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UTA Libraries

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Grand Opening: *Expanded Sam's* Click Internet Café

The Grand Opening of the expanded internet café will take place on Friday, November 21 from 10-11am, with the ribbon cutting at 10:15. Remarks by Dana Dunn, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, Tom Wilding, Director of UTA Libraries, and Suzanne Montague, Interim Vice President for Information Technology. Dr. Sorber, UTA's Interim President, and Dr. Dunn will cut the ribbon.

Sam's Click Internet Café has almost doubled in space and expanded from 36 to 83 computers, so that it now fills the entire south side of the first floor in the Central Library. There are additional couches and chairs and two new multi-media rooms for students to use.

Food and Prizes

What would a grand opening be without food and prizes? Come over to Central Library between 8 and 10:30am to register for drawings for Dreamweaver and Fireworks software packages, USB portable storage (those little drives that you take with you), headsets, and more. There will be food, and coffee will be discounted at the Java City coffee bar.

For more information, contact Tommie Wingfield at wingfield@uta.edu or 817-272-2658.



Focus on Faculty

All lectures from 12:15- 1:15pm and held in Central Library sixth floor parlor unless noted otherwise.

November 19

Dr. Sharma Chakravarthy, Professor, Computer Science & Engineering. Dr. Chakravarthy has been

honored by UTA as the winner of the 2003 Outstanding Research Achievement Award. The award, given annually by the university to recognize leading research by a faculty member, recognizes his highly successful and important research activities in computer science, which have won him \$3.6 million in research grants in the past three years.

January 28

Dr. Emily Spence Diehl, Visiting Asst. Professor, School of Social Work reporting on her research on stalking.

February 25

Dr. Donald Gatzke, Dean, School of Architecture Opportunity to meet the incoming dean.

April 7

Dr. James C. Quick, Professor, Management "Leadership: A Spirit of Personal Integrity."

Grand Opening: Social Work eLibrary

The School of Social Work Electronic Library, in Room 111 at the School of Social Work will host a grand opening on November 18. Reception from noon to 2pm, ribbon cutting at 12:15. Speakers will be Santos Hernandez, Dean of Social Work, and Tom Wilding, Director of Libraries. Light refreshments will be provided.

Similar in size and equipment to the UTA/FW Library, this renovated room also has new computers and equipment to allow students to do their homework or research right next to their classrooms. The library will be staffed by Social Sciences Librarian John Dillard. Tentative hours are 10am-6pm, Monday-Thursday.

Reach the Social Work eLibrary web page at <http://libraries.uta.edu/swel/> . The school of social work web pages is at <http://www2.uta.edu/ssw/> .

University of Texas at Arlington Libraries Laptop Computer Borrowing Policy

The University Libraries has a collection of laptop computers available for use exclusively in the library on a limited time basis, and the borrowing policy follows. In the near future several different laptops will be placed in the library, funded by student governance, that will be available for 24 hours and may leave the building, but those aren't here yet.

Eligible Borrowers

Current University of Texas at Arlington faculty, staff and students are eligible to check out a laptop. However, any block on a patron record will prevent this privilege until the block is cleared. Guest Card holders are not eligible to use this equipment.

Loan Period

Laptops can be borrowed for a 4 hour period and are available on a first-come first-serve basis. A laptop may be renewed only if all laptops are not in use. The Libraries will not hold laptops for users.

All laptops:

- o Are due no later than 1 hour before the library closes (to insure staff time to check the condition of the equipment).
- o Are to remain in the building and not to be left unattended at any time. Any computer malfunctions should be reported to staff when the laptop is returned.

Fines and Replacement Charges

Laptops accrue overdue fines at the rate of 2 cents a minute (\$0.02 per minute) with a maximum fine of \$50.00. Fines will be assessed for all laptop users (including faculty). There is no grace period.

A replacement charge for damage to or the loss of a laptop and/or its peripherals will be assessed as necessary. The estimated value of the equipment is \$3000. A processing fee of \$35 and overdue fines may also be incurred, depending upon circumstances.

Laptop Agreement Form

The first time a borrower checks out a laptop a "Laptop Agreement Form" must be completed, acknowledging responsibility for the equipment they check out. That

form will be kept on file with the Access Services Department in the Libraries.



Central Library Overnight Hours Admission Policy

The UTA Central Library will be open continuously from 9:00 am Sunday until 8:00 pm Friday during days when classes are in session.

Library services are limited during the overnight hours. The Circulation/Reserves desk and Sam's Click Café will be open, but Reference services will not be available after 11pm.

Between the hours of midnight and 7am, entrance to the Central Library facility is restricted to current UTA students, faculty and staff who present their MavExpress identification card.

Persons who are already in the building at midnight will be required to show their MavExpress card to security personnel in order to remain in the building.

There will be no admission to the Central Library building after midnight without the MavExpress identification card.

Nifty free Databases:

<http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/mdbquery.html>
From the Library of Congress: "American Memory is a gateway to rich primary source materials relating to the history and culture of the United States. The site offers more than 7 million digital items from more than 100 historical collections."

<http://levysheetmusic.mse.jhu.edu/index.html>
"The Lester S. Levy Collection of Sheet Music is part of Special Collections at the Milton S. Eisenhower Library of The Johns Hopkins University."

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