

COVER TO COVER

Library and Archives News for the Sul Ross Community



New books for the Textbook Collection thanks to Library Assistant Adam Watson.

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EDITOR'S NOTE

Cover to Cover is evolving to keep the SRSU community current on library and archives news. Keep up by visiting library.sulross.edu and following us on [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), and [Twitter](#) @srsulibrary.

Betsy Evans, Director of Library and Research Technologies

This summer we've cleared out cobwebs physically, virtually, and metaphorically: analyzing database holdings, updating and moving displays, adding a new Study Room to the first floor, adding new picnic tables to our outside space, modernizing interfaces, making systems work more smoothly, and launching a simplified, streamlined library.sulross.edu.

All of this work is made possible by the thoughtful, student-focused work of this staff: Cindy, Al, Mike, Victoria, Edwin, and Adam, with special thanks to student assistant Yaritza Garcia, Terry Jurado (Physical Plant), Chuy Spencer (Property and Inventory), Renee Crosby and Karlin DeVoll (Human Resources), and Dean April Aultman Becker and Kayla Wagonner (Division of Educational and Cultural Resources), among others who help us 'go'. It's tough to thank people in writing because you will always forget folks who are key and important. Thank you too.

The projects we undertake lately are put through the "impact effort" matrix to check that we are maximizing the return on investment of our limited time and resources in support of student success, our missions and visions, and the university's greater strategic plan. What we give attention to grows. Read on to see what's growing in the SRSU Library and Archives of the Big Bend.



Civic Engagement & Student Assistance bringing Grab N Go Food Pantry Station to Library First Floor

We're excited to be a part of the Office of Civic Engagement and Student Assistance's pilot this fall to empower, educate, and facilitate access to a food-secure world.

Catalog Changes - From the #SRSUstacks

In March 2016, the Library of Congress announced the cancelation of the Subject Heading **Illegal Aliens** to be replaced by two new ones, **Noncitizens** and **Unauthorized Immigration**. [California State University Library](#) charted a timeline for this project. Until this summer, we had 58 records using the outdated term. Thanks to Library Assistant in Cataloging Adam Watson, we have now made the switch and evolved our labeling.



Database Digs

In the past few months, our staff reviewed and analyzed database offerings ([Databases A-Z](#)) in a weekly meeting organized by Systems Librarian Mike Fernandez. These weekly sessions anchored us over the summer, offering time to dig in (pun intended) and map underutilized, under-known resources to academic programs. We are excited about our plans to reach out directly to Program Admins and put what we learned into promoting and getting more use out of the resources we provide.

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| | <p>Check it out - the Library is now lending:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Laptops (in-house use only, 4 hour check-out, prints to 2nd floor lab) ● WiFi Hotspots (semester check-out, students only) |

New News You Can Use

This August, Archivist Victoria Contreras published the first monthly edition of **Library Lowdown** in English and Spanish.

This monthly one-pager will be delivered via email, [posted to our website](#), and posted in print in all its glory on all four campuses. *Library Lowdown* focuses on quick updates and pointers for all of our users to gain *even more* knowledge and awareness about Library and Archives resources, services, and spaces.

We're also working to get more print promotions about the SRSU Library and Archives of the Big Bend to places where they'll reach our students, staff, faculty, and community, including each RGC campus. Need info? Bookmarks? Posters? [Let us know](#).

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Archives of the Big Bend Updates

For being closed to the public, it's been a very busy summer for the Archives of the Big Bend and Archivist Victoria Contreras. The Archives of the Big Bend is now officially a Charter Member of JSTOR's [OCCI, Open Community Collections Initiative](#). Victoria has also been meeting with faculty, staff, and outside organizations such as the [Alpine Historical Association](#), updating policies, and getting acclimated ahead of fall.

Theses Collection Moves to Library Conference Room

This summer, we moved the SRSU Master's Theses Collection front and center to the [Library Conference Room](#). Big thanks to Cindy Slocumb and Al Gomez for leading the way on this move. The Conference Room also houses the [Van Robinson Fine Press Book Collection](#). The SRSU Masters Theses Collection includes master's theses written by SRSU graduate students as part of their degree requirements. Masters theses are held in print, digital, and microfiche formats at the library.

The [Archives of the Big Bend](#) additionally holds archival copies of select published and printed theses. Theses published after 1984 are available in digital format and can be found by accessing our [ProQuest Dissertations and Theses database](#).



Keep an eye out...

Many events are coming together ahead of the fall semester! Be on the lookout for more:

- Library Orientation Sessions via Teams
 - Tuesdays in September @ 2 PM
- Research RoundUp in the Archives
 - Wednesday, September 28, 4-6 PM
- Fall Clothing Swap
 - celebrating Campus Sustainability Month
 - TBD in late October
- First Annual Outstanding Scholar Award reception
 - sponsored by Office of the Provost
 - Thursday, October 27, time TBA
- Nerd Nite Big Bend
 - TBD in November



Document Delivery is now ScanIt!

The same InterLibrary Loan service you know and love as Document Delivery is now [ScanIt!](#)

Professional Development Goings-On

- Archivist Victoria Contreras is headed to the Society of American Archivists Annual Conference in Boston.
- Systems Librarian Mike Fernandez and Library Assistant Edwin Urias received an Amigos Scholarship to attend the Northwest InterLibrary Loan and Research Sharing Conference. 🐾

