

Resource Sharing/Consortial Agreements

New Entrance to the Library

The Library is pleased to announce that there is now an entrance and exit on the north side of the first floor. It is conveniently located for those parking behind the Library. The circulation desk at that location is staffed during library hours. Some circulation services are available, including check outs and returns, placing holds and assistance with library services and policies. Construction is scheduled to provide ADA accessibility to this entrance/exit from the parking lot. We look forward to seeing you.

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“. . . I get by with a little help from my friends.”

This popular song by the Beatles neatly describes the benefits obtained from cooperative agreements to increase the number of available publications, or to decrease the library’s cost of providing publications, or both. The Newton Gresham Library has been involved with consortial agreements for many years. These currently include diverse entities such as AMIGOS, Texas State University System, Texas Independent College & University Libraries, TexShare, and the Texas Math Consortium. We will examine a different consortium in each issue of the library newsletter.

The Texas Math Consortium is easily the most unusual consortial arrangement of the group. No other publisher or society comes close to matching the consortial pricing benefits offered by the American Mathematical Society. Briefly, the Library has obtained online access (including remote access) to the highly acclaimed MathSciNet database for an annual fee of one-tenth the normal institutional cost of \$7,360. A former chair of the SHSU Mathematics Department brought news of a new consortial pricing arrangement to the Library from a conference he had attended in 1998. The details of the new pricing arrangement were sketchy, and other libraries in Texas were unaware of it. The pricing proposal was presented as a formula (of course) buried several layers deep in the American Mathematical Society web pages. The formula required calculating “what if” situations to arrive at an estimated library cost. The formula appeared to offer a “pyramid” scheme, based on the premise that if a subscribing member (NGL) could entice non-subscribing libraries to subscribe to the database, we could divide the overall cost of the database. One member had to have an institutional membership (us), and WE had to do the legwork to convince other libraries to join us. The formula also factors in “Math Activity”, reflecting the contributions of each institution to the database for the past three years.

Of the letters sent to a dozen Texas institutions cajoling them to join us, only four were willing to step forward — SFASU, TAMU-Kingsville, TAMU-Prairie View, and WTAMU in Canyon. As information about the American Mathematical Society consortial pricing model has gradually spread throughout the mathematics and the library fields, the initial group of five libraries in the Texas Math Consortium has grown to seventeen Texas participants. The American Mathematical Society has achieved a model of disseminating scholarly academic information that helps to level a playing field dominated by elite institutions that can afford expensive scholarly resources and by publishers and academic societies focused solely on increasing profits.

Top 10 Reasons to Use Electronic Reserves

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Faculty

1. The Library does the legwork to insure that you and the Library have permission to use the materials in electronic format.
2. Each piece of material is password protected for compliance with Copyright Guidelines.
3. The material becomes available to students fairly quickly.
4. The read-ability of the material is consistent with the quality of the original.
5. Students do not have to be enrolled in on-campus classes in order to access the material.
6. The scanning process allows you to make available handwritten material.
7. Students can print their own copies — saving you time and your department money.

Students

8. The material may be accessed from any computer — on or off campus.
9. The material is accessible at any time of day.
10. There is no limit to the number of students who may view a file at the same time. There will never be an error message stating that the maximum number of users has been exceeded.

If you have any questions about Electronic Reserves, please contact Teresa Burress by calling 294-1618 or Linda Meyer at 294-3551.

RefWorks

APA! ACS! AMA! ASA! JBC! MLA! Alphabet Soup? No! Just a handful of the many style guidelines supported by RefWorks, the web-based citation management system now available to SHSU students, faculty and staff! The Newton Gresham Library has partnered with the Office of Graduate Studies to bring you this exciting tool. With RefWorks, you can export selected citations directly from the Newton Gresham Library's databases or enter the citation information manually. Citations are saved in your folder on the RefWorks server so that they are available to you at any time, everywhere you can access the web. Once you start writing your paper, a click of the mouse enters the citation information where you want it, and when you are finished, it's as easy as 1-2-3 to have RefWorks format the citations according to your chosen style guide and create your Works Cited list.

Used well, it can be incorporated into your research process almost seamlessly. The time to learn about RefWorks is now before you need it! Take the time to do the RefWorks tutorial and you will be equipped to use this excellent tool.

Start at the Library's website. Click on Citation Guides. Click on RefWorks. Click on "Sign up for an individual account." Fill out the form and log in. Then go to "Help" in the menu bar across the top, and do the RefWorks tutorial. You'll be glad you did!

Important: to log in to RefWorks from off campus, you may need a Group Code available from the Reference staff. Stop by, call (1-866-NGL-INFO), or e-mail us (lib_ref@shsu.edu) to get this.



Breitenbach Mexican Mask Collection

William F. Breitenbach, retired Sam Houston State University Professor of Art, presented the Library with a unique collection of Mexican masks. The collection is a rich treasure of Mexican folk art which will allow the SHSU community to sample the mystery of the tradition of the mask in the rituals and customs of Mexico. The exhibit, housed on the fourth floor of the Library, was opened October 8, 2004.

Faculty Development Leave Applications

Maybe you have thought about applying for Faculty Development Leave, but aren't sure how to go about the process. You may find it helpful to look at some applications of successful leave recipients. The Library has applications representing different academic areas (science, humanities, business, and fine arts) available online. To view the applications, go to the "Newton Gresham Library" website. Select "Find a Book in SamCat". Type "Faculty Development Leave" in the first search box. Select "Click for Online Access" within the catalog entry. (Note: In order to see the individual applications, you will need to enable popups for the digital library site. Please call the Computer Services Helpdesk at 294-1950 to assist with this process.)

*Do you need some
time away from
campus to refresh
and refocus?*



Did you know...

- ✓ We subscribe to well over 100 databases that index tens of thousands of journals, magazines, newspapers, and books from around the world?
- ✓ That the databases have different content, focuses, and limitations?
- ✓ That many periodical articles are available through the databases in full text?
- ✓ That many resources, not available electronically, are in print at the library?
- ✓ That most of what we don't have we can get through interlibrary loan?
- ✓ That web-based resources like Questia are usually a poor choice for researchers?

What is ILLiad?

- **I**nter**L**ibrary **L**oan **i**nternet **a**ccessible **d**atabase
- Computer software program designed to manage the interlibrary loan process.
- Supports electronic interlibrary loan requests and allows borrowers to track the status of their requests.

How do I register?

- Simply sign up by registering through the Interlibrary Service web page.
- Log in to your account to place new requests and/or check the status of a current request.

For all of your Interlibrary Service needs please feel free to contact:

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294-1616, e-mail lib_bbc@shsu.edu

Faculty → Direct

Your direct link to articles and books.

- ✓ A service provided by the Interlibrary Services Department.
- ✓ Offers delivery of articles and books that the Library holds to SHSU faculty members.
- ✓ Use your ILLiad account to request the items you need.
- ✓ Article and pages from books requested will be delivered electronically in PDF format whenever possible, photocopies will be delivered to your office.
- ✓ Books will be checked out to your account and delivered to your office.
- ✓ Time for materials requested is 2 working days.

TexShare Loses Some Databases, but SHSU Works to Keep Content

In January of 2004, TexShare announced that in the upcoming 2005-2006 year we would be forced to eliminate a number of our current electronic database subscriptions. When TexShare signed contracts beginning in July 1, 2003, they still had money left from the TIF grant. Because it was anticipated there would be a loss of funding in the next biennium, they used part of the TIF grant money to negotiate a two-year contract with OCLC for the First Search Base package at special pricing. This allowed the State Library to renew subscriptions in the Core Database package in 2004-2005 with very little loss of content. Now, as they renew subscriptions to begin July 1, 2005, they are no longer able to benefit from that two-year subscription. Because of this factor TexShare will not be able to renew some interfaces and some content in the Core Database package for 2005-2006.

Alphabetical Listing of Databases

Core 2005/2006

Academic Search Premier (EBSCO)
 Business Source Premier (EBSCO)
 Handbook of Texas
 Health and Wellness Resource Center (Gale)
 Health Reference Center Academic (Gale)
 HeritageQuest Online (Proquest)
 Info Trac Custom Newspapers (Gale)
 Literature Resource Center (Gale)
 — Contemporary Authors (Gale)
 — Contemporary Literary Criticism (Gale)
 — Dictionary of Literary Biography (Gale)
 MasterFILE Premier (EBSCO)
 MEDLINE (EBSCO)
 Military and Government Collection (EBSCO)
 netLibrary
 Regional Business News (EBSCO)
 Student Resource Center GOLD (InfoTrac)
 TDnet
 Texas Digital Sanborn Maps
 20th Century Poetry
 World Cat (OCLC)

CORE 2004/2005 databases which will be dropped from core in 2005/2006

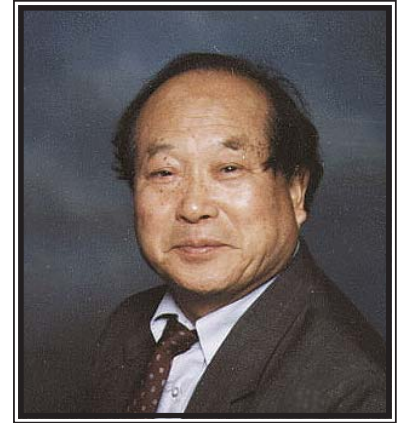
ArticleFirst (OCLC)
 Biography & Genealogy Master Index (Gale)
 Business & Company Resource Center (Gale)
 Clase Periodica (OCLC)
 Clinical Pharmacology (EBSCO)
 Computer Source: Consumer Edition (EBSCO)
 Ebook Cataloging Records (OCLC)
 EBSCO Animals
 Electronic Collections Online (A&I) (OCLC)
 ERIC (EBSCO)
 ERIC (OCLC)
 Funk and Wagnalls New Encyclopedia (EBSCO)
 GPO Monthly Catalog (OCLC)
 Health Source: Consumer Edition (EBSCO)
 Health Source: Nursing / Academic Edition (EBSCO)
 iInform! (Gale)
 MAS Ultra: School Edition (EBSCO)
 MEDLINE (OCLC)
 Middle Search Plus (EBSCO)
 Newspaper Source (EBSCO)
 PapersFirst (OCLC)
 Primary Search (Ebsco)
 ProceedingsFirst (OCLC)
 Professional Development Collection (EBSCO)
 Psychology & Behavioral Sciences Collection (EBSCO)
 Religion & Philosophy Collection (EBSCO)
 Sociological Collection (EBSCO)
 STAT!Ref
 Texas Almanac 2004-2005 Edition
 TOPICsearch (EBSCO)
 What Do I Read Next? (Gale)
 World Almanac (OCLC)

Access provided by SHSU 2005/2006

SHSU Library has worked with AMIGOS to secure continuing access to the OCLC databases including ArticleFirst, Clase Periodica, Electronic Books, Electronic Collections Online, ERIC, GPO Monthly Catalog, Medline, Papersfirst, ProceedingsFirst, and the World Almanac/Book of Facts. The Library has also licensed continued access to HertiageQuest and the Business & Company Resource Center.

Retirement

Don Ko retired Fall Semester 2004 after 30 years of service to the Library and the SHSU community. Don held positions in cataloging, interlibrary loan and government documents during his tenure. In May 2003, Don completed his doctorate at Washington University. He has just received a royalty check from UMI/ProQuest for his dissertation titled *The History of the Japanese Anthropology From 1868 to 1970's*. A master gardener and bee keeper, Don enjoys his orchard and bees when he is not traveling to Hawaii. We wish him a long and fulfilling retirement.



Library Purchases Wilberforce Papers

Through the generous gift of Larry and Romaine Murdock the Library purchased the Wilberforce Manuscript Collection on 43 reels of microfilm. The collection of documents includes key topics of slavery, religion and politics from 1759 through 1857.

During his 9 years at SHSU, Larry Murdock was head of the Library's Social Science Reference Division and Government Documents. He and his wife, Romaine, enjoyed their time at Sam Houston State University and wanted to provide the SHSU community with a unique gift that would support the curriculum and research.

Plagiarism Deterrent

Attention Faculty members! The Newton Gresham Library is now providing access to Turnitin.com, a leading electronic resource for detecting plagiarism. Suspected papers can be submitted to Turnitin.com, which will scan the paper's content and compare it to million's of papers in Turnitin.com's database.

Records Retention

If you are looking for the Records Retention Schedule for Sam Houston State University, the pdf file can now be downloaded from the Library's website. If you have any questions concerning records or disposal of records, Barbara Kievit-Mason, the Library Archivist, would be happy to help you. You may contact her directly at 294-3699.

Library Instructional Services

Library faculty have provided instruction for more than 3,400 students in the 2004-2005 academic year. That is a 23% increase from the previous academic year.

Why would teaching faculty give up class time for librarians to talk with their students? Simply put, finding information is more complicated than ever and sharp instructors know that librarians are THE information specialists on campus. Librarians can show students how best to identify, locate, and evaluate information resources, utilizing the myriad of resources their fees help support.

To schedule a Library Instructional Session for your class contact Jeannie Colson at 294-4782.



Going Back in Time: Early American Imprints

Newton Gresham Library and the Department of History are pleased to announce that they have jointly purchased campus-wide access to the Early American Imprints, Series I. Evans (1639 – 1800) collection. This database is based on the renowned "American Bibliography" by Charles Evans and is enhanced by Roger Bristol's "Supplement to Evan's American Bibliography." Originally published in microform by Readex in cooperation with the American Antiquarian Society, now it has been digitized and is fully searchable. It is considered a definitive resource for most aspects of life in 17th- and 18th-century America, from agriculture and auctions through foreign affairs, diplomacy, literature, music, religion, the Revolutionary War, temperance, witchcraft, and just about any other topic imaginable. The Evans Digital Collection consists of more than 36,000 works and 2,400,000 images, many of which are not American texts, but American editions of British, French and German works. Thus a search in the 1770's will include a search of important texts like Paradise Lost and Pope's Essay on Man.

Users can select the Simple Search interface, switch to the advanced interface, or click on one of six browse area tabs (Genre, Subjects, Author, History of Printing, Place of Publication and Language). Within each category, users can refine their searches by clicking on the additional secondary and tertiary headings. For example, on the Genre tab, clicking on the "Addresses" heading brings up 14 additional more specific headings such as "Addresses to academic societies", "Convicts addresses", and "New Year addresses." Under Labor in the Subject Browser, there are five categories relating to slaves and slavery.

Once users locate an item, they can look at full citations, view the full-text pdf, move through the book page-by-page, choose from two different formats for printing, use the "Table of Contents" feature to skip around or locate pages that matched the search criterion, and scale the images up to 300 percent or down to 25 percent in Alice-in-Wonderland fashion. There is a handy "My collection" function which allows you to keep a set of items from the results from your searches. Beware that the list disappears when you leave the database so be sure to email your list to yourself before exiting.



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