

COVER TO COVER

Library and Archives News for the Sul Ross Community



Dr. Bernie Canteñs addresses the crowd at October's Celebration of Faculty Scholarship.

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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.

Letter from the Director

Another Fall term has flown by. On top of everything it takes to keep the Library and Archives going, this term we have managed to work in committee to collaborate on displays and events, update policies, and recruit and interview for open positions. We feel lucky to have hired two out of three of our vacant Library Assistant positions. On December 1, we welcomed **Gabriela Casarez** to Eagle Pass. In January 2024, we will welcome a new Library Assistant to the Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library. Both Gabriela and our new Library Assistant in Alpine will become instrumental in providing access to electronic and physical library resources to you, our patrons. We look forward to having the additional bandwidth required to undertake some collections maintenance projects.

With help from others at the University, folks in the Library and Archives have also been working behind the scenes to recruit and hire a Project Director for a recently funded Title V Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions (DHSI) grant project titled *Digital Transformation and Modernization in Far West Texas*. Please welcome Gabriela when you can, and be on the lookout for the introduction of our new Alpine staff next Spring.

While we search to fill our third Library Assistant vacancy, former Library Assistant in ILL and Serials **Edwin Urias** will continue to work as a temporary employee in addition to his (new) duties as a member of the Academic Center for Excellence faculty. (Congratulations to Edwin on that move, and his Fall 2023 graduation with a Master of Arts in English!) We continue to search for a Technical Services Librarian to join the team as well and have been having conversations about how to more effectively recruit librarians to this area. We are also in need of at least one fabulous student assistant at the Front Desk! Please keep our opening in mind as you interact with students returning for the Spring term.

Thank you, dear reader, for following along! We will see you again in January 2024.

TexShare Database Changeover Update

Leading up to September 1, 2023, we reported on the changes in the TexShare Databases Program. For the next five years, a majority of the TexShare Database Program content will come from Gale and ProQuest instead of EBSCO.

Head of RGC Library Services and Systems and Access Librarian **Mike Fernandez** has been diligently tracking and analyzing InterLibrary Loan and ScanIt requests for the months of September and October and at the time of publication, there have been no significant changes or upticks in requests.

We will continue to review and analyze InterLibrary Loan and ScanIt requests as one method of driving our acquisitions. Additional information has been submitted to Department Chairs this Fall to drive more discussion related to collection development and maintenance for periodical titles and electronic database content. More information about TexShare resources is available on the TexShare Resource Guide.

Library and Lobo Den Subjects of PhD Research

Shannon Leaper, a PhD candidate at Texas Tech studying perceptions and benefits of the co-location of academic support services within academic libraries visited the Bryan Wildenthal Memorial Library this fall to conduct informal interviews, observe in the Lobo Den, and host a focus group with undergraduate students. Data gathered in her visit will inform her dissertation.

This study was approved by Texas Tech's IRB (IRB20202-1122) and the SRSU IRB.

Congratulations to Library Student Assistant Leslie Munoz and Library Assistant Edwin Urias on their December 2023 Graduation!

Celebration of Faculty Scholarship Displays in Alpine, Eagle Pass

This Fall, Alpine and Eagle Pass displayed a handful of academic, artistic, and creative works of Sul Ross State University faculty. We always look forward to the opportunity to celebrate faculty work.

Academic, Artistic, and Creative Works
by Sul Ross State University Faculty

**CELEBRATION OF
FACULTY
SCHOLARSHIP**

From the L.E. Townsend Big Bend Aerial Photo Revisited Archives of the Center

Archives Outreach

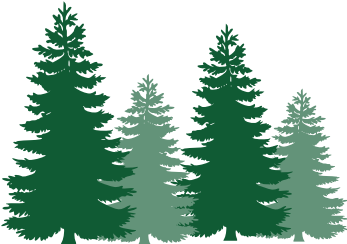
In between arranging for receipt of donations, fielding research requests, identifying short- and long-term projects, and all of the other things she does in the Archives with help from her Student Assistant, **Camila Estrada**, Head of Archives and Archivist **Victoria Contreras** traveled to the Border Archives Bazaar in Las Cruces, New Mexico back in September to network with regional archivists and display items from our holdings.

Throughout the semester, she also prioritized time to offer informational lectures for the Graduate Student Center and Photography Appreciation this semester in support of her goal to bring more student attention to the Archives and primary document research.



No more blue bins in Alpine's WML

We have removed the "blue [paper recycling] bins" after learning that paper recycling is not currently available on our Alpine campus. Our staff works diligently to reduce the use of and reuse paper and packing materials and will continue to consider options for recycling in-house and advocate for other options on campus and across the University.



Notes from the First Term in Eagle Pass

-via Mike Fernandez, Head of RGC Library Services-

As the Fall 2023 Semester draws to a close, I'd like to provide updates about RGC Library Services' first semester at Eagle Pass. We set out with three key objectives: to promote, enhance, and evolve library services across the RGC campuses of Del Rio, Uvalde, and Eagle Pass. I'm happy to report that we have made great strides in achieving these goals.

We've improved access to SRSU Library materials and services with our new Direct Mail system. This semester, 20 books were mailed directly to RGC patrons utilizing the service. The presence of dedicated library staff and a new campus location has significantly enhanced our ability to engage with and support RGC students, staff, and faculty. This has led to increased usage of SRSU Library resources by the RGC community.

The recent addition of a new staff member, Library Assistant, Gabriela Casarez, on the Eagle Pass campus is another step forward, helping us further promote our resources. Looking ahead to the Spring Semester and beyond, we remain focused on progressing with our plans, including the initiative to develop a physical book collection on the Eagle Pass campus. We welcome your valuable feedback, suggestions, and ideas. Your input is essential in shaping the future of RGC Library Services.



"Game of Rachuera at Rodeo Ranch Chihuahua" by Don Burgess (1990)



Photograph 007 "Surveyors" by John Gage Ketzle (n.d.)

Archives of the Big Bend welcomes three new collections

-full version available at news.sulross.edu-

The Archives of the Big Bend is proud to share the news of three new collections available for viewing and research starting in the Spring of 2024.

The Fort Davis National Historic Site donated almost 300 rolls of microfilm from their library. These include thousands of records, including census records from 1850-1930, military journals and reports, correspondence, Registers of Enlistment, Muster Rolls, inventory and supply records, and medical records. Items of note are the papers and scrapbooks of Dr. John Vance Lauderdale (1838-1931), the extensive correspondence and personal papers of Col. Benjamin H. Grierson (1826–1911), and records documenting the service of Lt. Henry O. Flipper (1856 –1940) and other Buffalo Soldiers stationed at Ft. Davis. We are especially grateful for the efforts of FDNHS volunteer Al Gonzales who generously donated his time and efforts safely storing and transporting the collection to its new home.

The John Gage Ketzle Collection was generously donated to us by his son, Dale Ketzle. It consists of 179 Kodachrome transparency slides depicting the stunning landscape, flora, and fauna of Big Bend National Park in its infancy. John G. Ketzle was one of the park's first surveyors and he took stunning photographs of the park, survey work, and his family until his death in 1953.

Thanks to the efforts of his family, especially Dr. Lisa Maria Burgess Noudehou and Bryan Burgess, Don Burgess's lifetime of photographs, research, and publications dealing with the Rarámuri (a.k.a. Tarahumara) people of Chihuahua have found their new home alongside his father's (Glenn Burgess) long-standing photography collection in the Archives of the Big Bend. This collection includes his Alpine High School memorabilia, thousands of photographs from the 1950s through his last visit in 2021, artwork, maps, oral histories, Burgess's research and manuscripts for his many books on the indigenous people and their language, and the most comprehensive tri-lingual library of books, articles, short stories, and folklore of or by the Rarámuri dating back to 1900.

Annual SRSU Library Collection Development and Maintenance: Deadlines and Information

Additional Department-level information was shared with Academic Department Chairs in December 2023.

New Acquisitions and Annual Content Reviews and Renewals

- **Physical books** are typically acquired on fixed ordering dates, budget-permitting
 - Regular order dates are October 1, December 1, March 1, May 1, July 1
- Regarding library-funded course readings (textbooks), order deadlines are as follows:
 - October 1 for Spring Term (October 15 for FY24)
 - March 1 for Summer Terms
 - May 1 for Fall Term
- Rush orders are considered; processing times vary. Our aim is to get material on the shelves as fast as possible.
- Physical content is not currently being processed for the Eagle Pass location but we will accept recommendations to begin to build a physical collection in Eagle Pass.

- **Electronic content (eBooks, databases, etc.)** is reviewed annually, typically acquired on a rolling basis, budget-permitting
- **Physical and Electronic Journal content** is reviewed annually, typically acquired on a calendar-year basis (January to December) with a September renewal period, budget-permitting
- **Other formats and special-circulation items (such as calculators)** are considered and acquired on a rolling basis, budget-permitting

Donations

Donations are accepted at all times, but are reviewed for addition to the collections on a monthly basis by librarians. Processing times of donations varies based on a variety of factors. More information about giving to the library is online at: <https://library.sulross.edu/about/giving/> 🐾

