

EMCC, MSU libraries share more than training sessions ... after EMCC joins Golden Triangle Regional Library Consortium

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The staff of East Mississippi Community College's libraries recently invited their colleagues from the cataloging department of Mississippi State University's Mitchell Memorial Library to join them for 18 hours of Web-based training in cataloging and serials. Before these sessions, the MSU Mitchell Memorial Library hosted the EMCC libraries' staff in circulation training. This sharing of knowledge, training and resources is just the beginning of a new relationship between the libraries of EMCC and MSU, as well as other libraries in the region.



Not many were aware of the changes that were taking place in the EMCC libraries during student registration and the beginning of the 2009 fall semester. But during that time, data was migrating from the EMCC libraries' server to a Mississippi State University server. In the process, the EMCC libraries' automated library system was upgraded and merged with the catalogs of several other libraries in the area.

These libraries include the Mississippi State University libraries and the Mississippi University for Women library. In addition, the Tombigbee Regional Library System, the Oktibbeha County-Starkville Public Library System, and the Starkville High School and Armstrong Middle School libraries are also participants.

As a part of the Golden Triangle Regional Library Consortium, EMCC students can search the catalogs of all of the member libraries and place "holds" on items they would like to borrow, which can then be delivered to the library site of their choice. Likewise, other members of the consortium can do the same with EMCC books. An individual's library accounts can be accessed and books renewed online. Books can be checked out or returned to any of the member libraries. EMCC student ID cards will also be accepted at any of the member libraries.

If you would like to read more about the Golden Triangle Regional Library Consortium, visit <http://library.msstate.edu/GTRLC>. Use this link to log onto the EMCC libraries online catalog: http://catalog.library.msstate.edu/uhtbin/cgisirsi.exe/x/O/O/49?user_id=EMCC-MAYWEB&password=1212 ; you can also go to the any of the member libraries' Web pages and click the "Online Catalog" link.

In the photo: EMCC and MSU library staff members come together at the Golden Triangle campus for Web-based training. In the front row, from left, are CeCi Land, Karen Davidson and June Garner, all of MSU. In the back row are Margie Agnew of EMCC and Bob Wolverton of MSU.