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## From the Library Director. . .

—Jeanne Pyle, Director of the Library

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*“The University of Texas at Tyler Libraries support the University’s goals of excellence in teaching, research, and public service. As an essential academic unit, the Libraries will serve as a center of discovery, exchange, and advancement of ideas.”*

This is the mission statement for the Robert R. Muntz Library. Through a variety of ways, we strive to succeed with our mission and continually improve services to our faculty and students. In addition to making changes to the physical facilities, inside and out, over the summer the Librarians and Library Staff have undertaken several tasks to improve our collections and access to our digital resources.

Some of the tasks accomplished include:

- **PATRIOT Account logins from off campus to our online resources.** A Patriot login is the same login used for Blackboard and computers in the campus labs. No more multiple usernames and passwords! We continue to work towards streamlining more of our online services so you have more control over your username and password. Our thanks to Gene McKnight and David Simmons of Library Systems and Eric Figueroa of Campus Computing Services for making this happen.
- **A complete inventory of our physical collection.** The first in decades. While this may not seem like much, it means we can make sure information you find in our catalog is accurate and helps us identify missing items from our collection. Librarian Penny Reynolds and Vicki Betts worked tirelessly on this. However, it couldn’t have been accomplished as quickly as it was without the work of our Circulation Assistants and student workers. Thanks, guys!
- **Meebo-Chat has been added to the Research Guide web pages.** If you need a place to start your research, be sure to utilize the Research Guides (<http://libguides.utt Tyler.edu/>). These guides have been developed by the Librarians to provide a “one-stop” place for subject specific databases and websites. And if you still need assistance, there’s contact information and chat assistance available so the Librarian can help you. And don’t forget, chat assistance is also available from Librarians throughout the UT System via the “Ask a UT System Librarian” service found on the Library homepage (<http://library.utt Tyler.edu>).

### Special points of interest:

- The Director of the Library on new features.
- Visit the new Muntz Library Gardens.
- Library hires new reference librarian.
- Upcoming Library Events.

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## *Muntz Library Gardens Now Open*

—Jeanne Pyle, Director of the Library



Thanks to a wonderful gift, the Muntz Library Gardens are now open.

Take a break from studying and enjoy the early morning breeze and sounds of rushing water.

Wireless access and electrical outlets are available for studying under the trees if you want.

Come visit!

## *The Library in BlackBoard*

—Vandy Dubre, Instruction and Distance Education Librarian

BLACKBOARD



There is a new addition to the library services this year. The library is now in your BlackBoard Course. No need to open a separate web browser or struggle through the many layers of electronic reserves to find your course information. Now you can go into the library tab in every BlackBoard course to search the catalogue, use databases, even “meebo” a librarian with your question. Faculty can link directly to articles in the databases which means no more multiple log-ins; just efficient access to your research and class resources.

## *From the Library Director. . . (continued)*

- A Library “tab” in BlackBoard. You can now get access to library resources directly through BlackBoard. This is possible thanks to the work of Librarians Vandy Dubre and Sabra Jennings and BlackBoard Administrator Scott Dillingham.

These are just a few of the ways we continue to bring the library and its services to you. . .whether in the physical realm or the digital world. If you have other ideas or suggestions for how we can succeed in our mission, we welcome your comments and input. . .and stay tuned for more!

## Muntz Library Food Policy Explained

—Vandy Dubre, Instruction and Distance Education Librarian



In the library we have a policy that **no food is allowed except in the first floor break room.**

We have this policy for very good reasons.

First, damage to the beautiful new furniture and the computers is costly. There have been many occasions where a computer keyboard has gone haywire (typing in all caps or funny symbols) and will not correct. This happens because someone has eaten over the keyboard

which shorts the circuits, usually when all the computers are full and so late at night the computer lab is closed as is our computer department. The poor student is stuck. Second, trash and crumbs attract bugs and rodents. Once inside the library they eat books and spread disease. It is very costly to fumigate a four floor building.

Third, spilled drinks can possibly short the electric tables: not to mention ruining the nice new furniture. No one wants to sit at tables covered in someone else's trash or in chairs stained by possibly a coke (or could that be something else?). In the past, before we bought new chairs, some students fell asleep in the lounging chairs and were horribly

bitten by ants which inhabited the chairs due to the food crumbs.

These are all very real and costly reasons why we have a no food policy in place. While we want you to feel comfortable, please remember that this is not just your library. It belongs to every one on campus. Please respect the furniture, your fellow students, and this space as we try to make your study time safe and clean.

Please note that we do allow covered (non-alcoholic) drinks. **You can have a drink as long as the container has a lid.** Open containers are only allowed in the library first floor break room.

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## Library Hires New Reference Librarian

The Robert R. Muntz Library is pleased to announce that it has hired a new reference librarian.

Ms. Sabra Jennings started working at UT Tyler in June 2009. She is the library's liaison for the areas of Business and Technology, and she is the interim liaison for Nursing.

Ms. Jennings has a Master's in Information Sciences from the University of Tennessee in Knoxville, and she holds a Bachelor's Degree in Journalism from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas.

When she is not helping students and faculty find the information and resources

they need, she enjoys experimenting with cooking, reading, and watching *No Reservations* with Anthony Bourdain.





## Library Will Host Traveling Exhibits

—Angel Rivera, Outreach Librarian

The Robert R. Muntz will host two traveling exhibits from Humanities Texas during the Fall of 2009.

From August 17 to September 11, the Muntz Library presents “Legacy of the Middle East.” This exhibit was originally conceived to honor the centennial of the unification of Saudi Arabia. The exhibit honors the people who changed the ways of mankind with innovations in economic and social systems such as agriculture; inventions in technologies like metallurgy; and new ways to communicate such as writing and numerals. The Muntz Library is featuring the exhibit to coincide (partially) with the month of Ramadan, which runs in 2009 from August 21 to September 19th.

The second traveling exhibit for the fall is “Latino Literature in the United States.” The

Robert R. Muntz Library is hosting this exhibit from September 21 to October 17. The Muntz Library presents this exhibit to honor Latino achievements and contributions during National Hispanic Heritage Month; this month-long celebration runs from September 15 to October 15. Latino literature is a diverse label that brings together the Chicano writer from Los Angeles, the Puerto Rican essayist from Oakland, the Cuban American playwright in New York, and the Mexican American fiction writer from Texas. In fact, Texas has produced more contemporary writers of Mexican ancestry than any other state in the nation. In addition, Latino writers in the United States have received many literary awards including the coveted National Book Award and the Pulitzer Prize.

The library is pleased to present these exhibits as part of its educational mission.

These exhibits are produced by the Texas Humanities Resource Center (<http://www.humanitiestexas.org/>).

The exhibits are made possible locally by the generosity of the UT Tyler Friends of the Arts.

All Humanities Texas exhibits are free and open to the public. They can be viewed during regular hours.



### Blog

*The Patriot Spot* (<http://uttylerlibrary.wordpress.com>) is the official blog of the UT Tyler Robert R. Muntz Library. It is one of the tools we use to stay in touch with our campus community and friends. Find news, announcements, and items of interest in our blog. Readers are welcome to post comments on the blog. We hope you will stop by *The Patriot Spot* and join us in creating new conversations.



We now offer online virtual reference via chat. Click on the link in our website for “Ask a UT System Librarian,” and you can get reference help online from librarians located throughout the University of Texas System. The direct link is <http://www.lib.utsystem.edu/students/ask.html>.



## *Notes from Circulation and ILL Departments*

—Penny Reynolds, Circulation and Interlibrary Loan Librarian

### **We did it!**

As we reported in our Spring issue, in an effort to assess our total holdings, the Circulation and Cataloging Staff and student assistants began the arduous task of inventorying every item in the Library that was assigned a barcode. This project started back in February. Each item was scanned with a hand-held scanner and a laptop. A total of over 199,421 items, which includes our collections in our Palestine and Longview campuses, were pulled from the shelves, scanned, dusted, and re-shelved. A big THANK YOU to the staff and student workers that worked tirelessly to achieve our goal. Pizza is in your future!

### **ILLIAD**

Since its debut in January 2009, ILLIAD users have grown to a whopping 453 faculty, staff, and students. The UT Tyler community has requested 2,080 items via interlibrary loan since January, and this figure is expected to increase with the addition of doctoral programs in both Nursing and Human Resources and Development. Of those 2,080 requests, 540 articles were delivered electronically. Additionally, our office has received a total of 1,658 requests from other libraries needing materials we own. For those of you unfamiliar with interlibrary loan, ILLIAD is our new online interlibrary loan system. Currently enrolled UT Tyler students, faculty, and staff can set up their ILLIAD account by using their UT Tyler e-mail and UT Tyler username one time. Once registered, you can submit your ILL requests online and track your requests online. Copies of material that are delivered to our office electronically will be available for electronic retrieval from your ILLIAD account. In other words, you can retrieve an article in electronic form, via your account, once it arrives. Another great feature of the system is that, in most cases, citation information from the Library databases automatically populates, or “fills in,” your ILLIAD form. That in itself is a great timesaver. Tutorials are currently being developed to guide you through the process.

If you have any questions and/or would like assistance in setting up your ILLIAD account along with a demonstration of the software, please do not hesitate to call the Interlibrary Loan Office at 903-566-7396 and ask for Penny Reynolds.

### **BlackBoard 8 and ERES**

This summer the UT System finalized an agreement with the Copyright Clearance Center for their Academic License. With this Academic License, it is now possible for most course content to be posted within BlackBoard and automatically be covered by copyright.

With this in mind, [the Library will no longer be providing ERES, our electronic reserves service](#). Other changes were made during the summer to facilitate linking directly to licensed library content from BlackBoard when possible. Librarians are available to assist with locating and identifying content for your courses.

From within BlackBoard, students will be able to connect directly to library resources without having to login a second time to the Library's Proxy server.

Every course for the Fall 2009 will have a BlackBoard “shell.” Each instructor will need to make the course available to the students within BlackBoard. Scott Dillingham, BlackBoard Administrator, is available to answer any questions or provide assistance. Call Scott at 903-566-7349 or send e-mail to [scott\\_dillingham@uttyler.edu](mailto:scott_dillingham@uttyler.edu).

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## *Notes from Circulation (continued)*

Cindy Smith, Office of Instructional Design, is available to assist you with developing your course in Black-Board. You can call Cindy at 903-566-5626 or send an e-mail to [cindy\\_smith@uttyler.edu](mailto:cindy_smith@uttyler.edu).

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

An informational session, led by Jeanne Pyle and Cindy Smith, about the CCC Academic License is scheduled for Tuesday September 8, 2009 at 2:00pm in Library 115.

## *Library Staff Receive Campus Recognition*



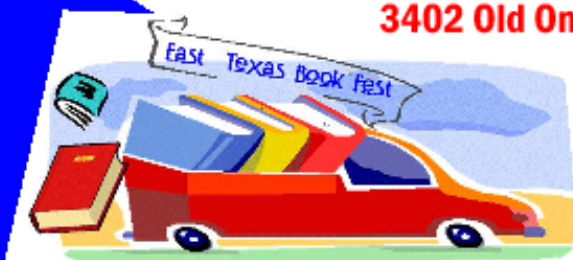
Librarian Vandy Dubre and Library Assistant Tamara Brown received their 5 Year Service Award. Library Administrative Assistant Cheryl Wallace received her 10 Year Service Award. Photos were taken in the new Muntz Library Gardens. Pictured with Dr. Peter Fos, University Provost, left to right clockwise, are Tamara Brown, Cheryl Wallace, and Vandy Dubre.



**SHOWCASING THE BEST OF TEXAS**

# East Texas Book Fest

**Friday September 25, 2009**  
**10 am–4 pm • Ornelas Center**  
**3402 Old Omen Road, Tyler**



Be a part of the first East Texas Book Fest, with some of the state's most popular published writers. Join great speakers—discussing topics ranging from creative writing, researching for a book, marketing and promotion, and tips for publishing for adults and children.

**FREE**

### Among the Featured Authors

- ★ Joe Lansdale ★ Bob Bowman
- ★ Don Graham
- ★ Nancy Bell ★ Jory Sherman
- ★ Sylvia Dickey Smith

**Meet your favorite authors and find fresh voices. Hear tips for budding and established writers.**

Book exhibition/display area open throughout the event to allow participants plenty of time to talk to authors and browse and buy their books.



This project made possible in part with a grant from Humanities Texas, the state affiliate of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Organized by UT Tyler Muntz Library and Smith County Public Libraries, Friends of the Bullard Community Library, Lindale Community Library, Troup Municipal Library, Tyler Public Library, and Whitehouse Community Library.

### Sponsors:

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For more details and information, you can visit the East Texas Book Fest website at <http://etxbookfest.weebly.com/>. For more information, you can send an e-mail to [etxbookfest@gmail.com](mailto:etxbookfest@gmail.com)



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**ATTENTION:** Off-Campus Access to Library Databases now uses PATRIOT Login. This is the same account that is utilized for the new Blackboard version 8, POPS, Patriot Air, Patriot Email (students), Patriot Webspaces, the computers in the Campus Computing Center in BUS101, the Library, the Communications Lab, the Technology Lab, the Nursing Lab, and the Engineering Labs.

Every student, faculty member and staff member has been provided a Patriot Account. Your Patriot Account can be activated from either the Blackboard link (<http://ccs.uttyler.edu/blackboard/>) or the student email link (<http://ccs.uttyler.edu/email/>) found at the bottom of the UT Tyler homepage.

Additional assistance is available from the Campus Computing Center located in BUS101 or via email at [itsupport@patriots.uttyler.edu](mailto:itsupport@patriots.uttyler.edu).



## Robert R. Muntz Library Hours

Our regular hours are:

M-Th: 7:30am-Midnight

F: 7:30am-5:00pm

S: 9:00am-6:00pm

Su: 1:00pm-Midnight

Please visit the library website (<http://library.uttyler.edu/>) or the library blog, *The Patriot Spot* (<http://uttylerlibrary.wordpress.com>), for information on holiday and special hours.

## Upcoming Library Events for Fall 2009

—Angel Rivera, Outreach Librarian

- The Robert R. Muntz Library will be hosting its Annual Student Welcome Tent for incoming students on Wednesday August 26 and Thursday August 27, 2009 from 7:00am to 12:00pm. You can find our tent in the area between the ponds. Come stop by. We will provide free cold bottled water, maps and directions, goodies, and answer your questions.
- The Library will once again participate in the International September Project (<http://theseptemberproject.org/>). The highlight event will be a showing of the film *Persepolis* on September 9 at the library. Please visit the library's blog, *The Patriot Spot* (<http://uttylerlibrary.wordpress.com>) or the Library website (<http://library.uttyler.edu>) for further details.
- September 17 is Constitution Day. The Library will feature a month-long display during the September about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. This is another activity we do in conjunction with September Project.
- East Texas Book Fest at Ornelas Activity Hall on Friday September 25. Please see the flyer in this newsletter for details.
- Libraries across the nation will come together to celebrate Banned Books Week. This year, Banned Books Week runs from September 26 to October 3, 2009. Our Annual Banned Books Readout will take place on Wednesday September 30. SAVE THIS DATE. We will be announcing the location of the event shortly. We are already looking for readers for the event. If you are interested in signing up for a reading spot, you can contact Angel Rivera, Outreach Librarian, at 903-566-7165 or via e-mail at [arivera@uttyler.edu](mailto:arivera@uttyler.edu). For details, visit the library's blog, *The Patriot Spot* (<http://uttylerlibrary.wordpress.com>) or the Library website (<http://library.uttyler.edu>).