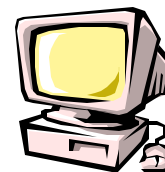




Porter Henderson Library Faculty Newsletter



Word From the Director

..... Dr. Maurice Fortin, Director

All the teeth chattering you heard in the Library was not totally due to the recent cold snap. Work continued on both the First Floor and Basement for the new elevator shaft for the third floor. For most of the week of February 24th, construction crews worked with saws, sledges, jackhammers, and other sundry noise making devices to punch through the floor slabs to create an opening for the new elevator shaft. This was the first round of work on the elevator segment of the project.



The Library remained closed on March 12th during Spring Break week. A power outage to the building allowed construction crews to work with AEP/WTU to modify the main electrical panel in the Porter Henderson Library building.

As the University and other State agencies and departments struggle to cope with known and expected budget reductions and shortfalls, the Library will work with the Administration to minimize any loss of services or resources. During the first round of FY 03 reductions, the Library was unable to fill the University Archivist position. Tanya Norris has left her position as University Archivist to join her husband who received a recent promotion with Verizon. Tanya completed work on the procedures for the University Archives and began the process of acquiring materials to

document the development and history of the University. She provided great leadership and service to the University. Since her position will not be replaced for some time, the West Texas Collection had to reduce its public access hours. The new public access schedule (1-5 p.m. Monday through Friday) began on February 10th.

As budget preparations go forward for the next biennium, the Library will work to preserve the Materials Budget's buying power to maintain current levels of on-line access. It may be necessary to reduce some print acquisitions. Library staff members will work with each academic department to ensure essential resources (print, electronic, media, etc.) and services (hours of operation, ILL, library instruction, etc.) continue so as to meet the information needs of students, faculty, and staff. For more information or to share your thoughts, ideas, and concerns, please stop by my office (I will throw in a free cup of coffee) or contact me by E-mail or phone (Maurice.Fortin@angelo.edu or 942-2222 ext. 222).

In this issue of the *Newsletter*, you will find information on *CHOICE Reviews*, the Women's History Month display at the West Texas Collection, Voyager's (*i.e.*, RamCat's) 2nd birthday, new online resources for chemistry and history, and St. Patrick's Day.

Order Request Deadline Approaching

The April 15th deadline is fast approaching for all order requests from the Library's Materials Budget. After April 15th, any remaining funds in academic departmental accounts will be placed in the Library's "Excellence Fund." Each academic department, then may submit requests for expensive library materials that normal allocations cannot cover. A subcommittee from the University Library Committee will approve expenditures from the Excellence Fund.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Javad Maher, Acquisitions Librarian (Javad.Maher@angelo.edu or 942-2312).

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What CHOICE Is It?

CHOICE: Current Reviews for Academic Libraries reviews significant current books and electronic media of interest to those in higher education. Each year *Choice* publishes more than 6,500 reviews by subject experts.



Choice cards are distributed

to the academic departments to assist them in selection of needed research and teaching materials. It is not necessary to fill out an additional request card for *Choice* titles. Simply sign the cards, have them authorized by your department head or library liaison and send them to the Library.

Meanwhile, *ChoiceReviews.online* provides Web access to the entire database of *Choice* reviews published since September 1988. The database is updated monthly, generally at mid-month, with reviews that will be printed in the next monthly issue of *Choice*.

If you are interested in accessing this database please contact Acquisition at 942-2312 to request a password.

Every year in the January issue, *Choice* publishes a list of Outstanding Academic Titles that were reviewed during the previous calendar year. This prestigious list reflects the best in scholarly titles reviewed by *Choice* and brings with it the recognition of the academic library community.

The list is quite selective: it contains approximately ten percent of some 6,600 works reviewed each year. *Choice* editors base their selections on the reviewer's evaluation of the work, the editor's knowledge of the field, and the reviewer's record. The list was known as Outstanding Academic Books until 2000. The new name reflects an increase in reviews of electronic products and Internet sites.

In awarding Outstanding Academic Titles, the editors apply several criteria to reviewed titles:

- overall excellence in presentation and scholarship
- importance relative to other literature in the field
- distinction as a first treatment of a given subject in book or electronic form
- originality or uniqueness of treatment
- value to undergraduate students
- importance in building undergraduate library collections

The list cites only bibliographic information. The number and publication issue of the *Choice* review are also provided, to assist readers wishing detailed evaluations of the titles. In addition, *ChoiceReviews.online* tags all reviews that have been designated as Outstanding Academic Titles.

The "choice" is yours: cards or database.

Women's History Month Display

The women of the Concho Valley will be featured in a West Texas Collection (WTC) display celebrating Women's History Month in March. Among the women covered in the display are Alice Grierson, wife of one-time Fort Concho commander Benjamin Grierson; Myrtle Teague, who married Sherwood pioneer X.B. Cox Sr.; and Gula Foote, who survived the Ben Ficklin flood in 1882 and went on to run the family ranch.

Also featured are Josephine Camuñez, who ran a grocery store in San Angelo, and whose daughter, Eva Camuñez Tucker, taught school in Mertzon and Ballinger; and Elizabeth Howard, wife of Jack Howard and daughter of Gertrude Noelke and Frank Emerick, who ran the family ranch while her husband was away fighting in World War II.

The women in the display were chosen because of their accomplishments and their representation of women in general in developing the Concho Valley. The display includes a variety of photographs, artifacts, letters, programs and other memorabilia documenting the influence of women on the Concho Valley.

Here are some recent books on the topic of Texas women's history. Check RamCat for additional titles.

- Rice, Melinda. *Lone Star ladies : a travel guide to women's history in Texas*. (2nd Floor Stacks: HQ1438.T4 R53 2002)
- Blevins, Don. *From angels to hellcats : legendary Texas women, 1836 to 1880*. (2nd Floor Stacks: F390 .B67 2001)
- Butts, J. Lee. *Texas bad girls : hussies, harlots, and horse thieves*. (Closed Stacks, West Texas Collection: HV6793.T4 B87 2001)
- Ramsay, Jack C. *Texas sinners and revolutionaries : Jane Long and her fellow conspirators*. (Closed Stacks, West Texas Collection: F389.L85 R35 2001)

Happy 2nd Birthday, Voyager!

Voyager (*i.e.*, RamCat) came up live for public use two years ago this month, on March 18, to be exact.



Those of us on the Library staff hope this does not mean that the system is heading into “The Terrible Twos!” But like any two-year-old Voyager is growing and evolving as it reaches toward its full potential.

As any parent or caregiver of a toddler knows, children have a tendency to get dirty; baths are a vital necessity. RamCat’s

bibliographic database had its own bath this past fall (in San Antonio, no less) which cleaned up incorrect forms of names and subject heading inconsistencies which had crept into the records over the years. The Electronic Reference Librarian uploaded the newly “washed” database over the Christmas holiday and January intercession and everyone returned for the spring semester to a “spiffy” clean RamCat. This project should make searching by subjects and other types of headings in RamCat easier and more consistent.

If Voyager, like the two-year-old that it is, is growing and evolving, exactly *what* is “growing and evolving?” What has changed in the past year?

One change that has happened “behind the scenes” is the ability to gather on-demand statistics, using both “canned reports” and custom-designed ones. This would have been unthinkable two years ago, but is becoming more and more a fact of life in the Library as staff have become more familiar with the reporting functions in Voyager.

So what do we do with these reports, canned or

otherwise? We generate all types of statistics to use in support of increased funding, or as data for reports, both official and unofficial – and even for an article such as this one. The Acquisitions Dept. in the Library has also produced custom lists of titles in RamCat for the various University schools and departments on campus for accreditation needs and budgetary statistics for departmental needs.

One example of how Voyager has grown and evolved in the two years of its existence can be found in the number of records for online-only documents and resources, or those having links in the bibliographic record to an online version. Thanks to a curious librarian who tested a canned report in September 2001, we have some numbers to use for comparison. The table below contains some selected URL hosts with the number of links found in bibliographic records in RamCat on two dates: September 24, 2001, and February 28, 2003. The lists, which are seven pages

Selected URL Hosts	Number of Links in Bibliographic Records	
	September 24, 2001	February 28, 2003
www.netLibrary.com	0	17,497
purl.access.gpo.gov	1,244	5,475
www.loc.gov	1	294
commdocs.house.gov	0	117
www.ncjrs.org	58	107
frwebgate.access.gpo.gov	0	95
www.window.state.tx.us	14	90
firstsearch.oclc.org	29	54
lcweb.loc.gov	41	53
agpublications.tamu.edu	34	52
www.ojp.usdoj.gov	37	40
www.census.gov	15	36
www.senate.state.tx.us	0	36
Total Number of URL Hosts	289	390
Total Number of Links	2,104	25,000

and nine pages in length, respectively, include many more hosts than are included in the table.

Many of the links to online versions found in RamCat are to government publications of all types (“.gov” and “.state.tx.us” sites), however the largest category of online resources now found in the online catalog is the netLibrary e-books, available as part of



TexShare. During this past year the Library obtained and loaded into RamCat 17,497 bibliographic records for the electronic books. Use of this particular type of resource has increased steadily since these records were made available. In the six months the netLibrary records have been available over 1,500 e-books have “circulated,” with the top three subject areas (in February 2003) being Medicine; Business, Economics and Management; and Social Sciences: General.

Now you may be asking, “... but what does this mean for *me*?” Because the Voyager server is available even when the library is closed it means that you can access more and more online publications and resources from locations other than the library, almost no matter the time of day. And for those of you who have been trying to work in the Library since early February, it means you may be able to read something from your home or office instead of coming into the library and enduring the incessant noise and vibration of drilling and construction!

So stay tuned because Voyager will continue to change, grow, and evolve over the coming year.

New Online Resources ...for Chemistry

Four New Online Chemistry References

The library is pleased to announce access to four new online chemistry references from knovel. These new references give students and faculty the ability to locate quickly key information about the properties of chemical compounds. You may access these resources through *RamCat*.



Two of the new references are “Interactive Deep Searchable” (IDS), meaning information has been indexed to allow fielded searches

(example: find all alcohols with a boiling point between 50-100 Celsius). Results can be manipulated in spreadsheet-like tables, allowing you to sort and select only the information you need. IDS references are indicated with an asterisk (*).

- * **International Critical Tables of Numeric Data, Physics, Chemistry and Technology, 7 volumes and index (1st electronic ed.).**

<<http://www.knovel.com/knovel2/Toc.jsp?SpaceID=10093&BookID=735>> Originally published for the National Research Council, *ICT* offers data on physical, thermodynamic, mechanical, and other key properties and is a major reference source used by those involved in chemistry, physics, and engineering. Many tables have been “knovelized” to be interactive. The full text of the original print version is available in PDF format (full-text searchable), including the original index. All entries in the index are hyperlinked to their page numbers.

- * **knovel Critical Tables.**

<<http://www.knovel.com/knovel2/Toc.jsp?SpaceID=10093&BookID=761>> *kCT* is a brand new reference featuring tables of properties for commonly used chemical compounds in the physical properties tables. *kCT* has expanded the original 6,000 chemical compounds in the physical properties tables of *International Critical Tables* to more than 13,000 compounds. Using multiple sources, *kCT* contains the most up-to-date chemical properties information available online. New tables will be added to *kCT* on a regular basis, setting the standard for online interactive chemical properties information.

- **Thermochemistry of the Chemical Substances.**

<<http://www.knovel.com/knovel2/Toc.jsp?SpaceID=10093&BookID=744>> Compiled by renowned thermodynamicist, Frederick D. Rossini, and *International Critical Tables* editor F. Russell Bichowsky, this reference is a revision of the table of values for the heats of formation in the thermochemistry section in *International Critical Tables*. It includes 5,840 values of heats of formation and 350 values of heats of transition, fusion,

vaporization, and reaction. All entries in the index are hyperlinked to their page numbers.

- **Smithsonian Physical Tables (9th rev. ed.).** <<http://www.knovel.com/knovel2/Toc.jsp?SpaceID=10093&BookID=736>> Comprising 901 tables concentrating on a broad scope of common physical and chemical data, the information provided is of general interest to scientists and engineers, and of particular interest to those involved with physics in its larger sense. On knovel, the *Smithsonian Physical Tables* are now easy to navigate and full-text searchable. All entries in the index are hyperlinked to their page numbers.

... For History

NARA Unveils AAD Online Reference Tool

On February 12, 2003, the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) released the "Access to Archival Databases"



(AAD), a new online reference tool for the public and NARA staff use. The goal of AAD is to provide

ready access to a selection of NARA's electronic records holdings to anyone, anywhere, at any time via the Internet.

AAD gives you:

- the ability to search for records with the specific information you seek; and
- important contextual information to help you understand the records better, including code lists, explanatory notes from NARA archivists, and for some series or files in AAD, related documents.

In its initial rollout AAD features electronic records from over 400 files from 30 series that contain over 100 million unique records. The databases span a wide variety of subjects, including records of casualties from the Vietnam and Korean Conflicts and combat operations in Southeast Asia, indexes to NASA photographs, insider securities trading records, records of people emigrating to America during the Irish potato famine of the 1840s, and records of Japanese Americans interned during World War II. These are just a sampling of accessioned records NARA will

soon make available to persons with access to the Internet. During the coming year records from over 50 series will be included in AAD.

The project has been developed and funded under the Electronic Records Archives (ERA) project and will become the first publicly available ERA tool. The contractor, Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC), designed the application and the Electronic and Special Media Records Services Division (NWME) populated it with records and metadata.

To access the AAD, go to <http://www.archives.gov/aad/>.

Library Resources on Current Events

Below are a few *selected* resources in the Library covering current topics of interest: Iraq and North Korea. Check RamCat for additional items.

- United States. Central Intelligence Agency. Cartography Center. *Iraq country profile*. (Map currently on display in the ILL Office Window.) (Maps: PREX 3.10/4:IR 1/31 Size B)
- United States. Congress. Senate. Committee on Governmental Affairs. Subcommittee on International Security, Proliferation, and Federal Services. *United States policy in Iraq : next steps : hearing before the International Security, Proliferation, and Federal Services Subcommittee of the Committee on Governmental Affairs, United States Senate, One Hundred Seventh Congress, second session, March 1, 2002*. (U.S. Docs. microfiche: Y 4.G 74/9:S.HRG.107-388)
- Mackey, Sandra. *The reckoning : Iraq and the legacy of Saddam Hussein*. (2nd Floor Stacks: DS79.65 .M24 2002)
- Aburish, Saïid K. *Saddam Hussein : the politics of revenge*. (2nd Floor Stacks: DS79.66.H87 A67 2000)
- United States. Congress. House. Committee on International Relations. Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific. *North Korea : humanitarian and human rights concerns : hearing before the Subcommittee on East Asia and the Pacific of the Committee on International Relations, House of Representatives, One Hundred Seventh Congress, second session, May 2, 2002*. (U.S. Docs. microfiche: Y 4.IN 8/16:H 88/36)

St. Patrick's Day: March 17*

Although not an official holiday in the United States, St. Patrick's Day has a long history of being celebrated with parades and general goodwill toward all things Irish. The day commemorates Bishop Patrick, who brought Christianity to Ireland in the Fifth Century. The following information is some Irish-related facts from the Census Bureau.



Population Distribution

Number of U.S. residents who are of Irish ancestry? 33.7 million. This number is almost nine times the population of Ireland itself (3.8 million).

Percentage of Massachusetts residents who are of Irish ancestry: **23**. Massachusetts has a higher proportion of residents of Irish descent than any other state, edging out New Hampshire (20 percent) and Rhode Island (18 percent). The remaining New England states (Connecticut, Vermont and Maine) also rank among the top 10 in this category, as does Delaware, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Montana.

Coming to America

Number of U.S. residents born in Ireland, which was among the top 10 countries of birth among the foreign-born population as recently as 1970? 156,000.

As you go out and about this St. Patrick's Day, you may well run into a real live Irish citizen, as about 373,000 tourists and business travelers from "the old sod" visit the United States annually.

Trade With the Old Country

The value of U.S. imports from the Republic of Ireland during a recent 12-month period (January-December 2002)? \$22.4 billion. About half the imports were organic chemicals, worth about \$10.8 billion. Meanwhile, the United States exported \$6.7 billion worth of goods to Ireland, with the leading exports being nuclear reactors, boilers, machinery and parts at \$1.6 billion.

Places to Spend the Day

Number of places in the United States named Shamrock, the floral emblem of Ireland? 4. Mount Gay-Shamrock, W.Va., and Shamrock, Texas, were the most populous, with 2,623 and 2,029 residents, respectively. (Shamrock, Texas, had 386, or 19.4 percent, residents of Irish/Celtic ancestry.) Shamrock Lakes, Ind., had 168 residents and Shamrock, Okla., 125.

Number of places in the United States which share the name of Ireland's capital:

Dublin? 9. Dublin, Ohio, was the most populous, at 31,392, followed closely by Dublin, Calif., at 29,973. [Dublin, Texas, (home of the only Dr. Pepper plant still using Imperial Sugar in its production of the soft drink**) had 3,754 residents, with 311 claiming Irish/Celtic descent.]

If you're still not into the spirit of St. Paddy's Day after stopping by one of the places named "Shamrock" or "Dublin," then you might consider paying a visit to Emerald Isle, N.C., with 3,488 residents, of whom a ratio of 1-in-6 are of Irish descent.



The Celebration

Gallons of beer consumed per capita by Americans annually? 22. Some establishments offer beer dyed green in honor of St. Patrick's Day.



*From the Census Bureau's "Facts for Features: St. Patrick's Day: March 17," March 3, 2003
<<http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/2003/cb03ff04.html>>

** Although not exactly an "Irish-related" fact, this bit of Dr. Pepper trivia is important to fans, so it's included here.