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The University of Texas at Tyler

LIBRARY OFFERS EXTENDED HOURS FOR FINALS



The UT Tyler Robert R. Muntz Library continues the tradition. We will be open extended hours during Finals Week Fall 2011 to help our students study and prepare for their exams.

We will offer free hot coffee and cocoa during the extended

hours in the evening starting on Sunday December 11 and go until Thursday December 15. Additionally, Library Room 401 has been booked so students can use it as a QUI-ET study area.

Please see below for specific times.

We want to remind

our students that they will need to have their P2 cards (student ID) handy. After midnight, only students with valid ID will be allowed in the library during Finals Week.

"Christmas...time." Photo from Flickr user Myrrien. Used by terms of Creative Commons License.

EXTENDED HOURS FOR FINALS WEEK 2011

Thursday December 8: 7:30am-midnight (Regular hours; L-401 Quiet space 7:30am-11:30pm)

Friday December 9: 7:30am-8:00pm (L-401 Quiet space All Day Friday)

Saturday December 10: 10:00am-7:00pm (L-401 Quiet space All Day Saturday)

Sunday December 11: 1:00pm-2:00am (L-401 Quiet space 7:00pm-1:30am)

Monday December 12: 7:30am-2:00am (L-401 Quiet space 7:00pm-1:30am)

Tuesday December 13: 7:30am-2:00am (L-401 Quiet space 7:00pm-1:30am)

Wednesday December 14: 7:30am-2:00am (L-401 Quiet space 7:00pm-1:30am)

Thursday December 15: 7:30am-2:00am (L-401 Quiet space 7:00pm-1:30am)

Friday December 16: 7:30am-5:00pm

Did you know that the value of U.S. imports of Christmas tree ornaments from China between January and August 2010 was \$488.5 million? (via *Foreign Trade Statistics, US Census Bureau*)

FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

—JEANNE STANDLEY, LIBRARY DIRECTOR

LibQUAL+ Lite



Thank You!

I want to thank all of you who took the time out of your busy schedules to complete our Library Quality Survey, LibQual+®. We do this nationally recognized survey every three years. Your responses to the questions and comments help us in our planning.

At this point we are still analyzing all the data to see how we compare to our peers. However, your comments provide us with feedback about the directions we're taking and where we can make sometimes simple changes for immediate improvements. So in this article, I'll focus on the comments.

Several of you mentioned our need for more space and more computers. It's wonderful to know that our physical Library is important to you, and we're glad to be here for you! While we have to plan carefully and work with University officials for major changes, we can do some things fairly quickly. We are in the process of adding additional computers to the Reference area and hope to have this project completed by the first of December. While we don't have enough group study rooms, we're working hard to find solutions. Several of you noticed our "low tech" efforts with the addition of white boards and markers to the second and fourth floors and even asked for more whiteboards. We've purchased additional boards and they should be available soon.

And, "yep", we still struggle with the balance of group space and

silent individual space—there's just not enough to go around! We created the "ZONES" just for this problem, "red" for silent study and "green" for more social interactions. And while you thanked us for creating those zones, some of you asked us to give gentle reminders to others to "Know your zone!"

In addition, you told us that you like our online resources, and many of you commented on our need for more current, up to date books. We received extra funds this year from the UT System and will be adding significantly to our book collection—online and print both! And another example of a simple fix...one of you asked for bestsellers and we realized that we needed better signs for the bestseller collection we already have! Check out the collection located near the main entrance to the library.

About LibQual+

More than 1,000 libraries have participated in LibQUAL+®, including colleges and university libraries, community college libraries, health sciences libraries, academic law libraries, and public libraries -- some through various consortia, others as independent participants. LibQUAL+® has expanded internationally, with participating institutions in Africa, Asia, Australia, and Europe. The growing LibQUAL+® community of participants and its extensive dataset are rich resources for improving library services. (from LibQual+ website, If you wish to learn more about the survey instrument or how libraries in general use it, you can visit <http://www.libqual.org>).

NEWS FROM UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

—TERRA BIANCHI, UNIVERSITY ARCHIVIST

The University Archives and Special Collections Department is about to release Archon, a database which contains descriptions of the collections the UASC holds. Archon includes finding aids which help researchers understand and have access to the historical context and content of archival collections. UASC collections available for research include the Board of Regents Records, the William M. Steger Papers, and the Billy Williamson Papers.

The UASC has also started construction on an Institutional repository (IR). An IR is a digital repository that preserves and provides open access to digital content. Institutional repositories provide an outlet for collecting and curating digital materials while also showcasing and strongly increasing the visibility of scholarly work. Once fully implemented, the IR will allow the theses and dissertations created at UT Tyler to be available to students, faculty, and other scholarly researchers worldwide.

The UASC is located on the first floor of the Robert R. Muntz library (LIB 107). Please feel free to contact the UASC at 903-565-5849 or archives@uttyler.edu for more information or research inquiries.

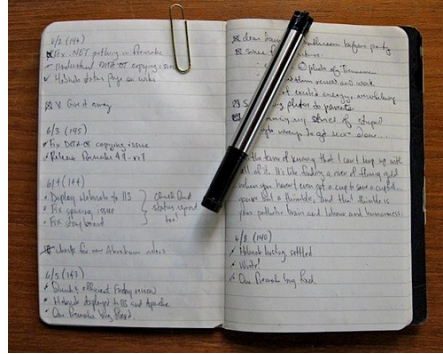
WHAT IS THE ARCHON ARCHIVAL DATABASE SYSTEM?



Archon is the system powering the UASC's new database for its collections. Archon is a unified platform for archival description and access. It provides both a way to record descriptive information about collections and digital objects and a means to view, search, and browse that information in a fully-functional public web site. If you wish to learn more about the system itself and the features it offers, you can visit the Archon website at <http://www.archon.org/features.php>.

Did you know that Archon is used by "by many institutions worldwide, ranging from major scientific and research institutions such as the University of Florida and the Niels Bohr Archives, to smaller college archives including Wheaton College in Illinois." And now, thanks to the hard work of the UASC staff, The University of Texas at Tyler Robert R. Muntz Library is added to the list of great institutions using this innovative archival system. In fact, the Archon designers were awarded an Andrew Mellon Foundation Award. Learn more here: http://www.library.illinois.edu/news/archon_award.html.

*Need help with your writing?
The UT Tyler Writing Center is Open During Finals*



The UT Tyler Writing Center will be open the following hours during Finals Week:

Monday through Wednesday 9:00am-6:00pm.

While there may be spaces available for walk-in sessions, making an appointment ahead of time is the recommended option since the Writing Center can get busy. Do set up an appointment, you can call the number below, e-mail, or you can visit the Writing Center in BUS 202.

Phone: 903-565-5995 903-565-5995

email: utwritingcenter@gmail.com

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Did you know that there were 98 establishments around the country that primarily manufactured dolls and stuffed toys in 2008? California led the nation with 18 locations (*Source: County Business Patterns, US Census Bureau*)

LIBRARY OFFERS DROP-IN RESEARCH WORKSHOPS

The UT Tyler Robert R. Muntz Library offers a variety of research workshops, in-person and online, to make your research easier. Come to one of our workshops and learn about the latest tools and trends that will make writing and researching your papers a breeze. The following workshops will be offered during the Spring 2011 semester. No registration is required for in-person workshops. Simply drop in at your convenience. For online workshops, simply click on the link and follow the directions so you can learn right from your desk.

To learn more about these and other workshops, visit our Resource Page here: <http://libguides.uttyler.edu/workshops>

RefWorks and Endnote

Refworks and Endnote are citation managers available to you through the library. You can use them to help you better organize your citations.

- February 10, 2012, 2:00pm-3:00pm
- March 8, 2012, 11:00am-12:00pm
- April 10, 2012, 9:00am-10:00am

Advanced Google

Learn some new tricks for the popular search engine and make it scholarly.

- February 22, 2012, 2:00pm-3:00pm
- March 1, 2012, 10:00am-11:00am

Beginning Research.

Learn some of the basic tools to get you started on your research. Also, if you need a refresher on our resources, this is a great workshop to attend.

- March 7, 2012, 9:00am-10:00am
- April 19, 2012, 4:00pm-5:00pm

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