

# Annual Report 2013

Lamar State College - Orange

## Ron E. Lewis Library

*Your Knowledge Source, Onsite and Online*



**NATIONAL  
ENDOWMENT  
FOR THE ARTS**



**THE BIG  
READ**



Lamar State College-Orange in partnership with the Lamar University Department of English and Modern Languages, the Lamar University Mary and John Gray Library, the Orange Public Library, the Stark Museum of Art, the Port Arthur Public Library, Little Cypress Mauriceville CISD, Bridge City ISD, West Orange Cove CISD and the AAUW Book Ins Book Club participated in the SETX Big Read during the spring of 2013. LSC-O received a grant last fall to host the Southeast Texas Big Read in Orange and Jefferson Counties. The selection for the Big Read is the 1972 book "Bless Me Ultima," by Rudolfo Anaya, a coming-of-age story about a young Hispanic boy set in 1940's New Mexico.

The Big Read is an initiative of the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) designed to restore reading to the center of American culture. The grant is to help promote and carry out community-based reading programs, featuring several activities between LSC-O, Lamar University, the Stark Museum and the other partners. The month of April was declared Big Read Month by both Jefferson County and Orange County Commissioner's Courts.

"This is a chance for Orange and Jefferson Counties to show the rest of the nation that we are more than just 'Small Town, USA,'" said Mary J. McCoy, director of Library Services at LSC-O. "We believe in reading and we believe in our communities." Through the variety of programs sponsored by the partners over 5,000 people participated in the SETX Big Read.

## Orange Leader Archives Online

LSCO Library was awarded a \$20,000 TexTreasurers Grant from the Texas State Library and Archive Commission to assist in the digitization of The Orange Leader newspaper. The goal is to digitize and publish close to a century's worth of valuable historical newspapers, from 1886 to 1984. LSC-O, with cooperation from The Orange Leader and The Orange Public Library, will digitize the microfilm of The Orange Leader. The goal of the Orange Leader Archives Project is to provide free and easy access to the back issues of our community newspaper, the Orange Leader. The Orange Leader Archives are the cornerstone of Local History Collection at the Ron E. Lewis Library. The Orange Leader Archives Online is a community partnership between the Ron E. Lewis Library, the Orange Leader and the Orange Public Library. The project has been funded by the Ron E. Lewis Library, the Service League of Orange and the TexTreasurers Grant.



## Other library news.....



**Banned Book Week 2012**

### New Databases at the Ron E. Lewis Library

- OvidSP
- Small Business Reference Center
- Hobbies & Crafts Reference Center
- Home Improvement Reference Center
- Small Engine Repair Reference Center

Library Statistics 2012					
	2008-2009	2009-2010	2010-2011	2011-2012	2012-2013
Hours open per week	53.7**	63.5	63.5	41.1	63.5
<b>Staffing</b>					
Librarians	3	3	3	3	3
Support staff	3.5	2.5	2.5	3.3	3.5
Student assistants	5	4.0	5.0	3	3
<b>Holdings</b>					
Total volumes in print	44708	41517	42589	47691	37678
Total titles eBooks	36157	0	36157		42282
Media	3954	4115	2058	2420	2021
Periodicals in print	237	212	158	150	141
Ejournals	76,001+	0		45156	144,915
New items	1038	1015	1052	888	1113
Items withdraw	601	488	1481	1083	527
<b>Circulation transactions</b>					
Total Transactions	3741	3986	4469	3526	3689
Students	2643	2669	3171	2336	2708
Faculty	681	804	685	465	247
Alumni/friend	14	13	7	1	0
Staff	376	500	599	718	708
Other	27	0	7	6	26
<b>Interlibrary Loans</b>					
Loans to other institutions	417**	606	166	219	80
Received from other institutions	223**	92	38	7	7
Unfilled		8	0	32	237
<b>Public Service Transactions</b>					
Reference	1374**	1641	1733	1351	1287
Directional	1551**	2699	4265	3641	4196
Technical	637**	878	674	711	1525
<b>Gate Count</b>					
Count	54803**	172390	182836	127493	140982
<b>Databases</b>					
Total available	54	48	43	48	55
Added	0	1	0	3 TEXSHARE	10
Dropped	3	1	5***	3	3
<b>Class/Group Presentations</b>					
No. Groups	66	136	87	96	96
No. Persons in Groups		21	1518	1783	1789
<b>Computer Use Statistics</b>					
Visitors		93	1654	1568	2343
Orange Public Library		0	0	0	0
Alumni		0	0	0	6
<b>Exhibits</b>					
Total Exhibits	2**	7	2	0	2
<b>Fines</b>					
Forgiven	\$3,968.50	\$1,439.50	\$4,328.91	\$2,332.87	\$2,052.14
Paid	\$3,650.19	\$4,173.21	\$4,175.92	\$2,713.81	\$3,387.53
<b>Over due notices sent</b>					
Daily emails	744	647	584	623	1224
Weekly snail mail	100	85	18	7	0
** Partial amounts because of Hurricane IKE (unable to record amounts or library facilities unusable)					
***TexShare changes					