

## New Library Services & Collections

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**Reference Consolidates Services in Evans Library** — Reference services in the Sterling C. Evans Library are now consolidated into one central location for the convenience of users. Science/Engineering reference services, formerly located on the fifth floor of the Evans Annex, is now merged with the Humanities and Social Sciences reference area on the first floor of Evans Library. The science and engineering reference collection is shelved with the humanities and social sciences reference collection in the same area. Offices of librarians and staff in science and engineering have been relocated to the areas adjacent to the new combined reference desk. To better serve its clientele, the Patent and Trademark Research Center has moved from the Annex fifth floor to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor of Evans Library in the space formerly occupied by the Copy Center. The office provides information assistance with searching copyrights, patents, and trademarks.

**West Campus Library Opens 24/5** — West Campus Library has extended its hours to 24/5 to meet the needs of students who increasingly stay after midnight to do research and reading for their classes, as well as work on projects. The additional hours are funded from the tuition increase. The West Campus Library, which primarily serves the Mays Business School, is available to all faculty and students. WCL is open continuously from 1:00 PM Sunday through 10:00 PM Friday and on Saturday from 1:00 - 5:00 PM. For more information visit the libraries' home page at <http://library.tamu.edu> and click on library hours.

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# What's New in Electronic Resources

## **ARTstor**

The ARTstor Charter Collection currently contains approximately 300,000 images; by 2006 it is expected to contain 500,000. The Charter Collection documents artistic traditions of various periods and cultures, and includes architecture, painting, sculpture, photography, decorative arts, and design, as well as many other forms of visual culture. ARTstor is a non-profit initiative, founded by The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, with a mission to use digital technology to enhance scholarship, teaching and learning in the arts and associated fields.

## **ProQuest Newspaper Collections**

The University Libraries now subscribes to the following current years of : Chicago Tribune (1985 – Current), Christian Science Monitor (1988 – current), Los Angeles Times (1985 – Current), New York Times (1995 – current), Wall Street Journal (1984 – current), and The Washington Post (1996 – current). We also subscribe to the following ProQuest Historical Newspapers: Chicago Tribune (1849 – 1985), Christian Science Monitor (1908 – 1992), Los Angeles Times (1881 – 1985), New York Times (1851 – 2002), Wall Street Journal (1889 – 1988), Washington Post (1877 – 1989). We subscribe to the ProQuest Library PressDisplay service, providing access to the most recent 45 days' issues of 255 newspapers from 55 countries.

## **Dallas Morning News Historical Archive (1885 – 1977) from NewsBank**

This unique historical digital image collection accessible by keyword and date searching documents major events in Texas, the United States, and the world. Classified and display advertising, photos and graphics are also part of the archive.

## **U.S. Congressional Serial Set (1817 – 1980) from NewsBank**

The U.S. Congressional Serial Set offers desktop access to an extensive digital collection of the bound, sequential volumes of all the reports, documents, and journals of the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. Upon completion, this rich source of primary material on American history will consist of approximately 13,800 volumes and over 12 million pages.

# Collections

## **Cushing Library Acquires Dawson French History & Literature Collection**

The Robert Dawson French History and Literature Collection of nearly 18,000 books, broadsides, pamphlets, manuscripts, ephemera and works of art from the 14th to the 20th century was acquired by Cushing Memorial Library and Archives at Texas A&M. It contains works of prominent French writers, as well as items related to the French Revolution, including an unrivaled sub-collection of 4,100 provincial imprint pamphlets. More than 4,500 manuscript pieces from the 14th century to the 20th, including letters, drafts and corrected proofs of music, novels, plays, poetry and other works offer unique research possibilities for scholars. With the majority of volumes still in their contemporary bindings, the collection will also shed unparalleled light on the history of the book and the book trade in 18th-century France. The acquisition of this collection, which is currently being cataloged, results from a joint collaboration between the College of Liberal Arts and the University Libraries.

## **Mexican Colonial Collection**

The Mexican Colonial Imprint Collection offers abundant research and teaching opportunities for faculty at Texas A&M and abroad. With over 1300 books and texts, the collection contains material dating from 1566 to the 1820s and covers all aspects of colonial Mexico--literature, religion, law, science, medicine, and many other topics. Sermons, novenas, septanarios, and other small religious publications are featured in the collection, as well as original editions by some of colonial Mexico's premier printers, including its first professional printer, Juan Pablos.

## **JoDI**

The University Libraries is the home of JoDI, the *Journal of Digital Information*, an international, peer-reviewed, electronic journal. Launched in 1997, the journal publishes articles on management, presentation and uses of information in digital environments. Topics include virtual museums, medieval texts, digital libraries, content management, social aspects of digital information, and learning resources. Over 6100 registered users receive JoDI quarterly via e-mail alerts. Visitors can browse JoDI's Web site at <http://jodi.tamu.edu>

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