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September 12th is the date on which Athens defeated Persia at the Battle of Marathon. September 13th is the birthday of Cesare Borgia. They are both the dates, this year, of the Library's annual Open House. The Library provided free food, because we know what poor, starving faculty like. But we also offered up...wait for it...**information!** Those who attended the Open House learned:



- how to get e-mailed to them a list of all the books, periodicals, and other materials the Library received in the past year.
- about the dozens of databases that the library subscribes to,

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containing full-text articles from over 35,000 journals.

- about how to use Turnitin, the plagiarism-prevention software. Catch those cheating students now!
- about how to use RefWorks, the database that does all your citation management work for you, whether it's in MLA, ALA, APA, or that freaky "Chicago."
- about the ginormous (now OED-approved) range of

instructional services the Library provides to any faculty member, from course-related instruction to teaching the students how to do research properly.

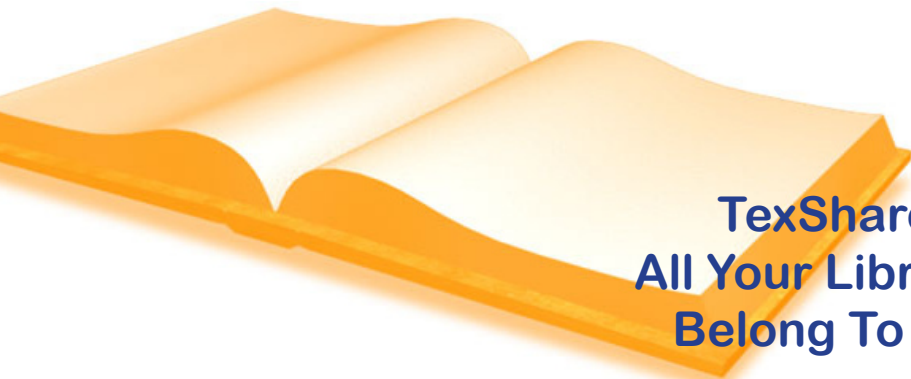
- about the hundreds of sessions which Library faculty taught last year, reaching thousands of students on-campus and off-.
- about the Library's *über*-efficient Interlibrary Services department, which can get you, Dear Faculty Member, access to 99% of the books in the known universe. (Note: preceding statement not approved for veracity). If the SHSU Library doesn't own an item, we can borrow it for you from another library.
- that our distance learning students have complete access to the library's print, electronic, and instructional resources.
- about the library's online tutorials, which have sound to accompany the moving images.
- about the different types of reference help the Library provides: phone, e-mail and even chat ("Virtual Reference").
- about the Library's podcasts of historical talks about SHSU, Huntsville and the Walker County area.

Teaching faculty who have attended previous Open Houses said things like "The open house was very useful to me as a new faculty member...I will let you 'fill in the department,'" "It was nice to be able to ask the pertinent people my questions in real-time," "I feel like a better person now," and "I was able to ask specific questions to those in charge of particular areas."

New Journals! Huzzah!

DID YOU KNOW: that SHSU has gained access to SAGE's online journals? You now have access to over 400 new journals, some dating back to 1999, through a number of our databases. And SHSU students now have increased access to 23 Criminal Justice and Criminology journals.

To find out more, call the Reference librarians at 936.294.3584.



TexShare: All Your Libraries Belong To Us!

DID YOU KNOW: that you, the SHSU student, can get access to the materials of other libraries? No, really! You can go to other libraries in Texas and check things out! See, SHSU belongs to a program called "TexShare," which lets students use books, magazines, and even databases at nearly every college and public library in Texas. So, with the help of TexShare, you can go to Rice, U.T.Austin, Texas A&M, or any other college in Texas and use everything there, just as if you were a student there.

How to do this? Easy! All you have to do is get a TexShare card from the SHSU Library, and you're good to go. There's an online application at the TexShare web page:

<http://library.shsu.edu/gradservices/access/texshareform.php>, or you can get an application from the Circulation Desk on the 2nd Floor in the Library. If you have any questions, call the Circulation staff at 936.294.4975



SciFinder Scholar: So Easy, Even a Non-Chem Major Could Use It!

DID YOU KNOW: that you, the SHSU student, now have access to SciFinder Scholar? At great expense, and no little personal danger to himself, our brave Electronic Resources Librarian has returned from an expedition to the jungles of Far Samarkand with SciFinder Scholar, a program which allows YOU, the SHSU student—

yes, YOU!—access to Chemical Abstracts (back to 1900—only a few years after the United States was founded!), CAS Registry, CASREACT, CHEMLIST, CHEMCATS, Medline, and much, much more!

To find out more, go to <http://library.shsu.edu/research/databases/alphabetical.php> and follow the instructions to install SciFinder Scholar on your computer, or give the Reference Librarians a call at 936.294.3584. Reference Librarians a call at 936.294.3584.



Online Tutorials, or How I Learned To Learn Without Leaving Home



The Library faculty are developing a growing collection of multimedia tutorials that walk students through the process of using the library catalog, locating library materials, searching online databases, how to

use Boolean Operators (and/or/not), and much more. These tutorials are part of an ongoing project that is intended to involve all areas of library instruction when completed. The home page for the Online Instruction Series is here: <http://library.shsu.edu/research/instruction/index.php>. If you want to suggest an addition to the list, contact Lynn McMain at lib_lmm@shsu.edu or at 4-3734 and we'll add your request to our list of planned tutorials.

Workshops!

The Library faculty provides workshops for graduate students and teaching faculty on a wide range of topics. Although the scheduled workshops for the Fall have been completed you can contact the individual library faculty or staff members to schedule a new session.

Complete information on the workshops can be found here:

<http://library.shsu.edu/about/tours.php>

Laptop Clinic: How to configure your laptop or a laptop checked out from the Library. Held in Room 126 in the Library. To schedule, please contact Kirk Burns (lib_kab@shsu.edu, 4-4892).

Library Tours: In-depth tours of the library and its resources. To schedule, please contact Marsha Dickens (lib_mld@shsu.edu, 4-3195).

RefWorks: A hands-on introduction to the citation management program. No more having to worry about getting those pesky periods and quotation marks right—let RefWorks do the citations for you! To schedule, please contact Jess Nevins (lib_jjn@shsu.edu, 4-3587) or Susan Strickland (lib_sds@shsu.edu, 4-3128).

Research Databases in Business: A hands-on introduction to indices and full-text sources for research in Business, including Business Source Complete, Mergent Online, and Standard & Poor's NetAdvantage. To schedule, please contact Abe Korah (apk002@shsu.edu, 4-4782).

Research Databases in Counselor Education: A hands-on introduction to indices and full-text sources for research in Counselor Education. To schedule, please contact Abe Korah (apk002@shsu.edu, 4-4782).

More Workshops!

Research Databases in Criminal Justice: A hands-on introduction to indices and full-text sources for research in Criminal Justice, including Criminal Justice Abstracts, LexisNexis, and the Criminal Justice Periodical Index. To schedule, please contact Susan Strickland (lib_sds@shsu.edu, 4-3128).

Research Databases in Education Curriculum and Instruction: A hands-on introduction to indices and full-text sources for research in Education Curriculum and Instruction, including Education Full Text and ERIC. To schedule, please contact Abe Korah (apk002@shsu.edu, 4-4782).

Research Databases in History: A hands-on introduction to indices and full-text sources for research in History, including America: History and Life, America's Historical Newspapers, and the Early American Imprints series. To schedule, please contact Erin Dorris (eed001@shsu.edu, 4-4567).

Research Databases in the Humanities: A hands-on introduction to indices and full-text sources for research in the Humanities, including JSTOR, Project Muse, and Wilson OmniFile. To schedule, please contact Jess Nevins (lib_jjn@shsu.edu, 4-3587).

Research Databases in Political Science: A hands-on introduction to indices and full-text sources for research in Political Science, including Social Science Full Text, LexisNexis Congressional, and Social Sciences Abstracts. To schedule, please contact Linda Meyer, (lib_lsm@shsu.edu or 4-3551).

Digital Commons: Delicious Online Dissertation Goodness!

DID YOU KNOW: that almost every dissertation submitted to Sam Houston State University since 1996 is now available online through the library's website? That's right: no more pesky Google searching! No more having to go through dozens of websites that don't give you what you want or give you lies instead of accurate information! (Yes, Wikipedia, I'm looking at you). Now millions of words of reliable information, compiled by a decade's worth of grad students, are waiting for you to download. You can search by author, title, or whatever word or phrase you want to put in. Just go to the Digital Commons page at <http://library.shsu.edu/digitalcommons.php> and do a search.

One-to-One Advising: One More Way the Librarians Are Made of Win!

Grad students! Stop worrying about finding resources for your thesis or dissertation! Stop staying up until 3 a.m. going through endless pages of search results from Google! The SHSU librarians can help you get much better results.



If you are a master's student working on your thesis, or a doctoral student, simply print out the form at <http://library.shsu.edu/services/access/One%20to%20One.htm>, have your Faculty Advisor or Thesis Chairman sign it, and mail it to the Library. A short time later, you will be contacted by your One-to-One Librarian, who will schedule an interview with you. At the interview you can pour out your troubles to the librarian, and he or she will wipe your frustrated tears away and point you in the direction of the many, many resources that the library has to offer you for your thesis or dissertation.

For more information, go here: <http://library.shsu.edu/gradservices/reference/index.php/#one> or call the Library Director's office at 936.294.1613



Musings from Sam Houston's Stomping Grounds: Library Podcasts!



DID YOU KNOW: that we are creating a biweekly series of recordings, in .mp3 format (so you can listen to them on your iPods), about the history of Sam Houston State University and Huntsville, Texas?

They're free, they're easy to get to, and they're interesting and memorable. You can learn about the day Eleanor Roosevelt visited Huntsville. You can learn about Samuel W. Houston, the African-American founder of Sam Houston Industrial and Teaching School. You can learn about the Prisoner of War Camp on campus grounds during World War Two. You can learn about Colonel John W. Thomason, one of SHSU's most famous alumnae. And there's so much more.

For more information, visit the Podcasts Archive at <http://library.shsu.edu/podcasts.archive.php> or call Cheryl Spencer at 936.294.3096.

Reference Databases: One More Reason Never To Step Away From Your Computer

Many casual browsers of the Newton Gresham Library's databases are unaware of what a fabulous resource the Reference Databases are. The four primary Reference Databases—CredoReference, World Almanac, Oxford Reference Online, and Encyclopedia Americana—give SHSU students access to hundreds (yes, that's right, HUNDREDS—even more than "skabillions") of electronic reference books.

And these books aren't just *How the Bumble-Wumble Met Mr. Rhinoceros*. The reference books in these databases span the disciplines and subject areas, from Art to Technology and

Biology to Law. Through the Reference Databases an SHSU student can read works as various as *The Concise Oxford Dictionary of Art and Artists*, *A Dictionary of Statistics*, *The Hutchinson World Weather Guide*, and *The Wiley Dictionary of Conflict Resolution*. This is in addition to the complete text of the *Encyclopedia Americana* and the *World Almanac*.

Complete lists of the books available through the Reference Databases can be found at <http://www.xreferplus.com/all-books.jsp> and <http://www.oxfordreference.com/views/SUBJECTSBOOKS.html>.

If you have any questions, call the Reference librarians at 936.294.1599.

Even More Workshops!

Research Databases in Psychology:

A hands-on introduction to indices and full-text sources for research in Psychology, including PsychINFO, Mental Measurements Yearbook, and Social Sciences FullText. To schedule, please contact Lynn McMain (lib_lmm@shsu.edu, 4-3734).

Research Databases in Science:

A hands-on introduction to indices and full-text sources for research in the Sciences, including Science Direct, Wilson General Science FullText, and SciFinder Scholar. To schedule, please contact Lynn McMain (lib_lmm@shsu.edu, 4-3734).

Research Databases in Sociology:

A hands-on introduction to indices and full-text sources for research in Sociology, including Sociological Abstracts, Social Sciences FullText, and Social Services Abstracts. To schedule, please contact Susan Strickland (lib_sds@shsu.edu, 4-3128).

Turnitin:

A hands-on introduction to the plagiarism-prevention database. (Faculty only). To schedule, please contact Jess Nevins (lib_jjn@shsu.edu, 4-3587).

Beginning A New Series: Meet the Librarians!

Abe Korah

"I am a new reference librarian who will be working with students in business and education. I recently completed my MLS at the University of North Texas and worked for a short time in a public library. Before coming to SHSU, I worked for 7 years as a career counselor at UNT. I also have an undergraduate degree in finance (University of Northern Iowa)Iowa) and a masters degree in higher education administration (New York University)."



Erin Dorris

"I will be the bibliographer in History and Foreign Languages. I hold an M.S. in Library Science from the University of North Texas and a B.A. in Classical Studies from the University of Houston. Before coming to SHSU, I worked as a database developer for an aerospace company contracted to NASA."

Linda Turney

"I am the new catalog librarian responsible for coordinating cataloging activities. I hold an M.S. in Library Science from the University of North Texas. Before coming to SHSU, I worked as the technical services librarian at a two-year community college."



Glenda Griffin

"I am a new serials catalog librarian. I received my Masters in Library Science from North Texas University and my B.A. in English from Angelo State University. I have worked in libraries in various capacities for 20 years. In addition to library work I have an interest in creative writing, and hope to earn a second Masters in that field in the future."