

# A Tale of Two Libraries

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## Library Homepage

<http://library.tamut.edu>

## Perot Donates Painting

Through a generous donation by H. Ross Perot, the library is proud to have a beautiful print of the Norman Rockwell painting "Breaking Home Ties" on permanent display. While we do not know if the picture is computer generated or produced from a

photograph, we do know it is an extremely limited print (one of two) from the original work of art, which is owned by a friend of Mr. Perot. You are invited to come by the library and to view the painting. It is located in the atrium adjacent to the statue Mr. Perot donated to TAMU-Texarkana in 2002.



## Greening the Library



The library is greener these days due to new live plants, not just our holiday greenery. Library personnel recently demonstrated precisely what is meant by the phrase "being willing to perform any duty necessary for the betterment of the library" by volunteering to help get the plants potted and placed in the library atrium. They are a perfect compliment to the new painting.

## Holiday Hours

December 20-21 CLOSED  
December 22-23 OPEN 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
December 24-28 CLOSED  
December 29-30 OPEN 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.  
December 31-January 4 CLOSED  
Regular operating hours resume January 5, 2004.





## *Library Marks 40th Anniversary as Federal Depository*

Those of you who are new to the campus may not be aware that our library is part of the Government Printing Office's Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). Established by Congress to ensure that the American public has access to its government's information, this program has kept America informed by producing and distributing federal government information products for more than 140 years. They have used our library to meet their public access goals for the past 40 years.

The mission of the FDLP is to disseminate information products from all three branches of the government to nearly 1,300 libraries nationwide. Libraries that have been designated as Federal Depositories maintain these information products as part of their existing collections and are responsible for assuring that the public has free access to the materials. For more information, visit <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fdpl.html>. Government documents are integrated into the EAGLIT (our catalog) and are located on the north side of second floor of the library. Many resources are available online as well as in the library. If an item is available online, a URL is provided in the catalog.

Some examples of recently received materials in the Government Documents Department include Columbia Accident Investigation Board Report, Forever In Our Hearts - a tribute to the crew of the Space Shuttle *Columbia* in print and on CD ROM, The White House Gardens and Grounds - a short history, Eyewitness Evidence: a trainer's manual for law enforcement-includes CD ROM, Education and Training for the Information Technology Workforce-report from the Secretary of Commerce, Leading the United States Senate-is a series of invitational lectures on American leadership to the 107th Congress by leaders such as Gerald Ford and Strom Thurmond, and Toward a Drugs and Crime Research Agenda for the 21st Century-a National Institute of Justice Special Report. We have also just received the newest in a series of exceptional books from the Center for Military History on the U.S. Army in World War II; search the catalog in a few weeks for The War in the Pacific, as it will soon be added to (and located in) the main book collection.



Cartoon from Interlibrary Loan Sharks  
and Seedy Roms by Benita L. Epstein



"Sorry. Wrong workshop."

## *Comfort Zone*

We are very pleased to be able to announce that the library has all new air conditioning units and thermostats on the A&M side. New thermostats were installed on the TC side last year. While it is very difficult to achieve climate control in such a large, open building, these improvements should be a tremendous help.



## Power through Partnering

TAMU-*Texarkana* participates in many electronic journal purchasing partnerships with the other TAMU System Libraries. Through these deals, we are provided access to many titles that would otherwise be cost prohibitive. The journal publishers, *Academic Press*, *Annual Reviews*, *Elsevier*, *Dekker*, *Harcourt*, *Kluwer*, and *Wiley*, provide contracts to the system that allow *all* system libraries access to the electronic version of a journal for which *any one* of the system libraries, including College Station, subscribes to the print version. For example, since Kingsville subscribes to the print format of *Soil Biology and Biochemistry*, all of the other system libraries are provided electronic access through our contract with *Elsevier*. The cost for this access is based on our library's print subscriptions through the respective publisher. To find out if we have access to a particular title of interest, click on the "Full-text Journals" link from our online catalog.

The *Academic Press*, *Elsevier*, and *Harcourt* titles are available and searchable (indexed) through the Science Direct database. That link is provided on the Database page on the library Web site. Links to the other publishers will soon be posted on the Web site, but for now, you may access those journals through the following Web addresses. Remember, if you are not on a campus computer, you will have to sign in to our proxy server before you can access any of our databases or electronic journals. For help in accessing these journals or if you have additional questions, please call Tonja Mackey at TC ext. 3248.

*Wiley Interscience* – <http://www3.interscience.wiley.com/cgi-bin/home>

*Kluwer* – <http://www.kluweronline.com/>

*Dekker* – <http://www.dekker.com>

*Annual Reviews* – <http://www.annualreviews.org/>

*Academic Press*, *Elsevier*, *Harcourt Health* – available through the Science Direct database –  
<http://www.sciencedirect.com/>

### SIGHTED SITES TO SURF

If your office computer is down, come on over to the library to surf the following sites:

#### TSA, Transportation Security Administration

(what you need to know about holiday traveling)

<http://www.tsa.dot.gov/public/display?theme=1>

#### Historic Postcards of Texas (includes several of *Texarkana*)

<http://www.txgenes.com/TxPostcards>

#### The Camelot Project (all kind of things Arthurian)

<http://www.lib.rochester.edu/camelot/cphome.stm>

#### Nick's Mathematical Puzzles

<http://www.qbyte.org/puzzles/>

#### IdealsWork (find out about the companies whose products you use)

<http://www.idealswork.com/>

#### The Taj-Mahal Virtual Tour (360 degree views of this 'Wonder')

<http://www.taj-mahal.net/>

#### Travel with Kids (it IS possible; find destinations, ideas & travel tips)

<http://travelwithkids.about.com/library/bltopiclist.htm>

#### ERIC: Internet Resources for Children (terrific educational resources)

<http://www.ericit.org/weblinks/weblinks.shtml>



# NEW BOOKS



## Season's Readings



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### Available in the reference section:

*Emily Post's The Etiquette Advantage in Business: personal skills for professional success, U.S. Laws, Acts, and Treaties (3 vols.), American Generations: who they are, how they live, what they think, The Copyright Primer for Librarians and Educators, Historical Atlas of Religions, Dictionary of Art, Handbook of Home Health Standards and Documentation Guidelines for Reimbursement, The Encyclopedia of Warfare: from earliest time to the present day, The Nature of Science: an A-Z guide to the laws and principles governing our universe, Great Athletes (8 vols.), and several subject-specific McGraw-Hill dictionaries including Bioscience, Chemistry, Geology & Mineralogy, Mathematics, and Physics.*

### Available in the McNaughton collection (bestsellers):

**Non-Fiction:** *Healing Anxiety and Depression* by Daniel Amen, *Living History* by Hillary Rodham Clinton, *Treason: liberal treachery from the cold war to the war on terrorism* and *Slander: liberal lies about the American right* by Ann Coulter, *Seabiscuit: an American Legend* by Laura Hillenbrand, *Invasion: how America still welcomes terrorists, torturers, criminals, and other foreign menaces to our shores* by Michelle Malkin, and *The No Spin Zone: confrontations with the powerful and famous in America* by Bill O'Reilly.

**Fiction:** *Hello Darkness* by Sandra Brown, *The Teeth of the Tiger* by Tom Clancy, *Second Time Around* by Mary Higgins Clark, *Some Things I Never Thought I'd Do* by Pearl Cleage, *White Death: a novel from the NUMA files* by Clive Cussler, *Gettysburg: a novel of the Civil War* by Newt Gingrich, William Forstchen, and Albert Hanser, *Bleachers* by John Grisham, *Bad Company* and *The Graveyard Shift* by Jack Higgins, *Shepherds Abiding: a Mitford Christmas Novel* by Jan Karon, *Babylon Rising* by Tim LaHaye and Greg Dinallo, *The Lake House* by James Patterson, and *The Perfect Summer* by Luanne Rice.

### Available in the main book collection:

*Holding Sacred Ground: essays on leadership, courage and endurance in our schools, Mr. Jefferson's Lost Cause: land, farmers, slavery and the Louisiana Purchase, Unearthing Gotham: the archaeology of New York City, A Sideways Look At Time-"you will never think of Time the same way again", The World According to Pimm: a scientist audits the Earth* by Stuart L. Pimm, *Sweet Freedom's Song: "My Country 'Tis of Thee" and democracy in America, You've Lost It, Now What?: how to beat the bear market and still retire on time, Sometimes Madness is Wisdom: Zelda and Scott Fitzgerald, a marriage, The Piano: an inspirational guide to the piano and its place in history, Rest in Peace: a cultural history of death and the funeral home in twentieth-century America, 1421: the Year China Discovered America- beating Columbus by more than 70 years, The Eternal Darkness: a personal history of deep-sea exploration* by Robert D. Ballard, *The New Iraq: rebuilding the country for its people, the Middle East, and the world, Luther's Lives: two contemporary accounts of Martin Luther, Slicing Pizzas, Racing Turtles and Further Adventures in Applied Mathematics, An Obsession with Butterflies: our long love affair with a singular insect, The FED: the inside story of how the world's most powerful institution drives the markets, The Seven Myths of Gun Control: reclaiming the truth about guns, crime, and the second amendment, Legend and Belief : dialectics of a folklore genre, Monkey Dancing: a father, two kids, and a journey to the ends of the Earth, Web Style Guide: basic design principles for creating Web sites (2nd edition), and The Connection Gap: why Americans feel so alone.*