



# The Library Page

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The mission of the Eastfield College Library is to create a personalized learning experience in a diverse and welcoming environment.

## Lone Star and Eagle



We hope you were able to view the enlightening exhibit **Lone Star and Eagle: German Immigration to Texas**. So much of the influence of German culture in Texas is a direct result of dissention and uprisings in Germany during the 1830s and 1840s. Immigrants poured into the state leaving their beloved homelands cities and towns of Hesse-Darmstadt, Kurfiessen, Munsterland, Brunswick, Overlausitz, Mecklenbury-Strelitz, Waldeck, Anhalt, and the Wetzlar-Braunfels. After the revolution of 1848 an even larger increase in German immigration occurred due to the desire for freedom, peace, and a better way of life.

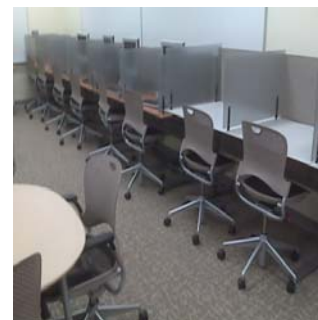
Texas at that time was enlisting immigrants to assist with the founding of the Republic of Texas and actually promising free passage and land in exchange for helping with the fight for Texas independence! Many idealistic Germans, men with wives and children in tow, arrived in such ports as Indianola to become a part of history. One German immigrant, John Dunst, known as the “Paul Revere of Texas rode 12 ½ days to warn of Santa Anna’s invasion.

The immigrants spread to New Braunfels, Fredericksburg, and Sisterdale. Others chose to concentrate in established towns such as San Antonio, Houston, and Galveston. The German immigrants made profound contributions to the arts and influenced among other things, architecture, music, dance, drama, and religion. Loaned through [Humanities Texas](#) and with funding from [Student Life](#), **Lone Star and Eagle** celebrated the remarkable legacy of the German immigrants in Texas.

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# Pleasant Grove Library



The library at [Pleasant Grove campus](#) is now furnished with a comfortable seating area, group study tables, and individual computer carrels. The Reference collection contains among other items *The World Book Encyclopedia*; *Statistical Abstract of the United States*; *Washington Information Center*; *Federal Immigration Laws and Regulations*; *Occupational Outlook Handbook*; *300 Best Jobs Without a Degree*; *U.S. Citizenship and Naturalization Handbook*; *American Universities and Colleges*; *College Board Book of Majors*; *Scholarships, Fellowships, and Loans*; *Magill's Medical Guide*, *Physicians' Desk Reference*; *CRC Handbook of Chemistry and Physics*; as well as various atlases and dictionaries.

The Pleasant Grove library offers computers with Internet connection, MS Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and other related programs. A total of four computers are available for student and public use.

Students wishing to check out materials identify the items they need by consulting the online library catalog and making an ICL (Intercampus Loan) request to Eastfield or any other campus. Items borrowed from Eastfield College Library are usually available within a few days.

The library shares space with the Pleasant Grove Assessment Center where on-going testing occurs. Hollander Thompson and new employee Chris Rincon are able to assist with any testing questions or concerns as well as any library related questions.

The Pleasant Grove Library/Assessment Center may be reached at 972-860-5341 and hours are as follows:

Monday – Thursday	10:00 a.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

We cordially invite you to visit the beautiful Pleasant Grove campus Library/Assessment Center.

## Which Database Should You Use?

In honor of Native American Heritage Month, we profile the excellent database [American Indian Experience](#). A Quick Search is available plus sixteen special **subjects** such as *Arts & Media, Business & Labor, Children & Families, Contact, Culture, Education, Governance & Law, Health & Environment, History, Icons, Indian Nations & Tribes, Literature, Migration & Relocation, Spirituality, Warfare & Resistance, and Women*.

Each subject section contains several predesignated **topics**. Each topic presents a number of **results** from encyclopedia entries, newspapers, handbooks, primary documents, web sites, books, articles and more. Results are from such Reference materials as *Great Documents in American Indian History, American Indian Quotations, Encyclopedia of North American Indians, Encyclopedia of Native American Biography, Encyclopedia of American Indian Civil Rights, People on the American Frontier, Encyclopedia of Native American Economic History, Death and Violence on the Reservation*, and many others.

Several other resources are available such as the Greenwood Skills Center; Related Topics; Printing, E-Mailing, and Dictionary; Tools; Browse Index, etc. Greenwood Skills Center provides Internet research assistance, a method to avoid plagiarism, and lesson plans. Tools contains a list of materials related to the topic such as Images, Links, and How to Cite. Five types of Browsing include Subject Browse, Browse, Index, Image Index, and Primary Source Index. Lastly, a Timeline shows the American Indian Chronology organized by Time Periods and Keyword. We sincerely hope you find time to become acquainted with **American Indian Experience**.

Corresponding with Native American Heritage Month is a combination of three on-going exhibits – [Indians: The First Americans, Native American Leaders, and American Indian Shields](#). The first exhibit features black-and-white drawings of Yellow Lodge, a Plains Indian; Diablo, Chief of the Coyotero Apaches; Alice Frank Spott of the California Indians; Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce tribe; a Nootka Indian of the Northwest; and an unknown Eskimo Chief.

**Native American Leaders** presents colored posters with drawings and brief sketches of the lives of Chief Seattle, leader of the Pacific Northwest Suquamish and Duwamish tribes; Sequoyah of the Cherokees; Chief Joseph; Sitting Bull of the Sioux; Geronimo of the Apaches; Tecumseh of the Shawnee; Black Hawk from the Sauk tribe; and Osceola, a Creek who lived with the Seminole Indians in Florida.

Please join us in celebrating Native American Heritage month by perusing the Native American exhibits in the library during the month of November.

## NEW MAPS IN THE LIBRARY



The Library is pleased to announce several new resources acquired with special funding from SECC. A large map of the United States and a map of the World grace the south side wall of the library. Along with the new maps, four globes were purchased. The globes are dispersed throughout the Reference and Reading areas.



## Staff and Faculty PCs

The Library is pleased to provide continuing excellent service to all staff at Eastfield College. To those ends, the library has installed three PCs in an area opposite L203 specifically for staff and faculty use. The computers are housed on the long tables adjacent to the public computer area. Due to their location, the PCs will provide more privacy for computer use. These staff and faculty computers do require a log-in.

The Library staff extends a wholehearted invitation to all employees to enjoy the use of the new PCs. Please let us know if we may be of additional service to you.

## Welcome New Staff



**Robyn Conant**

We are very pleased to introduce our newest staff member, Robyn Conant. Robyn comes to us from the Eastfield College Computer Support Center where telephone customer service was her first priority. She holds a Bachelor's degree in Music Education from the University of Central Oklahoma. She has taught public school music and private lessons and has worked as an Associate Librarian for the Dallas Public Library. Robyn is excited about using her skills and experiences as she assists library patrons at the Information Services Desk.

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### WE'RE ON THE WEB

[www.eastfieldcollege.edu/er/Library/INDEX.html](http://www.eastfieldcollege.edu/er/Library/INDEX.html)

Eastfield College Library began in 1970 upon the founding of the campus. The Library has grown since those early days to incorporate more than 50,000 books and serve thousands of students each semester. We pride ourselves in offering professional assistance with caring and understanding. Our goal is to offer the best and most rewarding experience for the patron.

The Library is open to all - students and staff, Instructors, and members of the community. We extend a heartfelt welcome and hope you enjoy your time with us.

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Reference Desk	972-860-7174
Media/Reserves	972-860-7178
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