

News You Can Use UTA Libraries

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Faculty Coffees held in Central Library

Tom Wilding, Director of Libraries, is hosting a series of informal coffees for UTA faculty, intended to allow faculty to meet and network with the UTA subject librarians. The first coffee was held in September. Two more are scheduled, in the Central Libraries' sixth floor parlor on Friday Oct. 22 and Friday Nov. 19 from 2-4 p.m.

Come have coffee and cookies and meet the librarians who work in your area of specialization. For more information, contact Pat Madison at 272-3000 x 4951.

Trial Database: Major Authors Online

From September 21 to October 21, 1999, Primary Source Media is making their Major Authors Online Database available. This is a UTA IP only trial, no user name or password needed. Go to:

<http://www.majorauthors.psmmedia.com/> and check out Walt Whitman, Virginia Woolf, Samuel Johnson and James Boswell, The Brontes, and Miguel de Cervantes (in English or Spanish).

According to the web site: "Each of the projects in this series is a comprehensive archive on a crucial figure in world literature. Search an author's complete works in the best scholarly editions. View images of rare

manuscripts and first editions. Trace the genealogy of some of the world's most important works. With selections, annotations and introductions by experts, each offering is an authoritative tool for literary research."

Second TILT Tutorial Module ready for use

With the new requirement at UTA of basic computer literacy for all students entering school as of this year, programs like The Texas Information Literacy Tutorial (TILT), described below, are a welcome tool. Last year the first module of the 3-module TILT tutorial was introduced. This announcement concerns the second module; the third is expected to be available later this fall.

Module Two of TILT is now complete. TILT is a web-based educational site designed to teach undergraduates fundamental research skills. The development team (of the Digital Information Literacy Office Library Advisory Committee, UT Austin) has had a complex task of teaching solid, transferable skills through a Web site that is easily accessible by thousands of students from different UT System campuses. In each module students will learn and practice concepts through interactions. A concluding quiz allows them to test their comprehension and receive immediate feedback. Each module takes less than 30 minutes to complete. You may enter through the main site to select either the TILT Lite or FULL TILT version and register via <http://tilt.lib.utsystem.edu/>.

TILT requires Netscape 3.0 or Internet Explorer 4.0, and the computer must accept cookies and have javascript enabled.

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Full-Text ERIC Digests On New FirstSearch

The full texts of approximately 2,000 ERIC Digest documents are now available on the new OCLC FirstSearch service. Go to <http://www.uta.edu/library/mavinfo/mavinfo.html> to find the alphabetical lists of all databases and select ERIC (FirstSearch Core) to use this site. It is accessible directly from UTA computers and by using a password from non-UTA IP addresses.

Full text of the actual ERIC Digest documents is included in the full record display. The digest records can be searched in both phrase and keyword indexes by term or code. The ERIC Digests are short reports on topics of prime current interest in education and include references to items providing more detailed information. Targeted specifically for teachers, administrators, policymakers, and other practitioners, they are useful as well to the broad educational community. In addition, many more citations in the ERIC database on new FirstSearch now include links to full text from other FirstSearch databases and electronic journals.

Friends Of The UTA Libraries Programs

November 5, 1999. 7:30p.m. Dr. Chris Scotese, associate professor of geology at the University of Texas at Arlington and head of the PALEOMAP Project, will discuss "The History of the Earth and Its Continents as Seen Through Computer Animation."

December 11, 1999. 7:30 p.m. UTA Music professor Dr. Linton Powell and Company will perform "Tis the Season: A Historical Perspective of Music for Advent and Christmas."

February 18, 2000. 7:30p.m. Fort Worth Star-Telegram columnist Monica Anderson will present a program entitled "Laughter is the Best Advice."

April 7, 2000. 7:30p.m. Dr. Elliott West, author and professor of history at the University of Arkansas, will discuss his Pulitzer Prize-nominated book, *The Contested Plains: Indians, Goldseekers and the Rush to Colorado*.

All Friends' meetings are held in the Central Library parlor, located on the sixth floor. For information contact Betty Wood at 817-272-3393 (phone), 817-272-3360 (fax), and email wood@library.uta.edu.

Live On The Web!

For your convenience, Access Services' "authorization" form is now available on the web. By completing this form, you can authorize others, who you specify, to use your MavExpress Card or UTA library card to check out and renew UTA Libraries materials on your behalf. You can find the form at: www.uta.edu/library/access/authform.html. Please keep in mind that you retain responsibility for all the items checked out by those you authorize. If you have any questions feel free to call the Central circulation desk at x3395.

Database Demonstrations Offered

Two demonstrations of new science and engineering databases will be open to the public this month. *IEEE/IEE Electronic Library* (IEL Online) will be discussed on **October 11, 2:00-4:00, Rm. 315A**, Central Library. This houses the core collection of the world's leading electrical engineering and computer science journals, conference proceedings, and technical standards. A demonstration of ScienceDirect will be held on **October 18, 2:00-4:00, Rm. 315A**, Central Library. *ScienceDirect* is a web database for scientific research that contains full-text of more than 1000 Elsevier science journals in the life, physical, medical, technical, and social sciences. Call Terry Wang at 272-3000, x4968 for more information.