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Einstein Centennial

One hundred years ago young Albert Einstein published the five papers that marked him as one of the greatest scientists of all time. His work revolutionized our understanding of energy, light, and time – and in the process completely reordered the human conception of the physical world. This storm of creative inspiration was so profound that 1905 is widely known as Einstein’s “miracle year,” acknowledged this year with the declaration of 2005 as the **World Year of Physics**. The UTA Physics Department and the UTA Libraries are sponsoring special events to explore this important anniversary. All are free and open to the public.

Schedule of Events

<http://library.uta.edu/programsEvents/einstein/>

Wednesday, September 14

► **Focus on Faculty:** UTA Physics Professor Zdzislaw E. Musielak’s talk is titled “Einstein’s Revolutionary View of Time and Space,” in which he will explain the impact of Einstein’s revolutionary theory of relativity in lay terms. Noon to 1:15pm in the Central Library sixth floor Parlor. Light refreshments will be served.

Thursday, September 15

► **Brown Bag Lunch** with Dr. John S. Rigden. “Publishing Science and Technical Books” Time: 11:45am – 1:15pm Location: Central Library, 6th floor Parlor. Drinks and desserts will be provided.

► **Author Event:** John Rigden discusses Einstein 1905: the Standard of Greatness. Time: 2:00pm – 3:00pm, location: Nedderman Hall, Room 100. Reception and book signing afterwards and the UTA Bookstore will sell Rigden’s books at discounted prices at the reception.

Friday, September 16

► **Physics Colloquium**

2:00pm – 3:00pm, Science Hall, Room 103.

Topic: “Publishing Popular Science and Technical Books.”

► **Friends of the UTA Libraries**

Guest author John S. Rigden, Ph.D. speaks on “Einstein: Man or Superman?”

7:30pm in Central Library’s 6th floor Parlor.

In this presentation Rigden explains in terms the general public can understand the ideas Einstein advanced in 1905. Copies of *Einstein 1905: the Standard of Greatness* will be available during the reception following his talk.

Parents Weekend at the Libraries

Saturday, September 24, 2005

11:00am-noon

► Meet at the Information Desk at any of our Libraries (Central Library, Architecture & Fine Arts, or Science & Engineering) and we’ll show you what the modern college library looks (and sounds) like.

► What did people think the earth looked like before Columbus arrived in America? Who was the last survivor of the Battle of San Jacinto? What sort of craft really landed in Roswell, New Mexico, on July 8, 1947? Visit Special Collections on the 6th floor of Central Library to discover these and other treasures of the UTA Libraries. <http://library.uta.edu/spco>

3:00pm-5:00pm

► Is your son or daughter the next Steven Spielberg? If so, stop by the basement of Central Library and see how they can create stunning multimedia works of art in the Digital Media Studio.

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

Hurricane Katrina and the UTA Libraries

In order to accommodate new students transferring in due to Hurricane Katrina, the libraries are setting up free temporary cards for these students. They will have a five book limit and only one renewal, and will expire October 31. By then each of these new students should be registered and have a valid Mav ID with the usual library borrowing privileges. Faculty and advisors with students needing help in setting up a temporary card should direct students to contact Sue Sappington, Coordinator of Access Services, at 817-272-3413 or sappington@uta.edu.

GIS – After Katrina

UTA GIS librarian Josh Been has been working to collect sources of data for those interested in learning more about what happened during Hurricane Katrina. Visit <http://library.uta.edu/katrina> for links to GIS information about the disaster.

For those interested in on-the-ground reports from the local media, these links are to large newspapers in the affected areas of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Alabama.

<http://www.nola.com/The Times-Picayune>

<http://www.clarionledger.com/apps/pbcs.dll/frontpage>
The Clarion-Ledger

<http://www.al.com/The Mobile Register>

Library Tours and Seminars

Every fall a battery of regularly scheduled seminars on a variety of subjects and databases are available.

<http://library.uta.edu/instructionServices/classesTours.jsp> . These include graduate seminars (now completed), workshops to give members of the university community hands-on access to a variety of library databases and programs, such as the GIS facilities, and tours through the various libraries on campus. If you don't see what you're looking for, use the link on the page to request a customized library instruction session or tour.

Library locations and hours:

Visit <http://library.uta.edu/about/locations.jsp> for directions and all hours for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Library Laptops

More of the libraries laptops are now available for 24-hour checkout. Both 4-hour and 24-hour checkout laptops can be taken out of the library. Laptops are available on a first-come first-serve basis.

<http://library.uta.edu/policies/circulation/laptopPolicy.jsp>

Ask-A-Librarian

Did you know you can chat live online with a reference librarian to get help with your research or get answers to quick questions you may have about Library resources? For more information, visit

<http://library.uta.edu/referenceServices/askALibrarian.jsp>

Friends of the Libraries

In addition to the Sept. 16 Einstein talk by John Rigden, the Friends have scheduled their October meeting. On October 21 local author Olyve Abbott will speak to the Friends about her popular book *Ghosts in the Graveyard: Texas Cemetery Tales*. Abbott turned to writing after a musical career in opera, musical comedy, and network television. Call Betty Wood at 817-272-7421 for more information.

GIS Program Offers Two New Demos

“Maps and GIS are gaining in popularity,” according to GIS librarian Josh Been. Constantly striving to provide our students with access to the most powerful and relevant information sources, the UTA Libraries GIS Program librarian has announced two new GIS demonstrations. Find more information at <http://library.uta.edu/gis>.

► Where Do UTA Students Hang Out on Friday Night? <http://gis.uta.edu/fridaynight> is a fun project that was designed for the Library Information Roundup, held on August 30, 2005.

► The new UTA Geospatial Catalog <http://gis.uta.edu/geospat> . Geographic and spatial awareness has never been higher among non-GIS/Cartography folks than right now. The internet is awash with freely-available, public online mapping systems. Come learn more.

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