

News You Can Use

UT Arlington Library

August 27, 2006

<http://library.uta.edu/>

Info Fair: Quest for Library Gold

Central Library offers freebies and food

As part of Welcome Week, UT Arlington Library invites students to learn more about library resources and services on **Tuesday, August 29, 2006**, between **11am and 1pm**. The library's Information Fair showcases services like the **Digital Media Studio**, **Sam's Click Café** and **Geographic Information Systems**. Also highlighted are the libraries' noteworthy holdings, including the extensive electronic resources, popular reading collection, and Texas history collection. Librarians and staff of the libraries will be available to answer students' questions and demonstrate the services available throughout Central Library and the various branches.

Students will want to keep their eyes open for the **"Amnesty Card"** handout--it's a one-of-a-kind treasure this year. It grants the bearer of the card one-time forgiveness of up to \$5.00 in library overdue fines. The CATCH is that the item must be presented with the card. They are valid until December 1, 2006.

There will be a variety of activities as well as opportunities to enter drawings for prizes. After discovering the answers to six basic questions at the Central Library, students are eligible for free food in the library's basement.

For more information, contact Mary Jo Lyons, Program Coordinator for Information Literacy, at mjhandke@uta.edu or 817-272-7520.

Jazz on the Porch

Tuesday, August 29, from 11am to 1pm

Live jazz by one of the UT Arlington jazz ensembles in front of Central Library. Free and open to all. For more information, contact Tommie Wingfield at wingfield@uta.edu or 817-272-2658.

Upcoming Talks

Focus on Faculty

September 27, 2006



Noon to 1:30pm, E. H. Hereford University Center, Bluebonnet Ballroom

UT Arlington **President James Spaniolo** will offer the first talk in the 2006-2007 Focus on Faculty lecture series. This talk will be held in the University Center Bluebonnet Ballroom from noon to 1:30pm. President Spaniolo's topic will be **"The Power of Ideas"**.

Living in a time that's unlike any other - and is still changing rapidly - the power of ideas, higher-order thinking, and open-minded tolerance have never been more important. James D. Spaniolo, president of The University of Texas at Arlington, will discuss the power that's inherent in understanding ideas that are different from, and perhaps contrary to, your own. When one looks at the world through a different set of lenses, what new frameworks will guide his or her understanding? How can higher education serve as the great equalizer and help us see beyond our own personal values and experiences?

Focus on Faculty is a speakers' series, sponsored by the UT Arlington Library to highlight the work of 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. These events are free and open to the public.

Refreshments will be served. Soft drinks provided by Coca Cola. For more information, contact Tommie Wingfield at wingfield@uta.edu or 817-272-2658.

UT Arlington Conversations

UT Arlington Conversations is designed to extend the benefits of the freshman common reading program to the entire UTA community. A theme or issue drawn from each year's OneBook selection will provide the focus for various "conversations": events and activities (for example, panel discussions, lectures, art exhibits, film series), discussion groups and book clubs, and informal discussions with students and colleagues. These conversations, cutting across the boundaries of departments and colleges, faculty, students, and staff, will serve to unite the University and enrich the intellectual life of its members.

For more information about this program, please visit the Conversations Calendar at <http://www.uta.edu/uac/conversations/calendar>

OneBook Conversations

Wednesday, September 13, 2006

12pm to 12:50pm Central Library sixth floor parlor.

"An Afghan-American Reads *The Kite Runner*: Historical, Political, and Cultural Contexts."

Local expert, **Dr. Hamed Madani**, Professor and Chair of Political Science Dept. at Tarrant County College, Southeast Campus, talks about the culture, politics, and history of the area from the perspective of an Afghan-American.

Brown Bag Conversations

Friday, September 15, 2006

12pm to 12:50pm, Central Library sixth floor parlor.

"Gender and Power" led by **Dana Dunn, Provost**, UT Arlington.

Workshop on Active Learning

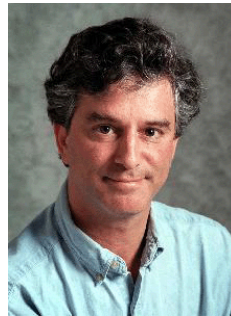
September 13-14, 2006 – **Charles Bonwell** will give Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP) workshops for faculty on **active learning** and how it is used for classroom assessment. A reception will be held on Sept. 13 from 3-5, location to be determined. Lectures and receptions are in the planning stages, check the university calendar for more details.

Friends of the UT Arlington Library

September 15, 2006

Friends of the Library meetings are held on Friday evenings at 7:30 in the Central Library sixth floor parlor. Book signings and receptions follow each talk.

Dave Lieber of the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram* will discuss his book **The Dog of My Nightmares**.



Lieber is a humorist and storyteller who works as **The Watchdog** columnist for the *Star-Telegram*. He recently won the newspaper's Editorial Employee of the Year and also the **Katie Award** from the **Dallas Press Club** as the Best Columnist in the U.S. Southwest. For more information and to RSVP, call

Betty Wood at 817-272-7421 or email bwood@uta.edu.

GIS Workshops

<http://library.uta.edu/gis/gisSeminars.jsp>

Friday Night Hangout

Presenter: Joshua Been, GIS Librarian
Thursday, September 21, 3pm - 5pm, Central Library B20 (basement). Use suitability analysis to identify the best places to hang out this Friday night. Open to UT Arlington Students, Faculty, and Staff.

Create Your Own Google Map Mashup

Presenter: Joshua Been, GIS Librarian
Thursday, October 12, 3pm - 5pm, Central Library B20 (basement). Learn how to use GIS to easily create your own Google Map mashup. Open to UT Arlington Students, Faculty, and Staff

Low Income Housing and GIS

Presenter: Joshua Been, GIS Librarian
Thursday, October 26, 3pm - 5pm, Central Library B20 (basement). Use GIS to explore the relationships between the availability of low income housing and various socio-economic indicators. Open to UT Arlington Students, Faculty, and Staff.

For more information about these workshops, contact Josh Been at been@uta.edu or 817-272-5826.

Library Graduate Research Seminars

Seminars offer research tips, some sessions include “hands on” learning, and a library tour is optional.

<http://library.uta.edu/instructionServices/gradSeminars.jsp>

Sept. 5, 2006.

- 3-5pm—Library Graduate Research Seminar—Linguistics & TESOL—Central Library, rm. 315A.
- 6-8pm—Library Graduate Research Seminar—Science—Central Library, rm. B20.

Sept. 6, 2006.

- 3-5pm—Library Graduate Research Seminar—English—Central Library, rm. 315A.
- 6:30-8pm—Library Graduate Research Seminar—Modern Languages—Central Library, rm. 315A.
- 12-2pm—Library Graduate Research Seminar—Mathematics—Pickard Hall, rm. 315.

Sept 7, 2006. 6:30-8:30pm—Library Graduate Research Seminar—History—Central Library, rm 315A.

Sept. 8, 2006. 4:30-6pm—Library Graduate Research Seminar—Nursing & Social Psychology—Central Library, rm. B20.

Sept. 9, 2006.

- 1:30-4pm—Library Graduate Research Seminar—Architecture & Urban Studies—AFA rm 104.
- 1:30-4pm—Library Graduate Research Seminar—Business & Communications—Bus. Bldg room 349 (lab 5).
- 1:30-4pm—Library Graduate Research Seminar—Education—Central Library, rm. 315A.
- 10:15am-1:00pm—Library Graduate Research Seminar—Engineering—Ransom Hall, rm. 211 A/B.
- 1:30-4pm—Library Graduate Research Seminar—Sociology & Anthropology—Central Library, rm. B20.

Sept. 10, 2006.

- 1:30-4pm—Library Graduate Research Seminar—Social Work—Central Library, rm. B20.
- 1:30-4pm—Library Graduate Research Seminar—Business & Communications—Bus. Bldg room 349 (lab 5).

Banned Book Week Event

From **September 15-30, 2006**, an exhibit will be in place in the first floor of Central Library illustrating some aspect of book banning in the United States.

On **September 20** at noon a panel discussion on Free Speech and the Press will be held in the Central Library sixth floor parlor, to be **moderated by UT Arlington President James Spaniolo**. The panel members will include **Kit Lively** from the *Dallas Morning News* and the UT Arlington office of Public Affairs is assisting with the event arrangements.

Featured Databases--September

<http://library.uta.edu/JDBC/DBs/dbAtoZ.jsp>

Each month the librarians at Central library set up a small display to highlight interesting and sometimes unusual databases. These can be found on the second floor of the Central Library.

Literature Resource Center

This all-inclusive database contains information on both classical and contemporary authors and their works. Obtain biographies of authors, bibliographies of all they have written, critical essays and contextual information. Search by the author's name, the title of the work, or by the title of the periodical or journal that is part of the database.

Naxos Music Library

Naxos Music Library is the most comprehensive collection of classical music available online. It includes the complete Naxos and Marco Polo catalogues of over 150,000 tracks, including Classical music, Jazz, World, Folk and Chinese music. Whilst listening, you can read notes on the works being played as well as biographical information on composers or artists in Naxos's extensive database.

Library locations and hours:

Visit <http://library.uta.edu/about/locations.jsp> for directions and all hours for the 2006-2007 academic year.

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