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STAFF HONORS AWARD



**BENN CHANG,
VANDY HENRIKSEN &
STEVE STEIN**
Microcomputer, Facilities
and Support Services
Monthly Achievement
October 2002

Benn Chang, Vandy Henriksen and Steve Stein are recognized for their excellent team efforts in a "pressure-filled environment" to diagnose and resolve problems in computer workstations. They are commended for their excellent customer service. [Steve Stein received Monthly Achievement Awards in March 1994 and March 1998.]

CAMPBELL LEFLORE
Library Assistant I
Serials Acquisitions
Monthly Achievement
November 2002

Campbell Leflore is recognized for his outstanding work on detailed serials projects. Campbell's work includes entering, deleting and updating data in the Serials List, the public record of all serials acquired by the General Libraries, and used for online catalog "current issues" information. Most updates also require changes in Innopac. Campbell worked on the conversion of Wade-Giles to Pinyin (standard romanization scheme for Chinese characters) for 700 Chinese serials records and an ISSN project of more than 400 records. The work is tedious, repetitive and requires great accuracy. "Campbell is very productive and keeps up with his job duties. He is a mainstay in the department."

Library overdue notices no longer mailed to borrowers

Austin, TX- Effective April 7, the General Libraries will no longer mail printed overdue notices to borrowers with overdue library materials. The General Libraries will continue to mail printed recall notices.

Borrowers will continue to be responsible for returning or renewing library materials by the due date. Due dates are stamped inside materials at the time of initial checkout, or printed on date due slips produced by the Self-Checkout machine located in the Undergraduate Library lobby.

Regular notifications to borrowers will continue on UT Direct: Consult your UT Direct homepage regularly to check for notifications of overdue materials. This can be done by clicking on the UT Direct icon located at the bottom of the UT Austin Web Central page (<http://www.utexas.edu>) or at the bottom of the UT Library Online (<http://www.lib.utexas.edu>) page. Messages about overdue materials will appear under "My Messages" on your UT Direct home page. These messages appear the first day after an item is due and continue to appear until the item is returned, renewed

or presumed to be lost. Access to UT Direct requires a UT EID. Borrowers who are experiencing EID difficulties or who have not yet established an EID may request information about their library materials in person at any circulation desk.

Monitor your library materials' due dates and renew materials online: Use the RENEW function in UTNetCat (<https://utdirect.utexas.edu/lib/services/due.wb>) or click on the link "Renew Library Materials" in the middle of the left column on the UT Library Online opening page (<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/>). You must use your UT EID to access this information.

At this time the General Libraries cannot send individual overdue notices by e-mail. We hope to offer this service in the future.

Questions or comments? Visit or call any General Libraries circulation desk, or contact us at: lib-notice@lib.utexas.edu.

—excerpt from *General Libraries*
News Release

Ann Hartness receives Brazil's National Order of the Southern Cross

Austin, TX - The Brazilian government decorated Ann Hartness, Head Librarian of the Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Collection, as a Commander of its prestigious National Order of the Southern Cross (*Ordem Nacional do Cruzeiro do Sul*). Brazilian Ambassador to the United States Rubens Antônio Barbosa bestowed the decoration on Hartness in a public ceremony held in the Rare Books Reading Room of the Benson Collection, Monday, April 21, 2003, at 4 p.m. A reception, hosted by the Office of the Executive Vice President and Provost, Teresa Lozano Long Institute of Latin American Studies, Brazil Center and the General Libraries, followed the ceremony.

The order is awarded to outstanding foreigners who have earned the Brazilian government's recognition.

For many years, Hartness has devoted much of her professional life to furthering the knowledge of Brazil's history and culture in the United States. Her most recent efforts include an annotated bibliography of reference works on Brazil, 1965-1998 (Brasília, 1999), and an article on twentieth-century publications about Brazil produced in the United States (São Paulo, 2002). She is internationally recognized as a scholar-bibliographer of Brazilian studies, with numerous publications also on Mexican-American studies, Mexico, Guatemala and Latin American business.

Hartness's book *Subject Guide to Statistics in*

the Presidential Reports of the Brazilian Provinces, 1830-1889 (Austin : Institute of Latin American Studies, University of Texas at Austin, 1977) provided the basis for two major projects devoted to preserving and improving the accessibility of significant collections of Brazilian government publications—one on microfilm, the other in electronic format. She served on the advisory board of the Digital Core Collection of the Brazilian Serial Documents Project, which guided the latter effort.

She has served as president of the Seminar on the Acquisition of Latin American Library Materials (SALALM) and held many other positions in this international organization. From 1988 through 1990, she served as acting field director for the Library of Congress office in Rio de Janeiro, and was a Ford Foundation professional intern in the Biblioteca Nacional do Rio de Janeiro in 1972 to 1973. She holds two degrees from the University of Texas at Austin with further graduate work in Latin American studies at Cornell and Tulane universities.

Hartness assumed leadership of the Benson Latin American Collection in April 2002, after holding positions as its acting head, assistant head, head of public services, and a supervisor of Latin American cataloging.

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Pat Mora inaugurates Benson Latin American Collection's Latino Cultural Series, ¡A Viva Voz!

AUSTIN, TX - ¡A Viva Voz!, a new Latino cultural series, presented its inaugural speaker Pat Mora, distinguished poet, educator, and humanist, on Monday, April 7, 2003. The series, sponsored through the generosity of an anonymous donor and presented by the Nettie Lee Benson Latin American Collection, was open to the public. The reading was held at 5:00 p.m. in the Rare Books Reading Room of the Benson Collection, Sid Richardson Hall, 1.101, on the east side of campus at the northwest corner of Red River and Clyde Littlefield Drive (formerly Manor Road). A reception followed the reading.



Since the 1980's, Mora has provided testament of the U.S. Latina voice in American literature. "Ms. Mora's poems are proudly bilingual, an eloquent answer to [those] who refuse to see language as something that lives and changes" (William Ferguson, *The New York Times Book Review*). Acknowledged as "one of the most significant Chicana poets of our time," she has been a recipient and judge of the National Endowment for the Arts Poetry Fellowships. She writes poetry, non-fiction and children's books, some of which have been translated into Spanish, French, Italian and Bengali. Her work has entered mainstream American literature in major anthologies and textbooks and in a variety of scholarly and popular publications.

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Born in El Paso, Texas, the border city that her grandparents moved to during the Mexican Revolution, Mora reared three children, taught all levels of English and became an administrator at her alma mater, the University of Texas at El Paso. She directed the university's natural history museum and explored ways to help visitors better understand the landscape and peoples of the border.

As a fellow of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation leadership program, she studied cultural conservation—the importance of preserving languages and traditions in the United States as well as other countries including the Dominican Republic, France, Mexico, Cuba and China. Mora was the Garrey Carruthers Chair in Honors, Distinguished Visiting Professor at the University of New Mexico in the fall of 1999.

—*excerpt from General Libraries News Release*

Minutes for the April 16, 2003 Department Heads Meeting

Main topics discussed—

- General Libraries budgetary issues.
- Ceremony for Ann Hartness upon her receipt of Brazil's highest national honor for a non-Brazilian, the National Order of the Southern Cross.
- Successor for Director of General Libraries Harold W. Billings will likely be named within the month.
- Closure date for the Balcones Library Service Center.
- Recent online publication of Association of Research Libraries statistics indicate that the UT Library appears to be drifting down statistically compared to its peers.

The department heads will next meet on April 30, 2003. To view these and previous minutes in their entirety, please use the following address:

<http://www.lib.utexas.edu/about/news/bulletin/index.html>

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Book return opens on north side of campus

AUSTIN, TX - On April 1-no foolin'-the General Libraries opened a new book return for users on the north side of The University of Texas at Austin campus. The outdoor book return is located on the south side of West Dean Keeton St. between Speedway and San Jacinto Streets. It is accessible to pedestrians at street level between Ernest Cockrell Jr. Hall and Robert Lee Moore Hall (RLM) and to vehicles driving through the parking and delivery area behind RLM.

Library users are now able to use this book return for materials they have checked out from all General Libraries units. Items that are likely to be damaged in the book return, including CDs, maps or videotapes, and reserve materials with limited loan periods should be returned directly to the library where they were checked out. Tarlton Law Library materials should be returned directly to the Law library.

The ribbon cutting ceremony for the new General Libraries book return took place at 10:50 a.m. on April 1. The opening of the book return coincided with the College of Engineering's birthday celebrations for Alec, patron saint of UT Austin engineers. Funds from the Friends of Alec Annual Giving Program support the purchase of materials for the Engineering Library and Alec himself was on hand to deposit the first book in the book return.

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