



# Ex Libris



THE FRIENDS OF THE AUM LIBRARY NEWSLETTER

## LIBRARY INTERNET CAFÉ OPENS

Everyone enjoys a coffee and a snack while checking their e-mail or cramming for an exam. Striving to adapt to the changing needs of our students, the AUM Library recently underwent a major renovation of the first floor study area. In response to suggestions from students and faculty, Dean Rickey Best oversaw the project. The goal was to create a more comfortable and inviting setting in which to study, use the Internet, read and relax.

The Internet Café area features a self-serve coffee bar and a browsing area of new best-selling fiction and nonfiction books to which new titles are added monthly. More computers with internet access also were added. Frank Williams in University Relations framed pictures featuring scenes of campus life and various AUM buildings which line the lobby



The Internet Café's comfortable chairs make studying hours on end a little less "painful."



The Internet Café has computers for surfing and checking e-mail, as well as a wide selection of new fiction and nonfiction books to choose from.

ference." The Library is seeing a steady increase each month in students using the Internet Café, and judging from the growing number of study groups that meet regularly in the Internet Café, it is a hit with students.

walls. Probably the biggest change that people notice is the new furniture, which was selected by Janice Warren, administrative assistant for the Library. As the driving force behind the project, Janice simply felt "the area needed a little color." Working with the existing earth tones in the lobby, Janice selected furniture that is vibrant and modern, yet comfortable enough for those long hours of studying.

What are people saying about the Library's new look? Student LaToya Salter feels the changes make the area stand out from the rest of the library. "As you turn from the first floor desk to the study area, it's like night and day. It makes such a dif-

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## LIBRARIAN PROFILE



Barbara Hightower

Barbara Hightower joined the Library faculty in October of last year as the bibliographic instruction coordinator. Barbara works closely with faculty and students teaching classes aimed at helping people improve their library skills. Before joining the AUM Library, Barbara was at ASU where she served as the bibliographic instruction librarian.

Additionally, she also has worked at West Texas A&M University.

Barbara holds multiple degrees, including a master's of science in library science from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, a master's of arts in American

studies and historic preservation from George Washington University, and a bachelor's degree in art history from the University of Nebraska at Omaha.

Her professional research interests include collaborations between librarians and teaching faculty in teaching online courses, working with AUM nursing students in information literacy, and methods of using online primary sources for research.

In her spare time, she enjoys doing genealogy and local history research, reading mystery novels, antiquing, and gardening.

We are pleased to welcome Barbara as part of our library team.

## LIBRARY CAMPAIGN STILL GOING STRONG

Being a Friend of the AUM Library is just one of the ways in which you can help support our growth. The *Campaign for AUM's Library* is an initiative to fund endowments for resources in nursing, medical technology, psychology, and theater. A donation to the campaign will help the Library provide students and faculty in these areas ac-

cess to resources essential for scholarly research. The campaign also works to raise funds for the construction of a new state-of-the-art library building.

Please call Dean Rickey Best at (334) 244-3200 for further information.

## ON THE LIGHTER SIDE



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## DEAN'S COLUMN



This marks the return of *Ex Libris*, the Friends of the AUM Library's newsletter. During this hiatus, the Library has undergone a number of changes. We have renovated the first floor to make it more comfortable and accommodating for our students and visitors. I want to thank Janice Warren, administrative assistant in the Library for her hard work in planning and overseeing the renovations. Second, we have continued developing the Library's electronic resources. We now have more than 100 electronic databases with more than 15,000 full-text journals available. Our electronic book holdings now include more than 40,000 titles, and we have just loaded two new research databases of 18- and 19th- century texts.

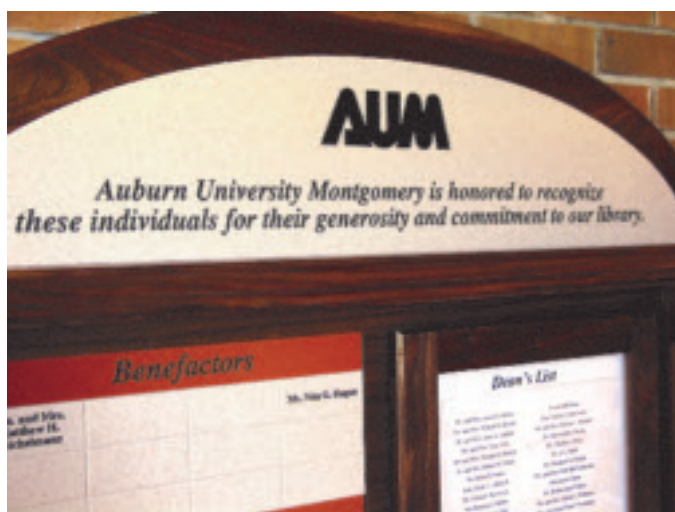
While these developments have been under way, we remain committed to providing our students, faculty, and visitors with the best access to resources and services of any library in the area. Our success in this was demonstrated when in the *Montgomery Advertiser's* "Reader's

Choice" poll, the AUM Library was named the best library in Montgomery County.

Our success in making improvements to the Library is due in large part to the support of you, our Friends. Through your donations, you have enabled us to add resources to support the research needs of our users by licensing databases and the acquisition of books. To acknowledge the generosity of our Friends, a plaque has been installed which recognizes our donors at the level of Patron and above. To you, we express our deepest appreciation and hope that you will come by and visit the Library often.

Rickey D. Best  
Dean

## COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE HONORS OUR BENEFACTORS



As part of the Library's remodeling project, a plaque was placed in the lobby of the Library Tower to honor those individuals who have helped make a difference by donating to the Friends of the AUM Library. As funding for higher education continues to decline, it becomes more difficult for us financially to meet the research needs of our students and faculty. With your generous donations, the Library has been able to fund projects and purchase needed resources that we otherwise could not afford. And your gift benefits those beyond the AUM campus as well. The AUM Library is used by other groups including genealogy researchers from throughout the state and local high school students. Giving to the AUM Library helps make a difference in education throughout the Montgomery area.

## YOU'RE INVITED!

Becoming a Friend of the AUM Library is a great way to help support the mission of the Library. And if you need to renew your friendship, we'd like to welcome you back. Your tax deductible contribution is essential to the Library and is deeply appreciated. The Friends look forward to your fellowship and active partnership in library growth.

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