

From the Stacks - Inaugural Issue

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Focus on Collection Development

Collection development is the process that we in the Gray Library use to build the library's collection of materials. In order to perform this process and meet the research needs of the university community, we need your help. As you may or may not be aware, each department on campus has a collection development policy, a departmental book representative, and a library liaison. Ideally, the book rep and the librarian use the policy to select materials for purchase.

What is a collection development policy?

The policy serves as a guide for selecting materials. It defines the scope of the subject area, general collection guidelines (language, chronology, geographic areas, treatment, and format), and defines the level and depth of collecting. Each department has a policy; you may request a copy from your library liaison.

How do I request a book? There are two options:

1. Notify your departmental book representative, who should in turn pass the order on to the library liaison.
2. Contact the library liaison for your subject area via phone, email, campus mail, or in person.

What information is needed to order a book? Optimally, we need the author, title, publisher, price, and ISBN for the book. However, we should be able to locate a book even if you can give us just the author and title. Once we receive the book, we will notify you that it is available.

How long does it take for the library to receive a requested book? If a book is available from one of our regular distributors, we can receive a book in as little as two months. It can take up to a year to receive books from small presses.

Does the library order every requested book? Yes, as long as the book is acceptable under the guidelines of the collection development policy and there are sufficient funds in the collection development budget for that area. Of course, there are exceptions to every rule. See below.

Textbooks: The library does not purchase copies of textbooks used in courses. However, we check the textbook list each semester and if we find a required textbook in our collection, we move the textbook to Periodicals/Reserves. Students can use items on Reserve for two hours in the library, thus allowing students equal access.

Major Purchases: The Library Collection Development Committee reviews any purchases that cost \$1,000 (or more) or that exceed one-third of a departmental budget. The departmental book representative must provide proof of need and estimate potential use of the title to the committee.

Serial or Journal Subscription Requests: Please contact your department's library liaison for more information.

For your information, the directory on pages 5 – 6 lists all of the book representatives and library liaisons by department.

**New Lecture Series:
Gray Library Presents**

There are many talented faculty at Lamar University. Unless students are willing to spend 30 to 40 years in school, however, there is no way for them to experience all of this talent first-hand. In order to offer more opportunities for such experience to our students, as well as to the regional community, the Mary & John Gray Library recently introduced a new lecture series that showcases Lamar University faculty. The inaugural lecture of this series, called **Gray Library Presents**, was held Thursday, October 10th in the Spindletop Room on the eighth floor of the Gray Library.

Keith Carter presented this first lecture, titled *An Uncommon Grace: Photography and the Ubiquitous Snapshot*. Mr. Carter, besides being a Professor of Photography and an internationally recognized photographer, holds the Walles Chair in Visual and Performing Arts and has received the Lamar University honors of University Professor and Distinguished Faculty Lecturer. In his lecture, Mr. Carter discussed how the snapshot – photography used at its most fundamental level – influences our culture, and through snapshots took us to Cambodia's killing fields and for a ride on Robert F. Kennedy's funeral train.

The second lecture will be presented on Thursday, November 14, from 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. in the Spindletop Room on the eighth floor of the Gray Library. Dr. Donna Birdwell will introduce us to the descendants of Mayan Indians from Yucatan who live in Chunox, Belize. Dr. Birdwell has conducted a field study of the life of this group of people since 1974 and in her presentation will explore the changes to which these villagers have had to adapt over the past quarter-century. She will examine the choices they have made that make them *Still Poor After All These Years*. Dr.

Birdwell is a Professor of Anthropology, Director of the Honors Program, and has been honored as a Distinguished Faculty Lecturer.

Three more lectures have already been planned for the Spring 2003 semester, including one by Dr. Larry Allen on the history of money. Dr. Allen is a Professor of Economics and the author of *The ABC-CLIO World History Companion to Capitalism* and the *Encyclopedia of Money*.

During the same month as each lecture, there will be a display featuring the scholarly, research, and creative activities of the departmental colleagues of the lecturer for that month. These displays will be in the lobby of the Gray Library.

**Census 2000 Data Available
via *American Factfinder***

A frequent question over the past year has been, "When will the Census 2000 data be available?" The U.S. Census Bureau plans to release the census data in multiple formats well into 2003.

Currently, the majority of the data is available via the *American Factfinder* website (<http://factfinder.census.gov>) from the U.S. Census Bureau. The *American Factfinder* site offers census data, including population and economic census, beginning with 1990. Census data is available in table and map formats with a variety of options. The Bureau has released the first three Summary Files, which include:

Summary 1 – Population counts for 63 race categories, selected population and housing characteristics

Summary 2 – Population and housing characteristics for many detailed races, Hispanic or Latino categories, and American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes

Summary 3 – Population counts for ancestry groups, selected population and housing characteristics at the national level

Only recently has the library received the first of the paper reports; it will be some time before we have the complete Census 2000 data. In the meantime, try the online product on *American Factfinder*. If you need assistance, please come in person to the library, call the Government Documents department at x8261, or call the Reference Desk at x1898. We will be happy to help.

Library Staff Awards

The University honored many of its staff on October 17th at the 2001 – 2002 Staff Awards ceremony held in the Spindletop Room on the eighth floor of the Gray Library.

We would like to congratulate and thank our Library staff members recognized at the awards:

Judy Callahan	Retiree
Fay Sands	Five-Year Award
Tina Wright	Five-Year Award
Quin Wolters	Ten-Year Award
Janie Alvarado	Twenty-Year Award
Sammie Rutledge	Distinguished Staff

Introduction to Library Research Course Offered

Library faculty will teach four sections of LIBR 1101: Introduction to Library Research in the Spring of 2003. This is a one-hour credit course that acquaints students with the process of acquiring, evaluating, and assimilating information available through the library. This course goes beyond just “how to use the library” by teaching the basics of information literacy and evaluation.

Since LIBR 1101 deals with research, it is significant and appropriate for students of all majors. LIBR 1101 especially complements the two-hour PSYC 2270: Learning and Study Skills, and is recommended for students taking that course. The content of LIBR 1101 will prove valuable to developmental studies students, and the one-hour credit can round off the odd schedule hours resulting from the two-hour study skills course. LIBR 1101 is also recommended for returning students, transfer students, and older students who may be unfamiliar with the recent advances in libraries and information retrieval technology.

Registering for LIBR 1101 is the same as other courses. See the upcoming Spring 2003 class schedule for registration call numbers. Here is the schedule for the Spring semester:

Sec 01 Lacy	MW	11:15a 12:05p	Jan 8 – Mar 5
Sec 02 Storey	TR	11:00a 12:15p	Jan 9 – Mar 4
Sec 03 Dyson	MW	11:15a 12:05p	Mar 3 – Apr 28
Sec 04 Nichols	TR	11:00a 12:15p	Mar 4 – Apr 24

If you have any questions regarding this course, please feel free to contact any of the following:

Karen Nichols	x8131
Rick Dyson	x8129
Theresa Storey	x2135
Jeff Lacy	x8120

Library to Host Presentation on Oil Boom

A special program on the oil industry of the Southwest is scheduled for January 9, 2003 as part of Welcome Week. Noted Texas performer Don Sanders will portray Rusty Slick – teamster, rig builder, and salvage

man of the oil boom – in *Gusher Times: The Southwestern Oil Boom 1901-1930*. His program will include anecdotes and songs about the lives of people in the oil industry in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Arkansas. The program will be held on the eighth floor of the Gray Library starting at 7:00 p.m., marked by the eruption of the Lucas Gusher at the Spindletop/Gladys City Boomtown museum (visible from the eighth floor). Please plan to join us for an entertaining and educational evening.

Elevator Repairs

We are happy to announce that we are in the process of replacing *all* of our elevators. Unfortunately, this requires us to do without a couple elevators at a time until the new ones are installed. When visiting the Library, please be prepared for elevator delays.

REGULAR LIBRARY HOURS

Mon - Thurs	7:30am – Midnight
Fri	7:30am – 5:00pm
Sat	9:00am – 5:00pm
Sun	2:00pm – Midnight

For hours between sessions, call 880-8117

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FALL SEMESTER SCHEDULE

Aug 19 – Aug 20	8:00am – 7:00pm
Aug 21 – Sept 1	Regular Hours
Sept 2	CLOSED
Sept 3 – Nov 27	Regular Hours
Nov 28 – Nov 30	CLOSED
Dec 1	2:00pm – 1:00am
Dec 2 – Dec 5	7:00am – 1:00am
Dec 6	7:00am – 7:00pm
Dec 7	9:00am – 5:00pm
Dec 8	2:00pm – 1:00am
Dec 9 – Dec 10	7:00am – 1:00am
Dec 11	7:00am – 9:00pm
Dec 12 – Dec 13	7:30am – 5:00pm
Dec 14	CLOSED
Dec 15	2:00pm – 9:00pm
Dec 16 – Dec 19	7:30am – 5:00pm
Dec 20 – Jan 1	CLOSED
Jan 2	7:30am – 9:00pm
Jan 3	7:30am – 5:00pm
Jan 4	9:00am – 5:00pm
Jan 5	2:00pm – 9:00pm
Jan 6 – Jan 7	7:30am – 9:00pm

SPECIAL EVENTS

November 14: Gray Library Presents

Still Poor After All These Years

by Dr. Donna Birdwell

8th Floor 2:00pm – 3:00pm

December 5: Library Wassail

Free refreshments

1st Floor 9:30am – 11:30am

January 9: Welcome Week Presentation

Gusher Times: The Southwestern Oil Boom

by Don Sanders

8th Floor 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Departmental Book Representatives and Library Liaisons

College of Arts and Sciences

Department	Representative	Ext.	Library Liaison	Ext.
Biology	Ana Christensen	8262	Rick Dyson	8129
Chemistry/Physics	Bogdana Bahrim	8241	Rick Dyson	8129
English & Foreign Languages	Steve Zani	8563	Sarah Tusa	8125
Geology	James Stevens	8233	Rick Dyson	8129
History	Rebecca Boone	8511	Jon Tritsch	7299
Nursing	Dianna Rivers	8826	Jeff Lacy	8120
	Judy Smith	8826		
Political Science	James True	8813	Jon Tritsch	7299
Psychology	Joanne Lindoferfer	8283	Walter Bell	8745
	Brock Boekhout	8621		
Sociology, Social Work, Criminal Justice	Kerri Smith	8339	Walter Bell	8745

College of Business

Department	Representative	Ext.	Library Liaison	Ext.
Accounting/Business Law	Howell Lynch	8610	Theresa Storey	2135
Economics/Finance	Jai-Young Choi	8062	Theresa Storey	2135
Information Systems & Analysis	Alicen Flosi	8626	Theresa Storey	2135
Management/Marketing	Kabir Chandra Sen	8972	Theresa Storey	2135

College of Education

Department	Representative	Ext.	Library Liaison	Ext.
Educational Leadership	Bill Holmes	8678	Mark Asteris	8064
Family & Consumer Science	Molly Dahm	1744	Linda Dugger	8119
Health/Kinesiology	George Strickland	8944	David Carroll	8213
Pedagogy	Kimberly Griffith	8684	Linda Dugger	8119

College of Engineering

Department	Representative	Ext.	Library Liaison	Ext.
Chemical Engineering	Helen Lou	8207	Rick Dyson	8129
Civil Engineering	Mien Jao	2356	Rick Dyson	8129
Computer Science	Lawrence Osborne	8775	Virginia Allen	8849
Electrical Engineering	Harley Myler	8746	Rick Dyson	8129
Industrial Engineering	Hsing-Wei Chu	8804	Rick Dyson	8129
Mathematics	Michael Laidacker	8792	Rick Dyson	8129
Mechanical Engineering	Robert Benton	8770	Rick Dyson	8129

College of Fine Arts & Communications

Department	Representative	Ext.	Library Liaison	Ext.
Art	Lynn Lokensgard	8959	Karen Nichols	8131
Communication	Larry Elliot	8160	Karen Nichols	8131
Communication Disorders	Connie Barker	8181	Karen Nichols	8131
Music, Theatre, Dance	Mr. Kurt Gilman	8077	Karen Nichols	8131

Lamar Institute of Technology

Department	Representative	Ext.	Library Liaison	Ext.
Allied Heath	Ruth Tornwall	8857	Jeff Lacy	8120
Supervision	Emily Rueda	2046	Mark Asteris	8064
Technology	Edgar Neely	2057	Mark Asteris	8064
Work Force Training	Idelice Haack	8114	Mark Asteris	8064