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## AMICO Library

UNT Libraries is proud to announce the addition of the Art Museum Image Consortium Library database. The AMICO Library is a growing online collection of high-quality, digital documentation of works of art from around the world. Over 100,000 works of art from major European, American, and Canadian artists in the collections of member museums are included. Cultures and time periods represented range from contemporary art, Native American and Inuit art, to ancient Greek, Roman, and Egyptian works, along with Japanese and Chinese works. The database also includes numerous multimedia files. Images include curatorial text, provenance data, related multimedia information and various sized views of the art works. All AMICO Library images are copyright cleared for educational use. The images can be used by professors to prepare lectures for classroom use and students can use the images in assignments.





## **New Gal In Town: Sci Tech Ref Librarian - Patricia Reese**

Pat Reese is our new Science and Technology Librarian in the Science and Technology Library. Before coming to Sci/Tech, she worked as Information Desk Specialist at the Gibson D. Lewis Library at the UNT Texas Health Sciences Center in Fort Worth. Pat graduated from the University of Oklahoma in Norman, Oklahoma with a BS in Laboratory Technology. She later went on to the School of Library and Information Sciences here at the University of North Texas, where she graduated with a specialization in the medical informatics area. Before she went to work at the Health Sciences Center, Pat had been a teaching assistant for Dr Herman Totten in the School of Library and Information Sciences department here at UNT from 1999 to 2000. She graduated in August of 2000 but continued until December as a TA and as well as being an intern at the Mary Kay Corporation.

Pat was a medical technologist for thirteen years. She has lived and worked in many different areas of the country, including Washington, D.C. where she worked cross-matching applicants for kidney transplants. She also worked in Los Angeles as a technologist performing tissue typing for the Parentage Testing Center at Long Beach Memorial Hospital. Pat is also trained as medical records technician, and worked for six years in Quality Improvement in Pennsylvania. Pat came to UNT partly because of the great reputation it has for its SLIS program and is very happy to be back in this part of the country and to be closer to her parents, who live in Norman, Oklahoma.

Her interests include a passion for genealogy, reading, and gardening (though like myself, she tells me that she does not consider her attempts at the latter to be very successful in this Texas climate!). Pat also loves music and animals. Her household includes three cats named Cheyenne, Kiowa, and Choctaw, and two hamsters named Brunhilda and Pierre. Oh, yes, and she also has a collection of around four hundred Beanie Babies! We are very lucky to have such a talented and well-rounded person in our department, and look forward to working with her.

Nancy Viens

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## **Delicious Reading!**

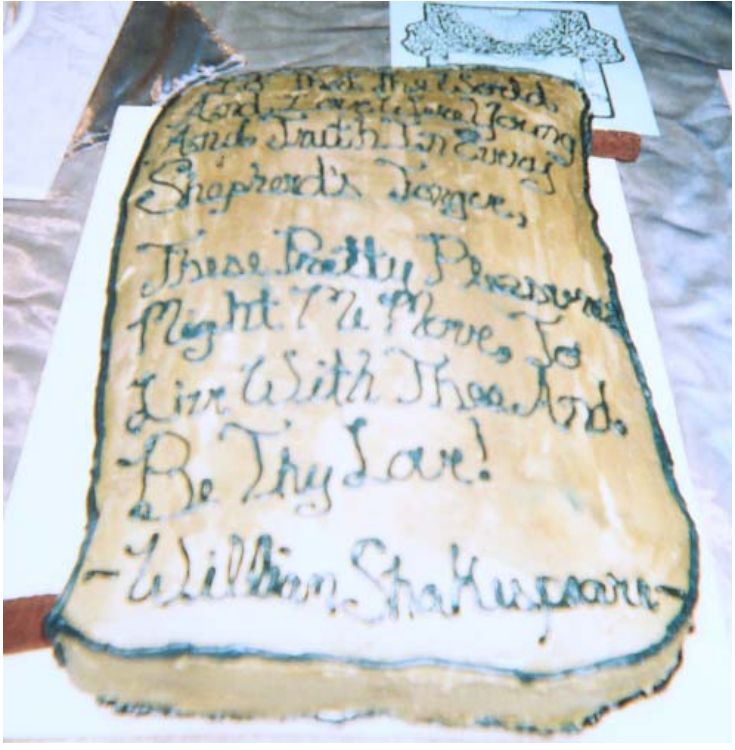
To celebrate the 248th birthday of famous gastronome Jean Anthelme Brillat-Savarin, the Rare Book & Texana Collections participated in the international Edible Books Festival. Although it did take place on April 1st, it was no joke, and a wide range of people from the UNT Campus created "books" from cakes, pizza, marshmallows, cookies, tortillias, waffles, etc., to assemble a library that was both intellectual and tasty.

"Chocolate is health" - Jean Anthelme Brillat-Savarin

Done as a fund-raising event for the Friends of the UNT Libraries, the Edible Books Festival was a success, and will be repeated next year. The pictures below show some of the confections created for the event - hope to see you at next year's!









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## Master Of Microforms



**Biographical Sketch**—David Lindsey, Library Associate in the Microforms section of the Reference & Information Services Department, Willis Library.

David was born and raised in Denver, Colorado. He received his Bachelor's and Master's degree in Music from the University of Denver. In 1968 and 69 he came to the University of North Texas to enter the Ph.D. program. In 1969 he went to Butler University in Indianapolis, Indiana where he taught Music Theory and Composition until 1976. Returning to UNT in 1976 as a Teaching Fellow, Dave received his Ph.D. in Music Theory from the university in 1979.

After this auspicious beginning, Dr. Lindsey went to work in Willis Library in what was then known as "Special Collections." At that time this department was

on the 4<sup>th</sup> floor, and included the Microfiche Collection, Rare Books, Maps, and Newspapers. As the collection grew and needed more space, the Microforms department moved down to the Lower Level where it became "Periodicals and Microforms." Then, Periodicals was moved to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor when the renovation was done in the 1990s. David Lindsey has supervised the Department of Microforms since 1984.

Dr. Lindsey is an accomplished musician and plays the Concert MIDI accordion, which is a sophisticated musical instrument with 127 sounds. He has written and arranged commercials for Bell Telephone and the Hyatt Regency, among others. He still performs with a string quartet plus accordion and string bass in Dallas, and has played with a jazz trio since 1981. Dave toured with Luciano Pavarotti in the late eighties, and also played with him in the nineties whenever Pavarotti came to Dallas. He still plays at the Park Cities Club in Dallas for Sunday brunch.

As if this were not enough, Dave Lindsey received a Bachelor's degree in Emergency Administration and Planning in 1993 from the University of North Texas. While in the military, he toured Europe two times, as concert accordionist with the U.S. Seventy Army Symphony and Soldiers' Show in the late 1950s. On occasion, Dr. Lindsey is still a guest lecturer in eighteenth century counterpoint at the College of Music here at the University of North Texas. He has a daughter who lives in Seattle, and a dog named "Fonzie." David Lindsey is a treasured member of the Reference Department!

Nancy Viens

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## **OED Online? OH WOW!**

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The Oxford English Dictionary Online is now available from the Electronic Resources. The OED is the most comprehensive dictionary of the English language. The complete twenty-three volumes with all the variances and etymologies are included in the online version.



If you have not the pleasure of reading a poem by Matthew Arnold or Thomas Hardy or any poet that you enjoy with the OED open on your computer, try it. You will find many meanings that the poet is implying with one word. Even a word whose meaning you know very well can have variances that are unfamiliar to you. The OED can change your understanding of the poem or give it a deeper significance.

To access the OED Online click on:  
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May you find all your meanings!

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### **New Member of the Reference Family:**



**Biographical Sketch:** Randy Wallace is a Librarian I at the Science & Technology Library at the University of North Texas (starting date 1/02/02).

Randy was born in Las Cruces, New Mexico, but grew up in Roswell (and yes, he HAS been to the UFO “crash” site). He received a general Liberal Arts

degree from the University of New Mexico in 1995 (Bachelor of University Studies). Randy worked full-time as a paraprofessional for almost ten years. He worked as a work-study student at the Fine Arts Library at the University of New Mexico from August 1986 to January 1991, at which time he took a fulltime evening and weekend Circulation Supervisor position there. He worked on both the General Reference desk and the Map & Geographic Information Center's (MAGIC) Reference Desk and was responsible for collection management for the Mechanical Engineering Department, maintenance of the libraries' public and staff computer workstations, as well as the printers and the network they resided upon. He was also actively involved with the setup and maintenance of the libraries' electronic document delivery service.

In August of 2000, he resigned to come to Denton to attend library school, where he became teaching assistant for Dr. Herman Totten, Regents Professor and Associate Dean of the School of Library and Information Sciences. He received his Masters of Science in Library & Information Science from the University of North Texas in May of 2002. He started as Research Associate II at Sci/Tech, but moved into the Librarian position as of 9/01/02. He is the liaison for the Computer Science and Physics departments, and is currently the interim liaison for the department of Speech & Hearing Sciences. His spouse, Dr. Kelly Donahue-Wallace is an assistant professor in Art History at the School of Visual Arts at UNT.

Randy manages and develops the collection for the departments he is liaison for, as well as works with the faculty and students of each department to ensure that they understand the library, collections and databases that are available to them. He staffs the Sci/Tech Reference Desk about 12-15 hours per week, and also staffs the UNT libraries' online chat environment 2-5 hours per week. Currently, he is working extensively with Gay Woods, fellow Science Librarian, as they prepare for the new library for the School of Engineering at the Research Park. This includes trying to figure out how much space we will need, how it will be organized, and what we need to take to the Research Park, as well as what we will have to duplicate from the Sci/Tech current collection. There will be at least two librarians at the new library, with Gay and Randy currently being slated to make the move.

The Wallace's have two children, Annie who is five, and Thomas (Tad or Taddy) who just turned one. Randy's interests are reading (fiction, suspense, thrillers, and everything he can get his hands on), working on the house, and watching sports. He loves spending time with his kids, and they enjoy listening to music and dancing (especially to "Brave Combo"). The family pets include one dog, Grunt, who is a black Labrador Retriever, and two cats, Jesse and her son, Streak, breed unknown. Randy is a welcome addition to our departmental family!

Nancy Viens

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## *EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:*

I sat enthralled throughout the Staff Development Program on Emergency Management presented by Dr. Robi Robinson of UNT Risk Management, took notes, and when I cleaned my desk and this morning, surprise! The notes have vanished in a puff of smoke, and here I am sitting at my computer trying to remember everything that he had to say. And then I thought, well, you know the first thing he mentioned was that the biggest problem in preparing for an emergency was apathy.

A-ha!

It's fine to be enthusiastic about an issue when everyone around you is full of good intentions, and it's absolutely necessary to be energized when an actual emergency occurs. But the times in between the lecture and the crisis are what count. Being prepared ahead of time could make the difference between getting out of a fire and helping others, or being carted away by the medics wondering what went wrong. I had every good intention of coming upstairs to my desk and immediately setting down a list of "dos" and "don'ts" to post by my telephone, and guess what? Not done yet. Apathy strikes again.

I meant to do it. Honest! But somehow I got sidetracked with the daily routine, and here it is so much later. I'd like to promise that it will be finished by the end of the day, but it is much more likely that by Friday I will have a list at my desk of what numbers to call, where to go, and what to do in case of emergency.

Dr. Robinson told us that there are four phases of Emergency Management:

1) Mitigation – which includes activities undertaken to mitigate damage, such as fire sprinklers, an emergency plan, backing up computer files, maintaining equipment, and keeping a facility safe;

2) Preparedness—emergency drills and exercises;

3) Response—the actual response to an emergency by employees and professionals such as fire fighters; and

4) Recovery—activities undertaken to return to normal, such as hiring disaster recovery contractors.

To help prepare for an emergency, here is a list of some of the things Dr. Robinson mentioned: Keep a "cheat sheet" near your work phone in case of emergency, with important numbers to call and steps to take. Library staff members should lead by example—take emergency drills seriously, move in an orderly manner, and never ignore

the fire alarm. The best way to move patrons to a safe place is to give them something physical to move beyond, such as a line on the floor or a door or row of tables.

The UNT Library is in the process of revising our emergency manual. In addition to the manual, each department should have its own plan specific to their own area which includes the names and phone numbers of everyone who should be called. The UNT Government Documents website has an extensive resource list. Check it out at <http://www.library.unt.edu/govinfo/emergency/default.asp>. This list offers links to FEMA (<http://www.fema.gov/>) and the American Red Cross (<http://www.redcross.org/>). The list also includes information on personal safety that staff members can use at home. Another page that provides disaster and recovery information is Government Documents' <http://www.library.unt.edu/govinfo/consinfo/emergencyci.html>

Time to get going on that list!