News You Can Use

January 2006   http://library.uta.edu/

The University of Texas at Arlington Libraries

Contents

Printing Quotas Now in Effect

Starting this spring semester, all OIT lab and Libraries public printers will use a quota-based system to decrease the amount of wasteful printing. To promote the new policy and to encourage alternatives to printing, **UT Arlington Library is giving away six 256MB flash drives**.
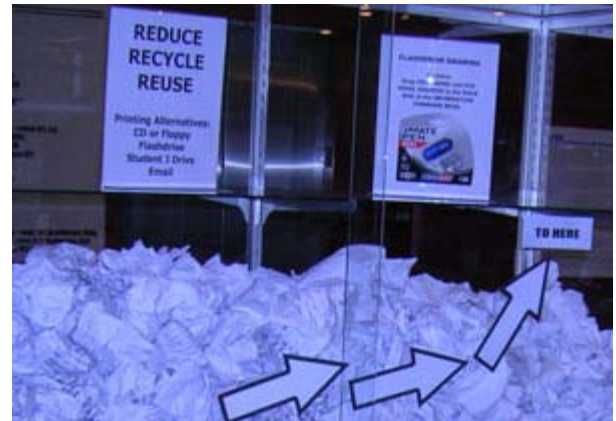
Register for the giveaway by Jan. 27 by visiting any UT Arlington library and dropping your name and UT Arlington email address in the gold box. One winner will be drawn from each library and notified through UT Arlington email. UT Arlington Library locations are: Central Library, Science and Engineering Library (Nedderman Hall), Architecture & Fine Arts Library (Architecture Building), Electronic Business Library (Business Building), Social Work Electronic Library (School of Social Work Complex), UT Arlington/Ft. Worth (Riverbend). For more information, visit http://library.uta.edu/help/libraryPrinting.jsp

---

Focus on Faculty

Focus on Faculty presents **Jerold A. Edmondson**, Professor of Linguistics, UT Arlington.
Wednesday, January 25, 2006
12:10 - 1pm Central Library sixth floor parlor
refreshments served at 1pm.

Why Small Languages are Important

Knowledge of large languages, e.g. English, Chinese, Spanish, Arabic, has great utilitarian value; small languages

can aid in uncovering the history and culture of Homo sapiens and the outer limits of the sounds and structures of a human language. This is because large languages lose unusual features preserved in small languages. Most of the world�s languages have fewer than 10,000 speakers and sadly, small languages are disappearing. This talk presents field data from several small languages from Asia and North America to illustrate these features.

Jerold A. Edmondson, Professor of Linguistics, received the UT Arlington Distinguished Record of Research Award in 2005. He made the keynote address for the Beyond Stress and Tone Conference in Leiden Holland, 2005. Publications include a two-volume set on Comparative Kadai published by SIL in Dallas and Dictionary of Kam-Thai-Chinese-English and Dictionary of Sui-Thai-Chinese-English, both published by Mahidol Univ. in Bangkok. Language Competences include English, German, Chinese French, Thai Vietnamese, Spanish Japanese and Kiswahili (with qualifications for some). Edmonsdon holds a BS in Physics from Purdue; an MA and PhD in Germanic Languages from UCLA; and Habilitation, a European degree awarded to people holding a PhD, General Linguistics, Technical University of Berlin.

Focus on Faculty is a Speakers' Series for UT Arlington faculty. It began in 2002-2003 as a way to provide a forum for outstanding faculty to share their research and achievements with students, faculty and staff on this campus and with the citizens of Arlington. The speakers who are invited have received major awards for research, teaching or service. [Focus on Faculty](#) events are free and open to the public. Other speakers scheduled this spring include Michael Bloomberg on February 8 and David Keens on February 22.

♥ **Coming soon:** February 8: *Exclusive Engagement* **Michael Bloomberg,** consultant extraordinare, helps clients create and implement unique, one-of-a-kind marriage proposals. He will share secrets of the ultimate proposal and success stories of some of his clients. [UT Arlington Magazine](#) profiled Bloomberg in fall 2005.

[top](#)

Graduate Research Seminars

January 21 - **February 2**. Are you a new or returning graduate student eager to learn about library resources and services that will help with your graduate research needs? [Graduate Research Seminars](#) are offered for a variety of subject disciplines at the first of each semester. If you need subject specific research assistance at other times of the semester, contact your [Subject Librarian](#) for a consultation.

All interested graduate students are invited to attend one of our Seminars listed below. To be sure we have a research packet for you, we encourage you to sign up in advance.

Graduate Research Seminars offer:

- Database Demonstrations - Research Tips
- Some sessions offer "Hands-on" learning
- Optional 15 minute library tour after the seminar

UT Arlington Writing Center

Writing Center (Central Library fourth floor) The [UT Arlington Writing Center](#), located in Central Library 411, is a service of the English Department that helps UT Arlington students become better writers. Tutors provide help to undergraduate students on any essay, project, or report you are writing for an undergraduate class; application essays for scholarships or graduate programs; job application letters and resumes; and creative or personal writing. Tutors offer limited assistance to graduate students with writing tasks.

The spring semester hours for the Writing Center are Monday through Thursday, 9-7 and Friday, 9-4, closed weekends. The center will open on Wednesday Feb. 1.

GIS Live Online Seminar

Location: Central Library classroom B20 (basement)
Price: free to university community

Library classroom B20 has been reserved (in the basement of the Central Library) to run this live online seminar to do with using the Libraries' ArcGIS software. Anyone from the UT Arlington community (student, faculty, or staff) can attend this program. The room has two mounted projectors and 27 PCs, all loaded with ArcGIS 9. Paticipants can pull up a chair and watch, or follow along on a PC, or both.

For more information, contact Joshua Been at 817-272-5826 or by email at been@uta.edu .

Library locations and hours:

Visit http://library.uta.edu/about/locations.jsp for directions and all hours for the 2005-2006 academic year.

[top](#)

News You Can Use is issued periodically with news of new databases, services, and presentations. This newsletter is distributed to students, faculty, and staff. Reach editor Maggie Dwyer at 817-272-5366 or dwyer@uta.edu. To subscribe to the *Library-News* email list, visit http://listserv.uta.edu/archives/library-news.html .