



# Porter Henderson Library

## *Library Newsletter*



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### Word from the Director

Maurice Fortin, Library Director

Welcome back for the start of the 2006 Spring Semester. I hope each of you had a restful break. The Library is pleased to announce longer operating hours beginning this semester. The Library will increase its operations by 10 hours a week in the spring and fall semesters. The Library will now be open a total of 104.5 hours a week in the fall and spring semesters.

Sundays:	1:00 p.m. to midnight
Mondays-Thursdays:	7:30 a.m. to 2:00 a.m.
Fridays:	7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays:	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

For the summer semesters (I and II), the Library will increase its operations by five hours a week and operate on the following schedule:

Sundays:	1:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Mondays-Thursdays:	7:30 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.
Fridays:	7:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Saturdays:	9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

At this time, there will be no changes over break periods (Spring Break, May Break, August Break, etc.). Please be sure this new operating schedule is communicated to students.

In December the Library hired a new support staff person, Kristin Lynch, as the Late Night Supervisor. Kristin earned a BA in Communication from Angelo State University in 2001. While attending ASU she worked at the *San Angelo Standard-Times* and after graduation worked in public relations at Bethpage (now Mosaic). For the past several years she served as the Director of Public Relations & Volunteer Services at Shriners Hospital in Galveston, Texas. This experience contributed to her decision to return to school to pursue a Nursing degree. To that end, she recently moved back to San Angelo and will be attending classes at ASU while working at the Library. Kristin will be in charge of the Library during the midnight to 2 a.m. time period Monday through Thursday and the 10 p.m. to midnight shift on Sundays.

Over the Christmas Break period, Information Technology “refreshed” all of the Library’s public access terminals. As soon as drops are in place, the QuickLab (located on the Library’s First Floor) will have six additional stations. The QuickLab has application software and provides a convenient place for ASU users to work on papers, assignments, etc.; access E-mail; and surf the Internet. The additional stations will help meet demand during the day, as well as following the midnight closure of the Third Floor Computer Lab.

During the Spring Semester, Library and Information Technology staff members will work on plans for additional enhancements to the Library’s public access terminals. Future issues of the *Newsletter* will have additional information on these enhancements.

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Elsewhere in this issue, Mark Allan, Head of Reference, discusses some changes in the Reference Unit, especially one now requiring users to log in to the public access computers in the Reference Area and the “quiet zone” status of the Reference Room. Janetta Paschal, Government Documents/Reference Librarian, covers some updates and enhancements to the history databases *America: History & Life* and *Historical Abstracts* and to the National Archives and Records Administration’s *Access to Archival Databases* web site. There is a short “review” of a new book available in the Library that is relevant to African American History Month in February (*Creating Black Americans*) and some information on a new online bibliography concerning “sensitive but unclassified” information.

In closing, everyone is invited to come to the Friends of the Porter Henderson Library and West Texas Collection book sale this coming weekend.

### ***Friends of the Library Book Sale!***

*Come one, come all!*

*To the annual Friends of the Porter Henderson Library and West Texas Collection Book Sale*

*Preview – Friday night, January 27, from 5:00-8:00*

*(Cost for admission on Friday night: \$5)*

*Saturday, January 28, from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.*

*College Hills Baptist Church Fellowship Hall,  
Johnson Street (across from the ASU campus)*



### **Reference Unit Update** Mark Allan, Head of Reference

***Change your leaves, keep intact your roots.*** – Victor Hugo



A faculty member once remarked that the Library seems to change more frequently than almost any other department on campus. (I think that the exception noted was Information Technology!) While perhaps true, I prefer to think of it as growth. The Library has encouraged the utilization of electronic resources, but has also kept its print collection as a priority. Intentional cuts, or “pruning,” have occurred here and there within the Library over the past few years, but every discretionary change that the Library has made has been to ultimately provide its users with greater and/or better quality information and services.

This semester the Reference Unit announces several new changes that will impact the ASU community.

#### **Reference Area Computer Login Required**

Upon walking into the Library and approaching one of the Reference computer work stations, patrons will notice that they are now requested to log in. The login and password required is the same User ID and password that students use to access the resources in the computer labs and that faculty use to access computers in their faculty offices. This change was made for several reasons: to provide greater network security, and to further tighten and protect database access for ASU students and faculty. However, in the long term the Library is hoping to expand services provided through the Reference work stations, and the implementation of a password is the first step toward that end.

#### **Reference Room No Longer a “Quiet Zone”**

With the transition in educational pedagogy which now emphasizes team work and collaboration, the decision has been made to allow reasonably low-pitched conversation in the Reference Room. Furthermore, the Reference Room has never been absolutely quiet, as reference assistance was given to individual patrons

within this area and classes were occasionally toured through this room. This policy shift should also alleviate any false expectations of silence which cannot be enforced in this age of laptop computers, cell phones, etc. However, the Library is conscious of the needs of students for quiet areas to study. Such patrons will be directed to study carrels on the Basement and Second Floor, as well as the quiet study room on the Second Floor.

### Library Instruction Calendar

The Library is moving to take further advantage of the implementation of RamPort by scheduling Library Instruction sessions utilizing the RamPort Calendar function. Once a class has been scheduled and confirmed by the Head of Reference, faculty and students will be able to view the scheduled session on the RamPort Calendar. Regardless of the physical location where the session is being conducted, the fact that a session has been scheduled can be confirmed by looking at the "Library Lecture Room" calendar. (See Figure 1 below for an example of a weekly schedule of this Calendar.) Individual entries will have annotations as to location if scheduled for a different area than the Lecture Room. However, it should be noted that while the Calendar may seemingly indicate the absence of an instruction session for a particular date and time, other Library Staff commitments may prevent the scheduling of a session for that time slot. Contact the Head of Reference if you have any questions about the availability for a specific time period.

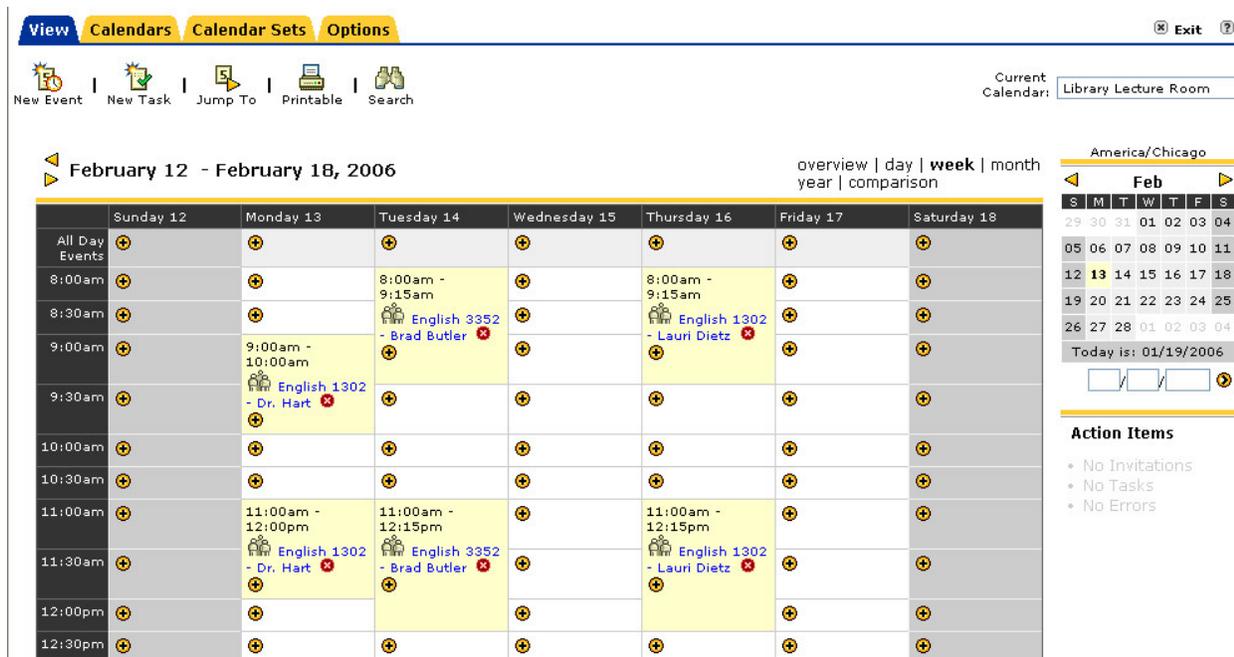


Figure 1. RamPort's Calendar function showing a portion of a weekly schedule for the Library Lecture Room as of January 19, 2006. This calendar is available for viewing by everyone via your RamPort login.

Tuesday, January 17

*"Born 300 years ago today, Benjamin Franklin held the jobs of printer, essayist, politician, inventor, and philosopher. This famous lefty wrote a treaty asking his fellow Americans to abandon their lefty biases and signed both the Declaration of Independence and the U.S. Constitution with his left hand."*

*(from "The Left-Hander's Calendar" for 2006)*

## Upgrades and Enhancements to *America: History & Life* and *Historical Abstracts*

Janetta Paschal, Government Documents/Reference Librarian

In celebration of ABC-CLIO's 50th anniversary, the company has embarked on a multiyear program to upgrade and enhance *Historical Abstracts* and *America: History & Life*. With a redesigned interface and over 1.2 million entries and 330,000 full-text links, these resources are more than ever the first place to begin any search in the area of history.

Based upon feedback and requests from subscribers, a number of enhancements became active in January. These are described below and include examples of screen shots from *America: History & Life*; these examples are also relevant for *Historical Abstracts*.

A **new interface** allows users to get to the information they need quickly and easily, with fewer page downloads and fewer mouse clicks. This new interface includes a **combined simple and advanced search screen** that allows the user to control which search options are displayed and how results are shown. (See Figure 1 below.) Note that the "SEARCH" box in the figure, highlighted by the red arrow, contains the name of the database (*America: History and Life*); you can change databases (to *Historical Abstracts*) by using the down arrow at the end of the box.



**Figure 1.** The new combined simple and advanced search screen. (Red highlights added by the author.)

The redesign includes **new on-screen help tips** for making the most of the database which appear with the touch of a mouse. For example, moving the mouse over "Keywords" in the search screen (see the red square above) opens a box with a definition of "keywords," and search tips and examples. (See Figure 2 below.) A similar box opens when the mouse moves over the phrase "Subject Terms" in the search screen, highlighted by the red triangle above. (See Figure 3 below.) Subject terms facilitate more focused searches of the database than keywords.

Clicking the open book icon (  ) after the phrase "Subject Terms" allows a researcher to browse or search subject terms found in the database and add them to a search string. In the example in Figure 4 below, a search for "Fort Concho," using the "Find Terms" box, yielded eleven (11) results for that phrase and one (1) for *Fort Concho Report*. Check the box to the left of any term(s) you would like to search and then click the "Add Checked Terms to Your Search" button to use them in a search.

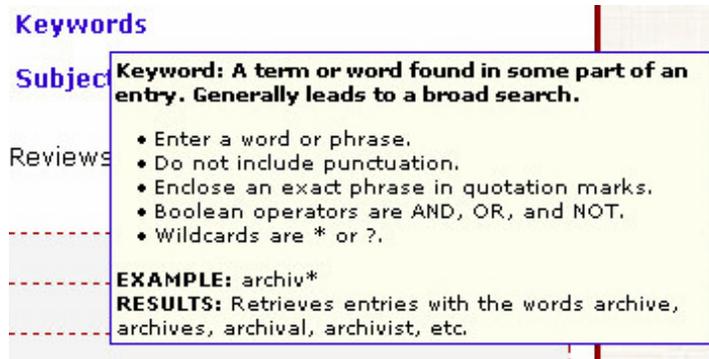


Figure 2. "Keywords" on-screen help tips.

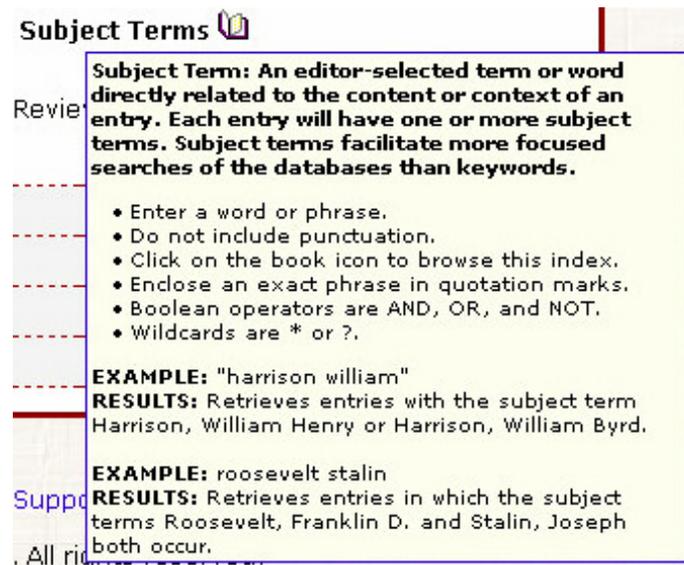


Figure 3. "Subject Terms" on-screen help tips.

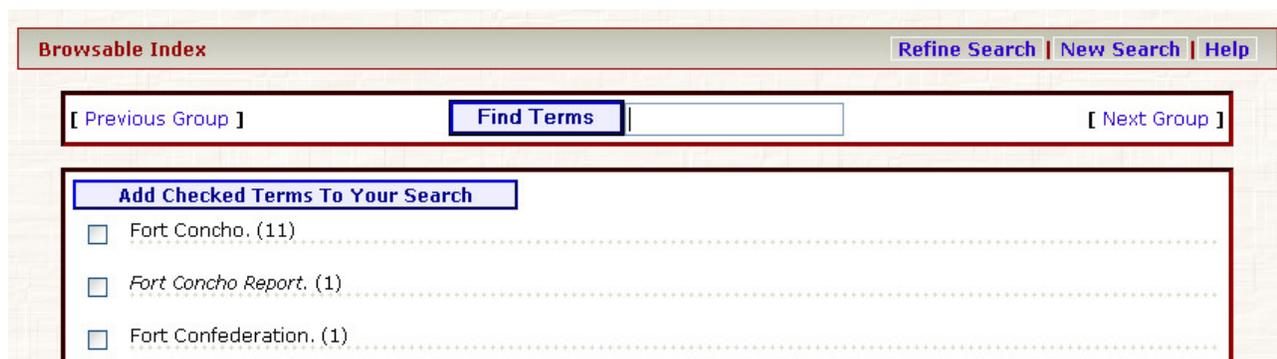


Figure 4. Browsable Index results for "Fort Concho."

The databases include **new retrospective coverage** from JSTOR journals dating from 1838 to 2005, resulting in an increase of nearly 78% in full-text links by the end of the upgrade and enhancement project. Since the Library has access to several of the JSTOR collections, clicking on these full-text links should retrieve many of the articles.

An enhanced expand and collapse record functionality allows the viewing of abstracts on the same page as the records results list, making reviewing abstracts easier. For example, Figure 5 below shows the expanded record for Dr. Arnoldo DeLeón's article in the *Journal of Big Bend Studies*, "Eva Camuñez Tucker: Hispanic Philanthropist in the Concho Country." Note that each record, whether an expanded record or a collapsed one, also includes the e-mail box that allows e-mailing separate records without having an intervening screen, saving time and mouse clicks. As before, researchers can still click the subject terms in the record to run a new search. (Please note that while this article is not available online via a link in this database it is available in the Library's periodical collection in the basement.)

Tagged 1 of 19

**Type:** Article  
**Author:** DeLeón, Arnoldo.  
**Title:** EVA CAMUÑEZ TUCKER: HISPANIC PHILANTHROPIST IN THE CONCHO COUNTRY.  
**Citation:** Journal of Big Bend Studies 2003 15: 181-194. ISSN: 1058-4617

**Resource:** [ 1 ]

**Abstract:** Rising from humble circumstances in the West Texas town of San Angelo, Eva Camuñez Tucker (b. 1911) became one of the Concho country's most prominent philanthropists. Influenced by a deep Catholic faith and by Mexican American family values learned from her parents, she has granted millions of dollars to causes ranging from religious instruction to medicine, social services, and education. Those grateful to her include the city of San Angelo, Angelo State University, and even the pope. Despite her prominence, in 2003 Tucker remained as modest and unpretentious as when growing up poor in San Angelo's north side barrio.

**Abstracter:** J  
**Language:** English  
**Period:** 1911-2003.  
**Subject:**  
*(click a term to run a new search)*  
 » [Texas \(San Angelo\)](#).  
 » [Philanthropy](#).  
 » [Tucker, Eva Camuñez](#).

**Entry:** 41:10691

e-mail to

[\[Collapse Record\]](#)

**Figure 5.** The expanded record for Dr. Arnoldo DeLeón's article, "Eva Camuñez Tucker: Hispanic Philanthropist in the Concho Country."

## UPDATE – National Archives and Records Administration's Access to Archival Databases Web Site

On February 12, 2003, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) released the *Access to Archival Databases* (AAD), an online reference tool for the public and NARA staff use. The goal of AAD is to provide ready access to a selection of the Administration's electronic records holdings to anyone, anywhere, at any time via the Internet. Now NARA has made it even easier to search online through tens of millions of the electronic records it holds.



The revamped *Access to Archival Databases* site – at <http://aad.archives.gov/aad/> – allows the public to search for free through 85 million documents in 475 files amassed by more than 30 federal agencies. The updated site went live on Monday, December 12, 2005, but remains in test mode, said David Kepley, executive assistant to the assistant

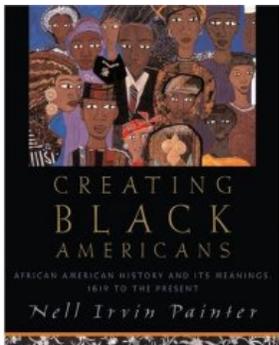
archivist for record services at the agency.

You will find in the AAD resource online access to records in a small selection of historic databases preserved permanently in NARA. Out of the nearly 200,000 data files in its holdings, NARA has selected approximately 475 of them for public searching through AAD. These data were selected because the records identify specific persons, geographic areas, organizations, and dates. The records cover a wide variety of civilian and military functions and have many genealogical, social, political, and economic research uses.

Users are now able to search all of the databases with one search. See the "Getting Started Guide" at <http://aad.archives.gov/aad/help/getting-started-guide.html> for more information.

## A New Book for African American History Month – *Creating Black Americans*

Nell Irvin Painter, the Edward Professor of American History at Princeton University, has written *Creating Black Americans: African-American History and Its Meanings, 1619 to the Present* (New York: Oxford University Press, 2006), a new book that is especially pertinent for African American History Month in February. (The book can be found in the Library on the Second Floor, at E185 .P15 2006; check RamCat for current availability.)



This new study aims to enrich an understanding of African-American history with the subjective views of black artists, presented in images from photographs to paintings to quilts, placed alongside the more objective views of academics. The book reveals both the African and the American dimensions of African-American history. It begins with the history and imagery of slavery through the Civil War and emancipation, tracing the history of black Americans all the way up to the hip-hop era, the controversies surrounding black voters in the 2000 presidential election, and

the ongoing issues of incarceration and health care.

Painter traces the cultural influences of the Civil Rights Movement and the black power era, drawing on the official history of the quest for civil rights. She looks at famous court cases, such as the Dred Scott decision, *Plessy v. Ferguson* (which made “separate but equal” a legal standard), *Brown v. Board of Education* (which knocked down the same “separate but equal” as being unworkable), and other political and legal events in the quest for civil rights, even those sometimes viewed as separate from the Civil Rights Movement proper, which is also highlighted in good detail.

There is also a discussion of the Black culture in terms of art, literature, film, music and other aspects. The Harlem Renaissance of the 1920s is highlighted, as are the figures that came out of this period – Langston Hughes, Duke Ellington, Wallace Thurman, and Zora Neale Hurston, not to mention the very influential Apollo Theatre, helped launch the careers of such talent as Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald and James Brown, and later Michael Jackson.

[For more resources for African American History Month, see the “Government Documents & Maps” web page “African American History Resources” at <http://www.angelo.edu/services/library/govdocs/african.htm>.]

### Bibliography Concerning “Sensitive but Unclassified” Information

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Sara E. Kelley, a Reference Librarian at Georgetown University Law Library, acts as bibliographer on national security topics and maintains a web-based research guide on national security law. Prior to joining Georgetown she was a research librarian at the University of Maryland Law Library, where she frequently researched civil liberties and national security law issues for the University of Maryland-Baltimore's Center for Health and Homeland Security.

She has prepared this bibliography as an aid to those who wish to become familiar with the issues surrounding government restrictions on the dissemination of sensitive but unclassified information. The bibliography provides summaries, citations, and links to scholarly articles and significant government, think tank, and public interest group reports on the subject. It does not provide summaries of relevant statutes, regulations, executive orders, and directives, which have been admirably covered in *Laws and Regulations Governing the Protection of Sensitive But Unclassified Information* (2004), prepared by the Federal Research Division, Library of Congress. (<http://www.loc.gov/rr/frd/pdf-files/sbu.pdf>)

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