



Library Newsletter

Spring Semester 2003

Library Hours for End of Term

Break hours begin Friday, May 16th
Monday through Friday 8am - 5pm
Saturday and Sunday 9am - 6pm
Break hours end Monday, June 9th

The library will be closed on Friday, April 18th and Monday, May 26th

AND!!! BEGINNING THIS TERM, FRIDAY BEFORE FINALS, THE LIBRARY WILL BE OPENED UNTIL MIDNIGHT!!!

A NEW CHAPTER IN KAY KREHBIEL'S LIFE

Having announced that her retirement will begin June 1, 2003, Library Director Kay Krehbiel can look forward to new adventures in the next chapter of her very productive life. Kay began her professional career as a Socorro Middle School teacher and segued into her long-time association with the Tech Library as a cataloguer in 1982. In 1990 she completed an MLS degree from the University of Arizona, Tucson. In 1993 Kay became the Public Services Librarian and in 1998, Director of NM Tech Library.

One of the most challenging times Kay participated in as a staff member was moving into the new library building at the same time the LIBROS on-line catalog system was being set up. Kay and the staff and several volunteers, with the assistance of physical plant crews, physically moved the old library in 1991 from Speare Hall. Taking down a shelf at a time, loading the books on trucks with huge rubber bands securing the cargo, and reshelving everything in the new space took three weeks to complete.

Recently, Kay served as Vice-President of the New Mexico Library Association with responsibility for coordinating the 2001 annual conference and then President for one and one half terms. During that time, she was a very effective catalyst for getting the somewhat disorganized office of President back on track. She is especially pleased with the Library's new student orientation event, co-sponsored with the First-Year Experience Program. Kay wanted to attract new students to the library and do something special for freshmen. The idea of turning Library orientation into a late night 'pajama party' has been very successful, with 150 students participating the first year. Staff dressed in robes and slippers, KTEK DJs rocked the second floor. A pajama contest, scavenger hunt, balloons and prizes and food abounded.

The next chapter in Kay's book will cover miles of travel with trips to visit her daughter in Germany and son in Colorado. She will continue her volunteer work with the literacy program and her dream is to work on an oral history project of people living in the Socorro area, especially those associated with New Mexico Tech. Her husband, Physics professor Paul Krehbiel, is not retiring at this time and Kay insists they will continue their dance lessons. The current tango classes are especially challenging and Kay says they may have to repeat a number of semesters to master the art.

We wish Kay much joy as she turns the page to new endeavors and we know that this new chapter of her life will be as rich and rewarding as the previous ones.

STAFF NEWS

Hurray!! **Louise Dano**, Reference Librarian, has returned to the library for morning hours. You can find her at the library on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 8am to 10am. The staff is so glad to have her back!

Three more student employees are scheduled to graduate in May: **Becky Banks** will earn a degree in General Sciences with a minor in History, **Lorraine Sanchez** will leave Tech with a degree in Biology, a minor in History and her heart in the theater division. Both these students have achieved the status of Senior Library Assistant as a result of working more than six semesters in the library. **Sailaja Mummidi** will complete an MS in Computer Science with an Information Technology option. And **Heather Bitsoi** will graduate with a double major: Electrical Engineering and Computer Science! Congratulations to you all! We will miss these young women's hard work and expert knowledge in helping us staff the library and we wish them well in their new endeavors after Tech! (There really *is* a life after Tech!)

WHAT'S NEW AT THE LIBRARY

TAX FORMS: 'Tis the season!" You can pick up federal tax forms, schedules and instructions at the library. State forms are available on line at our web site under 'What's New". The library staff will be happy to help you find these forms.

JOE SKEEN ARCHIVAL ROOM: The Joe Skeen archives have been moved to their permanent room downstairs on the west end. A part-time archivist, Joy Poole has been hired to catalogue all these materials, hopefully by the end of summer. These materials may then be studied in the library.

INSIDE THE COVERS

Did you know that the Gov. Docs AE section contains the presidential papers, from Herbert Hoover through William Clinton? These books contain every speech, toast, proclamation, news conference questions and answers, uhs, ums, and nominations uttered by these presidents, chronologically, during their terms. On September 19th, 1979, for example, Jimmy Carter nominated a new Peace Corps Director, proclaimed the week National Meals On Wheels Week, and National School Lunch Week, and proclaimed a National Day of Prayer for Peace. All in a day's work!

“Whiskey as an antidote for snakebite: Whiskey actually makes the effects of the venom worse. Alcohol acts at first as a stimulant, which is just the reverse of what one needs when there’s venom in the bloodstream; then it acts as a depressant, reinforcing the effect of the venom, itself a depressant, which has now been circulated more rapidly as a result of the whiskey. One may, of course, pour whiskey on the bite itself in the hope that its alcohol content will help to sterilize the wound. But this would merely tend to inhibit any infection that might result from bacteria in the snake’s mouth, much the lesser danger; it would have no effect on the spread of the venom.” From The Dictionary of Misinformation by Tom Burnam: REF. AZ999.B87 1975

CIVIL WAR DOCUMENTS BEQUEATHED BY AN ALUM

Cecil 'Abie' Amis, a long-time generous benefactor to his beloved NM Tech, has bequeathed a substantial amount of Civil War materials to the University. Cecil graduated in 1928, earning a BS in Mining Engineering. He said his education at NM Tech was directly responsible for his considerable professional success as a mining and mineral engineer. It was Cecil's wish at the time of his death that his valuable Civil War book collection be left to the University. These materials were documented and brought to the University by his nephew and wife, Don and Diane Jackson of Albuquerque. This donation is especially appreciated for its emphasis on Civil War history.



Porphyry '28 photo of Cecil Amis

New in Government Documents

#C 3.2:M 46/2

Measuring America: the decennial censuses from 1790 to 2000

#C 3.223/18:2000 PHC-1-33

New Mexico: 2000 Summary population and housing characteristics

#D 214.13:K 84/8

Frozen Chosin: U.S. Marines at the Changjin Reservoir

#ED 1.2:C 43/27

No child left behind: a desktop reference

#ED 1.8/2:2003-2004

The Student Guide: financial aid from the U.S. Department of Education

#FEM 1.108:EM 3/3

FEMA, Emergency Response to Terrorism Self-Study

#FT 1.2:AD 9/6

Advertising nutrition & health: evidence from food advertising

#I 19.165:2000/V.3/LATIN

Minerals yearbook: Latin America and Canada

#I 29.2:C 49/8

Civil rights in America: a framework for identifying significant sites

#I 29.2:T 64/3

The Most Striking of Objects: The Totem Poles of Sitka National Historical Park

#I 29.9/2:H 62/7

Historic residential suburbs: guidelines for evaluation and documentation for the National Register of Historic Places

#J 1.14/7:2001

Uniform crime reports for the United States

New CD-ROM's in Government Publications (Which are now in their new location, in the CD cabinet, on the north side of circulation, in the Gov. Docs. display area.)

#C 55.281/2-2:C 61/CD/2002

The Climate Atlas of the United States

#E 1.111:G 21

GASIS, Gas Information System

#E 1.8:F 95/2/2002

Fuel Cell Handbook, Sixth Edition

#NAS 1.86:SU 7/2002/CD

The Dynamic Sun

LIBRARY SERVICES

UNDERGRADS: RENEW YOUR BOOKS ONLINE!

From Tech Library's homepage (<http://library.unm.edu/>) click on the LIBROS main menu. Then select the "Renew Your Materials" link located on the right side of the page. Enter your name and at "patron ID", **enter the library barcode number on your student ID** or Special Borrower's Card. You will be given the opportunity to view your checked-out materials and/or renew them. Books may be renewed twice.

Videos and course reserve items may not be renewed at all. Please call the Circulation Desk with any renewal questions: 835-5614.

Note: Full semester library loans (for professors, graduate students and staff) may not be renewed online. These items must be brought into the library at the end of spring semester. (In December, professors only may phone in their renewals.)

THE PATRIOT ACT AND YOU

A disturbing incident occurred recently in a college library in Santa Fe that brings home the issue of patron privacy in libraries under the USA Patriot Act. While discussing President Bush on a computer, a patron was taken to Federal Agents and questioned for five hours. However, a resolution passed by the American Library Association in January 2003, states:

WHEREAS: ...freedom of expression should be applied by libraries and librarians throughout the world,
... THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the American Library Association:
... Upholds a professional ethic of facilitating access to information, not monitoring access,
... Encourages libraries and their staff to protect the privacy and confidentiality of the people's lawful use of the library, its equipment, and its resources,
... Opposes the misuse of governmental power to intimidate, suppress, coerce, or compel speech... and,
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: that this resolution be forwarded to the President of the United States, to the Attorney General of the United States, and to both Houses of Congress.

We will strive to uphold the tenets of the resolution at this library.

However, we would like to warn you that while using any of the computers, **Internet transmissions are subject to interception.**

PERIODICALS

Attention Organic Chemists, Biology and Materials students!

The Royal Society of Chemistry has renamed one of their titles. Beginning with the 2003 issue, what was formerly "Perkin Transactions I & II", will now be called **Organic and Biomolecular Chemistry**.

Incorporating molecular design, synthesis, structure, function and reactivity in one journal, it will publish fundamental work on synthetic, physical and biomolecular organic chemistry as well as organic aspects in chemical biology, medicinal chemistry, macromolecular chemistry and catalysis.

THE LIBRARY STAFF AT YOUR SERVICE

<http://www.nmt.edu/~nmtlib/nmtlibdept.html>

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Plus a number of student workers in every department, without whom it would be difficult to run this library!

