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MUNTZ LIBRARY MUSINGS

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MUNTZ LIBRARY WELCOMES NEW UNIVERSITY ARCHIVIST

—JEANNE PYLE, DIRECTOR OF THE LIBRARY

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I am pleased to announce that on February 1st, 2011, Ms. Terra Bianchi joined the university as our new University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian.

Ms. Bianchi comes to us from the Boston Psychoanalytic Society and Institute in Boston, Massachusetts where she was the Archives Assistant. She holds a Bachelor's Degree in History from the University of Houston and a Master's Degree in Library and Information Science with an Archives Concentration from Simmons College.

In addition to working with Brandy Winn, Archives Assistant, on materials for the university's 40th anniversary, Ms. Bianchi continues the

work of her predecessor in locating documents and materials stored around the campus that belong in university archives. If you think you may have suitable materials for the University Archives, please be sure to contact Ms. Bianchi or Ms. Winn.

When she is not processing archival materials, digitizing images, and creating finding aids for items in the University Archives and Special Collections, Ms. Bianchi enjoys reading and movies. She specially enjoys playing and keeping up with Barley, her Border Collie/Blue Heeler pup.



Ms. Terra Bianchi, University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian.

NEED TO SCAN? LIBRARY OFFERS FREE SCANNER

—JEANNE PYLE, DIRECTOR OF THE LIBRARY

Need to scan something for a paper or class presentation? Want to enhance the quality of papers and reports by including color or black and white excerpts from books, magazines, or journals?

Thanks a generous gift from the Louis and Peaches Owen Family Foundation, the Library now has a new user-friendly, walkup station called KIC (Knowledge Imaging Center).

Now, in addition to the vast collection of online resources the library offers,

you can easily include items that can only be located in our print collections. Have hand-written notes that you'd like to scan as a PDF document? The KIC station is your solution! Scanned images can be saved in a variety of formats including PDF and JPG.

Users can scan documents or images in color or black and white. They can then save them to a flash drive or e-mail them. . . All for free!

Located in the Reference

Area and across from the Circulation counter, be sure to check out our KIC station the next time you visit the Library.



UASC GETTING READY FOR UT TYLER 40TH ANNIVERSARY

—TERRA BIANCHI, UNIVERSITY ARCHIVIST

With the university's 40th anniversary approaching, the UASC has been helping faculty, staff, and students research the university archives collections. We've had requests for photographs of Tyler State College, questions about the expansion of the university, and biographical information on those influential in establishing the university.

Our archives assistant, Brandy Winn, has also been working in preparation for the celebrations and events beginning this June to commemorate the 40th anniversary. In the coming months, you can expect to see exhibits across the campus showcasing the history of the university from Tyler State College to Texas Eastern University to The University of Texas at Tyler. These exhibits will showcase materials currently housed in the archives as well as the records we are actively collecting to further document UT Tyler's rich history.

The University Archives and Special Collections (UASC) is located on the first floor of the Robert R. Muntz Library (L-107). Please feel free to contact the University Archivist, Terra Bianchi, at 903-565-5849 or tbianchi@uttyler.edu for research inquiries or more information on the UASC.

FINALS WEEK IS ALMOST HERE!

—PENNY REYNOLDS, CIRCULATION AND ILL LIBRARIAN

Finals Week is right around the corner and for those of you that would like a place to study, finish your projects and those last minute papers, the Library will be the place for YOU!

The Muntz Library will have the following **special hours for Finals Week Spring 2011:**

Sunday May 8th through Thursday May 12th

7:30am– 2:00am

To help you stay focused, alert, or semi-awake, the Library will be providing coffee, tea, and hot chocolate.

During this time (Sunday through Thursday), **Library Room 401** has been reserved for you as a QUIET study hall from **7:00pm until 2:00am**. As a friendly reminder, please keep in mind the **ZONES** for each floor of the library. We have posted **Know Your Zone** signs throughout the Library for your convenience so that you can appropriately choose the area in the Library where you would like to work and study. The **RED Zone** is the silent area. The 3rd Floor, also called the Stacks, is the area you want to be in if you need a quiet place. Also, as mentioned above, LIB 401 is **RED Zone** from 7:00pm until 2:00am. The **GREEN Zones** are located on the 2nd floor and the 4th floor of the Library. Group study, moderate conversation, and limited, considerate cell phone use is appropriate for the **Green Zones**.

Once again, the Student Government Association (SGA) has graciously agreed to provide in-library security during this time period. **Please note:** Because only UT Tyler students, faculty, and staff are permitted in the Library from midnight until 2:00am, security may ask to see your UT Tyler P2 card (your student ID). **DON'T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT YOUR P2 Card!**

LIBRARY OFFERS GROUP STUDY ROOMS

—PENNY REYNOLDS, CIRCULATION AND ILL LIBRARIAN

The Group Study Rooms are located in the 3rd floor of the Library, which is in the Red Zone (the designated quiet zone).

When three or more students gather in the group

study rooms, it is almost impossible to keep the noise down. To help keep sounds in the room and minimize noise outside of the Group Study Rooms, soundproof panels were recently installed in the Library's three group study

rooms (LIB 312, 313, 314). As funding permits, the future plans are for all our study rooms to have soundproof panels installed.

Reminder

The library would like to remind students who use the library computer to always save their work and save it often. Use a portable USB drive, aka "thumb drive" to save all work. If you do not have a "thumb drive," you can always e-mail a document to your own e-mail account.

All library computers in the reference area are set to clean themselves out after every log-in. That means anything you put on the desktop will disappear and cannot be retrieved. Need help? Ask us how to save.

Save to your personal device and do it often.

REFERENCE Q&A

—ANTHONY MICHELLI, REFERENCE LIBRARIAN

Ask Us!

Librarians are available to help at the Reference Desk on the 2nd floor, via phone (903-566-7343), via email (library@uttyler.edu), and via Meebo Chat (click "[Research Guides](#)" from the library's homepage). Librarians also offer Research Consultations by appointment. You can contact your [departmental library liaison](#) to schedule an appointment for assistance.

Library Workshops

Each semester, reference librarians at the Robert R. Muntz Library conduct workshops on features of the library's databases and resources as well as on various online technologies. Workshops take place at the library and online using Elluminate Live! Web Conferencing. If there is a library resource that you would like to learn more about, feel free to contact the Library. These workshops are free and open to UT Tyler students, faculty, and staff. For workshop updates, you can check the Library's blog, *The Patriot Spot* (<http://uttylerlibrary.wordpress.com>), our Facebook page (www.facebook.com/muntzlibrary) or our follow us now in Twitter (@muntzlibrary).

Quality Reader Barcodes

After checking out a book at the Circulation Desk, you may have received a bookmark with QR barcode. These "barcodes" are linked to many of the library's online services, for example, our Facebook page and the Library's mobile page. These "barcodes" can be scanned with your smartphone's camera using a scanner app. Scanner apps are often found for free in iTunes app store or the Android marketplace. If you have a question about using QR barcodes, just ask a librarian.



NOTES FROM ACCESS SERVICES

—PENNY REYNOLDS, CIRCULATION AND ILL LIBRARIAN

Access Services Welcomes...

...our newest Library Assistants: Robyn Perdue and Libby Mathis. Robyn comes to us from Tyler Public Library working both Circulation and Information Desks. Born and raised in Tyler, Robyn graduated from UT Tyler with a B.S. in History. Robyn enjoys music, art, reading, photography, and working in libraries. Robyn has a full-time position in Access Services working various shifts.

Libby also comes to us from Tyler Public Library working both the Information Desk and the Local & Family History Departments. Libby's part-time position with UT Tyler allows her to continue working part-time for Tyler Public Library. Born in Houston, but currently residing in Lindale, Libby graduated from UT Tyler in 2004 with a B.S. in History.

Please Pardon our mess and our noise...

...but we have begun a spring weeding project that will possibly last throughout the spring semester.

In an effort to possibly create more table/study space for students plus weed out Education Resources Information Center (ERIC) that are available online via the ERIC website (<http://www.eric.ed.gov/>) as well as available via the EBSCO ERIC database (accessible via the library's website), our staff and students are "cleaning house" by weeding our microfiche collection in the 2nd floor. UT Tyler's Environmental Health & Safety Department is working closely with our department to properly dispose of the material.

What is Interlibrary Loan (I.L.L.) and ILLiad?

Have you ever visited the Library and searched for books and articles only to find that the Library does not own the particular items you were looking for? Have you wondered what will you do now? What you are going to do is place an ILL request with ILLiad!

When you "I.L.L." materials, you are asking us to locate the materials that you need from other libraries in the United States. You can request those items via our newest electronic resource—ILLiad. Provided to **currently enrolled** students, faculty, and staff, using your "My UT Tyler" username and password, ILLiad makes it easy for you to submit requests and allows you to track them. You can also receive photocopies via electronic delivery of your articles. If you would like more information on ILLiad, assistance with your requests, or a visit to your classroom or office for a demo, please call the Interlibrary Services Department at 903-566-7396 or stop by LIB-221.

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NOTES FROM ACCESS SERVICES (CONTINUED)

Did you know about the Library's Practice Presentation Room?

Located in the 2nd floor of the Library, LIB 202 was created with our students in mind to give them the opportunity to practice and rehearse any in-class presentations assigned as well as view VHS tapes and DVDs for class assignments. State-of-the-art equipment as well as a whiteboard with dry erase markers are provided in LIB-202. With a UT Tyler ID (your P2 card), students (minimum of 2 students in a group) may check-out the room from the Circulation Desk for one two-hour checkout per day (per group, NOT per person). For more information, you can stop by the Circulation Desk, or you can call at 903-566-7342.

Reminder: The Library now has two bookdrops

In addition to the bookdrop that is currently available at the entrance to the Library, an additional bookdrop has been placed outside by the 1st floor entrance to the Metamorphosis Café (a.k.a. "The Met."). Both bookdrops are "usually" emptied and the contents discharged from your library record two times a day. HOWEVER, you may want to return those items that have accrued fines to the Library Circulation Desk for prompt payment and removal of any holds that may have been placed on your student record.

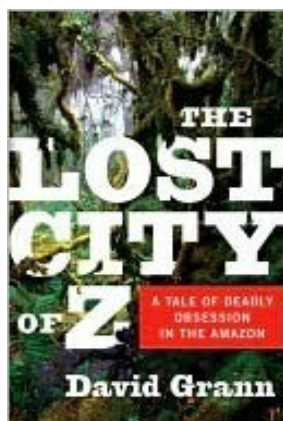
What does GOFR stand for?



It stands for: *Getting Our Faculty Resources*. This **new faculty document delivery service** provides PDF copies of UT Tyler-owned journals and book chapters as well as delivery of full-text database articles via your ILLiad account. For more information on GOFR and/or ILLiad, please contact the InterLibrary Services office at ext. 7396.

BOOK REVIEW: THE LOST CITY OF Z: A TALE OF DEADLY OBSESSION IN THE AMAZON

—ANGEL RIVERA, OUTREACH LIBRARIAN



The Lost City of Z: A Tale of Deadly Obsession in the Amazon was a very good read. There are two stories in one in this book. One is the story of Henry Percy Fawcett, a British explorer of the late 19th century/early 20th century. He is in the vein of other great explorers such as Shackleton or Stanley. His explorations took him to the Amazon, where he went to seek the mythical city of Z, the El Dorado conquistadores looked for. In 1925, he vanished without a trace.

We then move to the author, David Grann, who is on a quest not only to tell Fawcett's story, but to trace the explorer's path and find out his fate. Mind

you that such an errand, trying to find Fawcett, has claimed the lives of at least 100 people.

If you like adventure tales and reading about explorers in the tradition of fiction works by H. Rider Haggard or Arthur Conan Doyle, whose Professor Challenger may have been inspired by Fawcett, then you will like this book. If you like reading about mysteries, you will probably like this book as well. The author wrote this in a way that reads like a good adventure novel and biography all rolled up into one. It grips the reader from the beginning, and it does not let go. Even though you know Fawcett's fate from the start, you find yourself wondering if he will be found or not. Fawcett himself was a larger than life explorer, the last of the great explorers before things like anthropology and archeology along with other specializations took shape as we know them today. Back then, it was a man, a ma-

chete, a compass, and off to the jungle to find whatever was there, catalog it, and report on it. Thus Fawcett was trained in various skills to accomplish his task. And there are other cast members, his sons, his wife, other rival explorers, who add to the story.

Meanwhile, the author embarks on his own adventure to seek out Fawcett's trail and fate. In the process, we not only get a history of a great explorer, but we also learn about some of the history of Amazon territory as well. We learn how modern science has advanced as well when it comes to studying native tribes and the jungle itself. We also get a glimpse of British mores and society during and right after the Victorian era. In other words, this is not only a riveting read, but you learn a few things as well.

The book is available in the General Collection (Third Floor Stacks). Call number is F2546 .G747 2009.

Did you know?

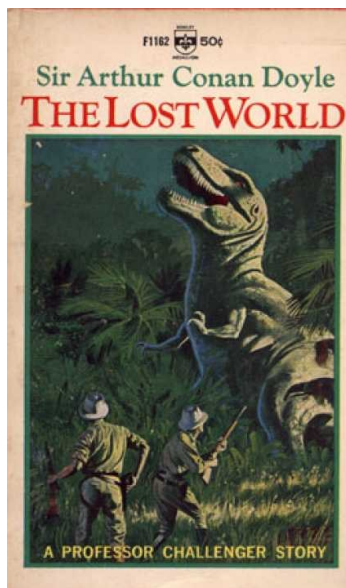
Botanist Alwyn Gentry found nearly 300 different species of trees growing on one-hectare plots he studied in the Peruvian Amazon. These plants were trees with a trunk diameter greater than 10 centimeters, and did not include the smaller, understory plants, vines, epiphyte, etc., nor the vast numbers of fungi, insects, animals and other organisms in this biodiverse rich region. Botanists Alexander A. De Oliveira and Scott Mori reported even greater numbers of different species in the Central Amazon Valley of Brazil - more than 500 species of trees on an individual hectare, again with a trunk diameter greater than 10 centimeters.

Source: Michael J. Balick, PhD., writing for PBS.org (<http://www.pbs.org/journeyintoamazonia/plants.html>).

IF YOU LIKED THE LOST CITY OF Z, YOU MAY WANT TO READ...

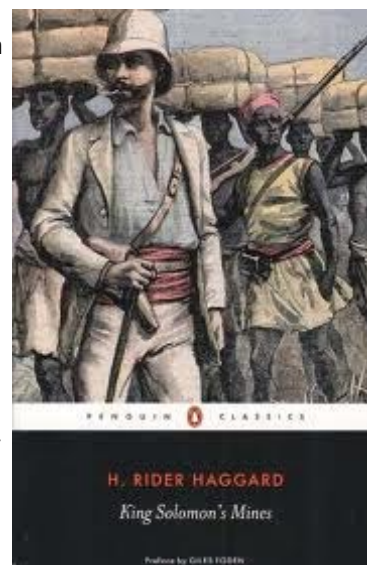
—ANGEL RIVERA, OUTREACH LIBRARIAN

If you like *The Lost City of Z*, and you want to read more tales of explorers who went out into the jungle with just a machete and a compass, you may wish to seek out these books.

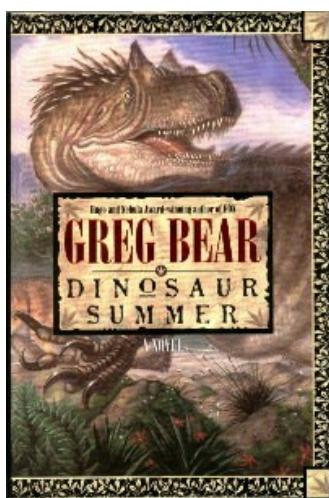


You can start with Arthur Conan Doyle's Professor Challenger stories. It is said Conan Doyle was inspired by Fawcett when he created George Edward Challenger. Professor Challenger first appears in the novel *The Lost World* (1912). In the novel, the professor embarks on a South American expedition to find a lost plateau where dinosaurs still live long before Crichton and his *Jurassic Park*. The professor returns in four other novels.

Next, you can seek out H. Rider Haggard's works about explorer and hunter Allan Quatermain. You can start with *King Solomon's Mines* (1885). In the novel, Quatermain goes into Africa to search for Sir Henry Curtis's lost brother. The brother went missing when he went on a quest to find the fabled mines of King Solomon (yes, the one in the Bible). Many consider this novel to be the start of the "lost world" novel genre. In addition, if you like the Indiana Jones films, you may like Allan Quatermain's adventures as well.



After all, Indy draws on Allan Quatermain. Quatermain does return in a sequel, *Allan Quatermain*. And more recently, Allan Quatermain is featured in Allan Moore's graphic novel *The League of Extraordinary Gentlemen* (1999). Moore's graphic novel was adapted as a film in 2003 with Sean Connery portraying Quatermain.



Finally, you may be interested in a more recent lost world type of novel: Greg Bear's *Dinosaur Summer* (1998). In the novel, Bear creates a world where the events from Conan Doyle's *The Lost World* are historical fact. Thirty years after Professor Challenger's great expedition, the last dinosaur circus is closing down. An expedition is formed to return the dinosaurs from that circus back to the wilderness. The novel features an interesting little bit of tribute to Professor Challenger as well. In the novel, the protagonist's son attended Challenger High School, which is named after the professor who discovered the dinosaurs.

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RESEARCH**

SUMMER HOURS FOR 2011

With the limited number of students on campus and smaller class offerings during the summer, the Library will close a couple of hours earlier during the summer term. Beginning on May 18th, 2011 through August 12, 2011, the Muntz Library hours will be as follows:

- Sunday: 1:00pm-10:00pm**
- Monday: 7:30am-10:00pm**
- Tuesday: 7:30am-10:00pm**
- Wednesday: 7:30am-10:00pm**
- Thursday: 7:30am-10:00pm**
- Friday: 7:30am-5:00pm**
- Saturday: 9:00am-6:00pm**

Regular midnight hours will resume the first day of Fall 2011 classes, August 22, 2011. For special hours or changes, please call 903-566-7343 or visit our website (<http://library.uttyler.edu>). You can also visit our blog, *The Patriot Spot* for any updates at <http://uttylerlibrary.wordpress.com>.

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