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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from all of us at the
John F. Moss/Palmer Memorial Library

Holiday Hours

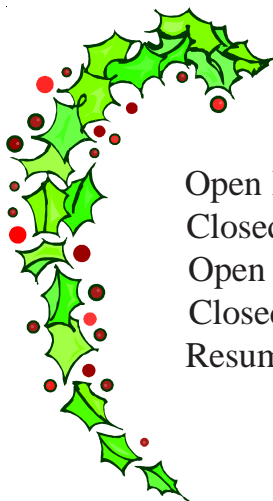
Open Dec. 20 – 23 7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Closed Dec. 24 – 28

Open Dec. 29 & 30 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Closed Dec. 31 – Jan. 2, 2005

Resume normal operating hours Jan. 3, 2005





New Student Service

The library is now selling transparencies, at cost, as a new student service. After many semesters of student requests to be able to purchase transparencies in the library and many repairs to copy machines involving the melting of the wrong kind, the kind of transparency recommended by the machine manufacturer is available for purchase at the Circulation Desk. The cost is 60 cents per sheet, plus the 10 cent cost for each copy. Note that these are for our copy machines, which only print in black.

What's Behind Door Number 201?



If you need to know what kind of hardware and software is available for students to use in the library's computer rooms, go to the library Web site and click on Library Information and Computer Room Information. This page is updated as hardware and software is added, deleted, or replaced.

The computers in these rooms will all be replaced over the Christmas break with computers that are being rotated out of one of the A&M-*Texarkana* computer labs. The software is typically that needed to complete and compliment coursework, plus some graphics and desktop publishing programs.

Discover A Timesaving Link

When using the card catalog, the Extended Display button can be a terrific timesaver as it adds the call number and availability status to the library materials found in a search. Otherwise, users must view each item's individual record. However, if a government document appears on the list, be sure to click on the title and look at the individual record before coming to the library to check out the item. Many of these resources have been direct-linked to government sites where they are accessible online, without cost, in their entirety.

Reserve Reminder

Please remember to stop by the library and pick up all reserve materials you do not plan to use next semester. Otherwise, let us know that you will continue to need what you currently have on reserve for upcoming semesters. Also, don't forget about online course reserves; up to 40 pages can be scanned and made accessible online to your students via a PDF file.



Information Commons Proves Highly Successful

INDIANA UNIV. BUILDS ANOTHER INFO COMMONS

From the November 1, 2004 issue of Library Journal

The information commons at Indiana University (IU), Bloomington, which was opened in 2003 in the Main Library, has proven so popular that university officials have decided to build another. If plans hold, IU's second commons will launch in early 2005. It will be located in the Main Library, occupying about 9700 square feet on the second floor's west tower, directly above the current commons, which covers 27,000 square feet.

"We are calling it 'The Loft,'" IU library spokesperson Eric Bartheld said. The loft will include 80 workstations with total seating for 180. It is a joint project with the University's Information Technology Services department. Bartheld said the new commons became necessary after patron demand quickly overwhelmed the available seats. The second-floor expansion will provide—as students have requested—additional individual spaces, where tables will be equipped with either a desktop workstation or laptop connectivity. The new commons will emphasize individual quiet study, while the original one supports collaborative learning and instruction.



SIGHTED SITES TO SURF

If you have a few minutes, check out our fun picks:

The Midi Database (free music downloads for your presentations)

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

TC Realtime Weather (includes local stats)

<http://prism.tc.cc.tx.us/cgi-bin/wrl.cgi>

FATFREE: The Low Fat Vegetarian Recipe Archive

<http://fatfree.com/> (all kinds of nutrition info for your post-holiday diet)

Cinemark Theatre (view showtimes, purchase tickets online)

http://www.cinemark.com/theater_showtimes.asp?theater_id=350

The Mayo Clinic (an alternative to WebMD for medical info)

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

Children visiting for Christmas? Try these sites:

Claus.Com (a top-rated Santa Claus site)

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

The Snowman Page (elementary activities/[everything snowman](#))

<http://www.thevirtualvine.com/snowman.html>



NEW BOOKS

Click link to search our catalog:
<http://milli.tamut.edu>



Available in the reference section:

Great lives from history. The Ancient World: Prehistory-476 C.E., The U.S. Legal System, The Ethnic Cultures of America: a reference source for teachers, librarians, administrators, and human resource directors, Mind Your Manners: managing business cultures in the new global Europe, The Prentice-Hall Directory of Online Social Studies Social Studies Resources, Legal Foundations for Arkansas Educators, Business: the ultimate resource, American Men & Women of Science: a biographical directory of today's leaders in physical, biological, and related sciences, Industrial Guide to Chemical and Drug Safety, Encyclopedia of New Media: an essential reference to communication and technology, Learning Theories: A to Z, Encyclopedia of Juvenile Justice, Health and Health Care 2010: the forecast, the challenge, Color Atlas of Anatomy: a photographic study of the human body, and Hormones, Brain, and Behavior.

Available in the McNaughton collection (bestsellers):

Non-Fiction: *My Life* by Bill Clinton, *Great Tales From English History: the truth about King Arthur, Lady Godiva, Richard The Lionheart And More* by Robert Lacey, *The Genuine Article: a historian looks at early America* by Edmund S. Morgan, *The American Prophecies: ancient scriptures reveal our nation's future* by Michael D. Evans and *Inside The Kingdom: my life in Saudi Arabia* by Carmen Bin Ladin.

Fiction: *Plan of Attack* by Dale Brown, *The Taking* by Dean Koontz, *Bling* by Erica Kennedy, *Blowout: an FBI thriller* Catherine Coulter, *Sam's Letters to Jennifer* by James Patterson, *They Are Soldiers* by Harold Coyle, *Crying Wolf* by Peter Abrahams and *The Hornet's Nest: a novel of the Revolutionary War* by Jimmy Carter.

Available in the main book collection:

The American Academic Profession, Iraq's Burdens: oil, sanctions, and underdevelopment, The \$800 Million Pill: the truth behind the cost of new drugs, Geology and Health, The Many Faces of John Kerry, Community Health Promotion Ideas That Work, The Brother of Jesus: the dramatic story & meaning of the first archaeological link to Jesus & his family, Animal Transgenesis and Cloning, Afghanistan: a modern history, Rumors, Lies, and Whispers: classroom "crush" or career catastrophe?, Education, Social Status, and Health, Trout and Salmon of North America, Who Will Keep the Public Healthy?, Much More Than Counting: more math activities for preschool and kindergarten, Too Good To Be True: the colossal book of urban legends, Transplant: from myth to reality, No End To War: terrorism in the twenty-first century, Combating AIDS: communication strategies in action, Money Troubles: legal strategies to cope with your debts, The Face of Texas (Michael O'Brien photographs and Elizabeth O'Brien stories), Leading and Managing Continuing Professional Development: developing people, developing schools, and What Every Senior Needs to Know About Health Care.