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## Happy Spring!

Welcome to the April 2014 issue of the UTEP Library Newsletter! Here we inform staff of important news, changes, past and upcoming trainings, and more. Sit down, relax, and enjoy learning about what the library has been up to lately. If you have news or any information that is useful to library staff and/or students regarding the library, contact **Sebastian Diaz** at 747-6721 or **Sol Maria Lopez** at 747-6703.



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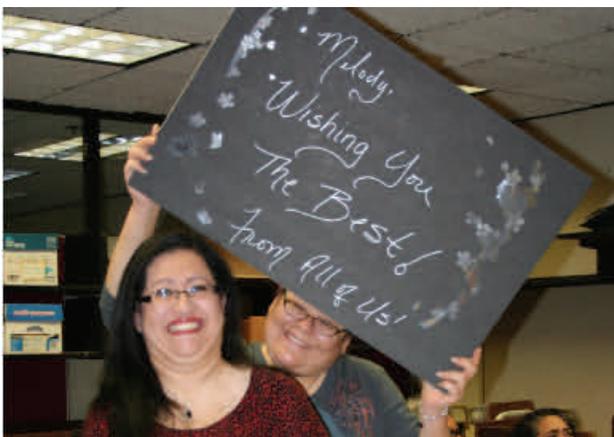
## Library Staff Changes

**Mrs. Melody Nunez** retired from her position as Library Assistant II in the Circulation Department. She had completed a whopping 15 years of service to the library. Her message to the staff are as follows: “I will miss everyone here at the Library!!! I have seen many students come and go as a stu-

dent supervisor and have proudly seen them graduate and move on to better things! I will miss working with all students and staff here at the University. It has been a great 15 years working for the Library and look forward to the upcoming changes and the great future of our awesome University!! I am going to definitely miss my co-workers

and my students, who make me smile every day! I am very fortunate and appreciate the opportunities that our Library has given me to grow as a person and as a supervisor. I will miss everyone!! Thanks to Melody for her dedication and excellent service to the UTEP community. Con’td—

## Library staff changes, cont'd—



Melody's Farewell Party 3/27/14 with Gracie Galvez. Photo courtesy of Yvette Delgado.

Congratulations to Cecarea (Terry) Valdez for her promotion to Library Assistant III (Circulation Day Supervisor) replacing Teresa Torres who recently retired. Terry has an MED-Bilingual Instructional Specialist and a Bachelor in Kinesiology from UTEP. She worked as a Student Library Assistant beginning in 2001; as a Library Assistant I in ILL and Circulation in 2005-2006; and as Library Assistant II in 2007 through March 2014.

## Recent library staff trainings, and more to come!

- The library staff has been busy in several online and F2F trainings: Westlaw Next, Swank Motion Pictures, the Magic of Marketing Databases, ProQuest E-books, Journal Citation Reports, FDLP Congressional publications, and NBC Learn Higher Ed.
- Lisa M. Borden, Nancy Hill, Harvey Castellano, Virginia Rassaei, Sol M. Lopez, Les Arms, Elizabeth Torres, Angela Lucero, Bob Klaphor, Juan Sandoval and Sebastian Diaz attended UTEP's 3-day Sun Conference March 5-7, 2014. Nancy, Angela, and Elizabeth held a poster session on engaging students during instruction through games.
- Electronic Resources & Libraries March online conference had a total of 15 attendees with a total of 28 sessions offered; a total of 94 attendances for all sessions combined!
- Upcoming trainings include Amigos Annual Member Conference May 14-15, 2014; a Supervisory skills all-day staff training in the Fall. For ideas or suggestions on future staff trainings or setting up webinars, contact Sol M. Lopez.

## What is the Military Student Success Center at the Library?

The Military Student Success Center (MSSC) is located at the UTEP Library Room 205. They are dedicated to help personnel in any branch of service to reach their educational goals for all new, transfer, returning or continuing students. Their mission statement says: "The Military Student Success Center will be a central point of coordination for support services, with a goal of easing transition to campus life, increasing retention, enhancing achievement of educational and career goals, and improving quality of life by augmenting pre-existing services and support with newly-created programming specifically developed to meet the needs of military-affiliated students." For more information visit [Military Student Success Center](#).

## Technical Services—Surprising output numbers!

Technical Services Quick Stats		
November to March		
	Production	Includes original & copy cataloging
Information Resources	2,230	Books, journals, CDs, DVDs, manuscripts
E-Books	250	
Maps	849	Paper maps
GovDocs	2,364	Federal documents
Streaming Audio	5,716	
Streaming Video	6,783	
E-Journals	11,730	

The chart represents the number of items that get cataloged through original and copy cataloging combined from November 2013 through March 2014. That's close to **30,000 items** that go into the online catalog! Chart created by Joy Urbina.

## Message Board

- Yvette Delgado donated her microwave to the Staff Lounge. Thanks Yvette!
- Charlotte F. Polando, from the Mathematics Resource Center for Students, had her poem “Convulsion” published in Mezcla: art & writings from the Tumblewords Project, available in our catalog! Congratulations, Charlotte!
- Carolina Saldivar, a Texas Women’s University graduate student in Library and Information Science, will be finishing her internship at the UTEP Library this week. Good luck Carolina! Thanks for all your hard work!
- Creating a Culture of Loving Kindness at UTEP Interest group is seeking faculty and staff members interested in creating a community of educators and who influence students and the UTEP community through loving kindness. If interested in joining monthly brown bag lunches, contact Dr. Kien Lim at [kienlim@utep.edu](mailto:kienlim@utep.edu).
- UTEP Military Appreciation Week is April 28—May 3, 2014.
- Student Appreciation Luncheon is scheduled for April 23, 2014, 11:30 to 1 pm in Blumberg Auditorium.
- Many congratulations on graduating to Nancy A. Hill, Jesus Esparza (Gifts), Joanna Soto (Gov’t Docs/Maps), Nahomi Martinez (Circ.), Monica Gutierrez (Circ.), Erik Martinez (Bindery), and Karen Barraza (Special Col.).
- There were a total of 8 submissions by faculty for the Information Literacy Course Enhancement Grant for Summer 2014, which is an excellent start!
- National Library Week is April 13-19, 2014. To show your support (ALA), tweet about how libraries have changed your life using the hashtag #LivesChange and #NLW14. Use the [speech bubble prop](#) and post on Flickr [Lives change @ your library group](#). Visit [at your library.org](http://atyourlibrary.org) for more!
- In honor of National Library Week, look out for Special Collection’s exhibit about the Little Free Libraries in El Paso.
- Congratulations to Claudia Rodriguez and her family on welcoming Vincent, her newborn baby!

## December 2013 Library Christmas Luncheon Pics



From left: Hector Cardona, Bonnie Cardona, and Oscar Chacon.



All photos courtesy of Yvette Delgado.



Robert L. Stakes



From left: Mayra Medrano, Stephany Vega, Diana Vega and Cesar Carranza.

## The UTEP Library Miner Guides—Who Are They?

It has been four years since the [Miner Guide project](#) started; it was initiated by Nancy Hill and Harvey Castellano to implement a project similar to the successful Rovers of Victoria University. Originally, all the Miner Guides were Peer-leader students who walked around the library helping other students find their way in the building. Even after budget cuts and the elimination of hourly positions in the library, the Miner Guides project is still going strong. Currently, we have a group of five Miner Guides that not only help students in the building, but also participate in the creation of promotional material such as posters, memes, and information literacy games. They have also helped the Reference department by maintaining the reference collection's order; they have completed the shelf-reading of the entire Reference Collection, which had not been done in years. Over time, the Miner Guides have been in the library to assist students, and the organization's collaboration with the Reference librarians has grown from opportunities for teamwork and mutual support. However, the Miner Guides' most important contribution is their enthusiasm for helping students, and being part of the Library. As one Miner Guide stated in a *Prospector* interview, "I love my job".

Submitted by: Elizabeth Torres.



From left: Nestor Saucedo, Miguel Orozco, Jorge Esparza, Andrea Gonzalez, and Monica Pappatheodorou.

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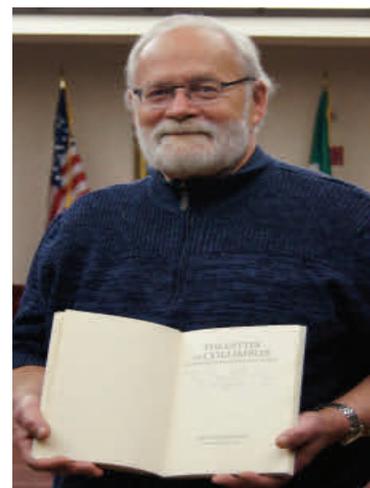
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## 2014 Hertzog Awards



From left: Hertzog Award Judges Gerald Lange, Antonio Castro, and Lorez Curlin Retta. Photos courtesy of Yvette Delgado. Additional information by Abbie H. Weiser.