborated with the world class UTD Chess Team in staging ChessFest for the fourth consecutive year. Top, Dr. Tim Redman presents the Chess Educator of the Year Award to New Yorker Sunil Weeramantry. Below, youngsters challenge UTD team members in the library lobby.



Famed historian William M. Leary headlines Jalonick

William M. Leary, the E. Merton Coulter Professor of History, Emeritus, at the University of Georgia, will provide the guest lecture at the 2005 Jalonick Memorial Lecture set for Saturday, Aug. 3 at 4 p.m. in the McDermott Library Auditorium. A reception will follow in the Special Collections, 3rd Floor of the McDermott Library.

The annual Jalonick Lecture is named after George W. Jalonick III and Dorothy Cockrell Jalonick. The Distinguished Lecture Series was established to inform and enlighten the public about the history of flight by bringing aviation notables to the Dallas community.

The series was endowed in their memory by George Jalonick IV and friends of the Jalonick family.

The title of Leary's presentation is *Last Flights: Air America and the Collapse of South Vietnam*.



Leary

Air America, a company owned by the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA), had taken a central role in the wars of Southeast Asia since the early 1950s. By 1975, however, as the North Vietnamese launched a major offensive against the Saigon government, the once giant air complex had become a mere shadow of its former self. Reduced to a couple of a dozen helicopters and a handful of fixed wing aircraft, Air America was in its final days of operation: the CIA had decided to disband the company, effective June 1, 1975. As it happened, Air America would have a last hurrah. As the South Vietnamese regime collapsed, the CIA propriety would become a key component in the frantic evacuation efforts that took place in March and April 1975. In many ways, it would be a fittingly dramatic end for a company who motto boasted: "Anything, Anytime, Anywhere - Professionally."

McDermott Library's Special Collections Department serves as the official archive of Civil Air Transport/Air America and is home to the organization's memorial.

After serving with the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War, Leary worked as a flight operations officer for KLM Royal Dutch Airlines in Gander, Newfoundland, and as an aircraft dispatcher for the Air Transport Section of General Motors Corp. in Detroit, MI. Deciding to pursue an academic career, he received his doctorate from Princeton in 1966. On the faculty of the University of Georgia since 1973 and now retired, Dr. Leary is the author of histories of the China National Aviation Corp., Civil Air Transport, and the U. S. Air Mail Service. In 1995 he received the CIA's Studies in Intelligence Award for an Outstanding Contribution to the Literature of Intelligence.



Kimberly O'Brien of the Circulation Department converts a document from a microform reader at left onto the MS6000 as a digital image where it can be printed or sent via email to a personal computer. - McDermott Library photo

New digital microform scanner expands library's capabilities

McDermott Library welcomed the addition of a Minolta Digital Microform Scanner (MS6000) to the Copy Area. The scanner includes a microform reader (film and fiche) connected to a computer.

Users with a UTD Comet Card can check out the password for the equipment at the Circulation Desk and use the money on the card to print to an Information Commons printer (yellow) or scan the microfilm and microfiche pages and create a digital document.

The document could be used to supply Interlibrary Loan requests to another library patron, used to place a scanned document on electronic reserve, scan documents to be sent to a faculty member so that they could place the document in WebCT or other course management software.

If you have ever needed to get a digital copy from microforms or will be in a position to assist users, it should be highly beneficial.

Dr. Ellen Safley, Associate Library Director for Public Services, praised the team that worked to evaluate and recommend the purchase of the scanner. "This additional equipment makes our library more useful and efficient," she said. "Thanks to Debbie Gilbert, Linda Snow, Joan Aquaterra, Vickie Bullock, and Carol Oshel for a great job."

Reference Department Summer Hours



Monday-Thursday 9am – 10pm
Friday 9am – 6pm
Saturday 10am – 3pm
Sunday 1pm – 6pm

Library bids farewell to retiring UTD president

McDermott Library bid farewell to Dr. Franklyn Jenifer in a special lecture and reception on May 19 in the McDermott Suite, 4th floor of the library. He is retiring with his wife Alfleda to New Jersey after 11 years as president of The University of Texas at Dallas.

Dr. Jenifer presented a talk about two of his passions - his love of libraries and books and the role of African-Americans in the Civil War. On behalf of the library staff, Dean of Libraries Dr. Larry Sall presented Jenifer with a document from the Civil War.

The document, framed on both sides with ultraviolet protective glass, is a "Receipt Roll for Clothing," listing names of the 13th U.S. Colored Infantry Regiment. The regiment operated in Tennessee and Kentucky.

Jenifer talked of the poverty during his younger days in Washington D.C., of being a member of a gang with the name of "Knees," of collapsing roofs and rats in their home, and of his ascent to a better life through education.

Sall praised Jenifer's dedication to the library during his 11 years at the helm, saying he made major difference.



UTD President Franklyn Jenifer receives a Civil War document from Library Dean Larry Sall. - McDermott Library photo



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