

News You Can Use

UTA Libraries

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<http://www.uta.edu/library/>

Forum: "Patent Your Business Methods"

A forum on copyright and intellectual property is scheduled for Wednesday, April 11, 2001, 2:00 - 4:00 pm Nedderman Hall, Room 100. For more information, visit <http://www.uta.edu/library/patent/>.

Speakers at the second annual intellectual property forum include **Daniel J. Chalker** (Attorney Associate, Intellectual Property, Gardiere & Wynne, L.L.P.), whose practice in intellectual property emphasizes preparation of patent and trademark applications; **BethLynn Maxwell** (Ph.D., J.D., Office of General Counsel, The University of Texas System), an expert in the area of patents and is a regular speaker at conferences on patents; and **Michael D. Reimann** (Ph.D., Director, Digital Society Alliance, The University of Texas at Arlington), well-known at UTA for his contributions to e-business endeavors.

When the word "patent" is mentioned, chances are it conjures up images of a wacky-inventor contraption, an electronic device, or perhaps a new drug. But a patent on the way people bid on airline tickets, process insurance claims, manage mutual funds, or diagnose problems? Is this possible? In the world of patents, Class 705 is a collection of 20+ financial and management processing areas. These include data processing in Insurance, Stock/Bond Trading, Health Care Management, Reservation Systems, Electronic Shopping, Auction Systems, and Business Cryptography.

Identify your customers and the products they want. Inform them of your products and services and make sales. Exchange money and credit in e-business. Track resources, money, and products, such as inventory. For more information about this event, contact Tommie Wingfield at 817-272-2658.

Celebrate National Library Week April 1-7

The UTA Libraries celebrate National Library Week this year with drawings for **Java City coupons** and **Xerox copy cards**. Entry slips can be found at the Central Library circulation and reference desks, as well as the reference desks in the Architecture and Fine Arts Library, the Science and Engineering Library, and the new Electronic Business Library. **Drawings will be Thursday, April 5**, at 2 pm and winners will be notified by email.

While you're in the library registering for the drawings, take the opportunity to try one of the 6,000 new electronic books in the **netLibrary database**, which are available from remote sites as well as on campus.

The electronic books cover a wide range of topics, including technology, health and wellness, business, children's books and more. Students and faculty need only access the netLibraries' web site once from on campus to activate it, or, if they are off campus, through an Office of Information Technology (OIT) computer account. Select "Books-Electronic" from the Quick Links on the Library home page. For more information, contact the Library at: Central, 817-272-3394; SEL, 817-272-5051; AFA, 817-272-2387; EBL, 817-272-5327; OIT Help Desk for Access Questions: 817-272-2208.

Introducing EZ Proxy!

With EZ Proxy using the UTA Libraries Online is easier than ever! UTA students, faculty and staff can now use the Libraries' online resources with nothing more than their **UTA NT computer account username and password**.

Through a joint project of the UTA Office of Information Technology (OIT) and the UTA Libraries, a new solution using "EZProxy" allows the UTA academic community to gather information and do research, on the web, without a special internet connection, without a special web browser, and without complicated set-up procedures.

UTA students log in using their UTA computer account -- the same account to log in at a campus computer lab or the library's Internet Cafe. This is the computer account that all students receive automatically when registering for classes. UTA faculty and staff log in with their NT/Exchange e-mail username and password. New accounts can be activated online by filling out a form on the web. Log in is required only if the student, faculty, or staff member is using a computer from off-campus.

Forgotten passwords? No problem-- passwords can be reset and changed on the web. Forgotten username or other account questions? The staff of the UTA Help Desk, located on the first floor of Central Library, will provide the answers. Reach them at (817) 272-2208 or by e-mail at helpdesk@uta.edu.

The UTA Libraries' online collections include over 17,000 e-journal titles, over 15,000 e-book titles, and over 150 other online sources for books, journals, research reports, and much more. Discover these online collections on the Libraries' web site at <http://www2.uta.edu/library/research/>.

News You Can Use is issued periodically with news of new databases, services, and presentations. This newsletter is distributed to students, faculty, and staff.

For more information about EZProxy and using the UTA Libraries Online, see the Libraries' "Off Campus Access" web page at <<http://www.uta.edu/library/remote.html>> or contact Sarah Jones in Digital Library Services at <jones@uta.edu> or 817-272-5317.

UTA Libraries' Quickening PULSE

It doesn't take a stethoscope to detect a change in the UTA Libraries' PULSE. Just visit <<http://pulse.uta.edu>> and see its rebirth for yourself.

PULSE looks different, but does all of the old tasks while now being much closer to a seamless integration of the online catalog and the other online library resources. If you are an experienced PULSE user, what you want is still there, but it has been tweaked into a more efficient search system. Some terms have changed. For example, to find what used to be under the button called "customer information," (books checked out, renewals, etc.), look for the "your info" tab.

The primary search screen has been redesigned, using tabs instead of buttons. The old search buttons named "Quick," "Basic keyword," "Advanced keyword," and "Relevance" are now combined into two tabs for "Basic Search" and "Advanced Search." "Relevance" is now part of both searches. The old "Databases" button is now a tab called "Find Articles." Limits on searches can be set at anytime, and it is no longer necessary to leave PULSE to visit other library sites such as to request forms or place holds or remote storage requests. For assistance with PULSE ask any reference librarian or visit <<http://pulse.uta.edu/help/combinedsearch.htm>>.

Verbots, Ebooks, Metadata and xhtml: What are these and why should we care?

A videoconference by this name was scheduled for March 23, but because it fell during UTA's spring break the live broadcast was cancelled. A videocassette of the program has been ordered and will be available for lending. The video will arrive in late April. For information, contact Tommie Wingfield at <wingfield@library.uta.edu> or 817-272-2658.

Cochrane Library Online now available

UTA Libraries now subscribes to the Cochrane Library at <<http://www.cochranelibrary.com/enter>>. Use on campus or through EZ Proxy. "The Cochrane Library is an electronic publication designed to supply high quality evidence to inform people providing and receiving care, and those responsible for research, teaching, funding and administration at all levels."

Reminder: Quick Links

Have you looked at our Quick Links drop-down menu to see what we have to offer? Visit the UTA Libraries home page <<http://www.uta.edu/library/>> and go to the drop down menu on the left-hand side of the screen. Find everything from comprehensive lists of databases,

journals, and online books to interlibrary loan forms, reference shelf materials, links to other libraries, research help and guides and librarians by their subject specialties.

University-wide Anti-virus Information

UTA has a campus virus alert listserv. To subscribe, send a message to "LISTSERV@LISTSERV.UTA.EDU" (use no quotes). The text of your message will be as follows:

subscribe utavprev-l <your first name> <your last name>

For example: subscribe utavprev-l Sam Maverick

You will receive a response from the listserv server and you will then be instructed to reply to that message to confirm your subscription. The archives of this public list may be found at <<http://listserv.uta.edu/archives/utavprev-l.html>>.

A Press Release from the New York Times about College Times

The New York Times has launched its *College Times* Web site at <www.nytimes.com/college>. By organizing the news into over 200 academic disciplines, the site allows college students and faculty to locate information related to their specific fields of study and integrate New York Times content into their daily academic lives.

Visitors to the college site can search for recent *Times* articles by major and can sign up to receive free email alerts when new articles related to their specific areas of study are published on <<http://www.NYTimes.com>>. Students and faculty can access additional resources, including career planning information for students and instructional resources for faculty.

Student features include "College News and Views," which highlights recent news events from various college and universities, as well as "What's Hot, What's Not," a collection of recent book reviews, film reviews, technology reviews and more from NYTimes.com. Students will also find weekly features that highlight a notable person from the past week's news as well as the story of greatest significance to them from the past week's *Times*.

The Faculty section includes "Teaching with The *Times*," a set of free curriculum guides that offer innovative ideas about how to augment course content with *The New York Times* and suggest direction for lectures, discussions, research essays and tests in various subject areas. Faculty will also find direct links to education news and other relevant content.

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