

Did You Know We Have a Library ?

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If it's been published and is transit-related, chances are you can find it at the RTD Library. Located in the planning department on the fifth floor at 425 So. Main, the library houses over 6,000 publications and 91 periodicals from transit agencies throughout the United States. All District employees may use the library's services and most material may be checked out of the building for two weeks. Members of the public have access to the library as a reference source and both students and transit buffs utilize the service on a regular basis.

In addition to keeping copies of the latest RTD Board Minutes and issues of the older "Street Railway Journal" which date back to 1893, the library keeps an extensive collection of transportation planning materials, up-to-date plans and projects undertaken by the District, reports from the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) and the State Department of Transportation (Cal Trans). The library also has a collection of clippings from the 1950's and a collection of antique photos dating back from 1920.

Open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays, the library is staffed by Scarlett Rodriguez, research assistant, and Mary Travis, assistant librarian. Scarlett is a graduate of U.C. Santa Barbara from which she has a B.A. degree in history. She also holds a master's degree in library science from Immaculate Heart College, and has been with the District for two-and-a-half years as a research assistant. Scarlett's husband, Tony, is a Division 8 operator and, according to Scarlett, "It was

Tony who first saw the job bulletin and prompted me to apply for a position in the Library." Mary holds a bachelor's degree in political science from UCLA and a master's degree in library science from USC. She joined the library staff in April.

According to Scarlett, "Whether you're researching information to upgrade your job classification, need information for a current project or just want to use our telephone books and Thomas Bros. Guides, if you call in advance, we can usually have your material ready in a couple of hours."

Mary says that working in the District Library encompasses a variety of activities. Currently both women are in the process of converting material from the (Dewey) decimal system to the Library of Congress classification. In addition Scarlett and Mary also purchase historical transportation journals, publish monthly listings of recently added publications and recruit material from different departments throughout the District.

Scarlett says that for more serious and detailed research, the library maintains a microfiche reader/printer which utilizes material contained on microfilm. "Material flashes on a video screen and when you see a portion that needs reproduction, simply press a button and a copy of that page is reproduced instantly."

Adds Scarlett: "The Planning Department has always used the RTD Library, but it's just recently that others have become aware of our existence. The new location and increased space at Headquarters have made the facilities more accessible, and we encourage all RTD employees to make use of the information that's here."



Mary Travis, left, assistant librarian, and Scarlett Rodriguez, research assistant, are the two ladies to see for reference, referral — and help when visiting the District library. Above, they stand in front of a collection of transit related materials in the library.

Happy Birthday, America!

Maria Zurita, secretary II in the personnel department, became an American citizen in July of 1975, so when the date of America's 200th birthday rolled around last July, she decided to honor both her one year's citizenship and America's 200th year with a patriotic gesture. Maria baked a birthday cake for America and brought it to the office where it

became the catalyst for a bicentennial celebration complete with red, white and blue hats and American flags.

Maria, a native of Buenos Aires, Argentina, came to America nine years ago to visit some relatives and she liked America so much she decided to stay!

UMTA VISITOR



Dave Churchill (center) of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration, Alan Nishimura (left), the District's principal administrative analyst in the grants department and Omar Hinkle (right), the District's grant coordinator, met at Headquarters to discuss proposed plans for employee parking facilities at Divisions 1 and 3. Omar and Alan escorted Churchill to the proposed parking site and to Division 5, where he surveyed existing improvements in the transportation building. Churchill, who is capital grants assistant representative from UMTA's Washington office, often visits RTD Headquarters and Divisions to review the status of both ongoing and proposed grants.

Moving Up

Name	Div./Dept.	From/To	Date
Adkison, William D.	3218	Operator To Operator-Extra Schedule Checker	8/2/76
Bedard, George A.	9500	Drafting Tech. I To Drafting Tech. II	7/21/76
Burgess, Timothy D.	7200	DP Operator To Lead DP Operator	8/29/76
Chetnakarnkul, Surin	9500	Drafting Tech. II To Engineering Tech.	7/21/76
Davis, Garland A.	3399	Mechanic "A" Leadman To Equipment Maint. Supervisor I	7/9/76
Lashmit, Robert E.	3218	Op.-Ex. Div. Disp. To Division Dispatcher	8/22/76
Eller, Gary D.	3306	Mechanic "B" To Mechanic "A" Leadman	8/22/76
Gupta, Anand, K.	7200	Systems Analyst To Sr. Systems Analyst	8/16/76
Hahn, Diane L.	3399	Stenographer To Temporary General Clerk II	7/11/76
Harris, Clincy L.	3318	Shipping Clerk To Storekeeper	8/9/76
Harris, Thomas B.	7200	Programmer To Systems Analyst	8/16/76
Hoccom, Larry D.	9500	Drafting Technician II To Engineering Technician	7/21/76
Huffer, Raymond G.	3302	Stock Shop Clerk To Equip. Records Specialist	7/19/76
Jones, Jr., Sherman	3307	Mopper/Waxer To Utility "A"	8/1/76
Kelley, Harold V.	3110	Asst. Bldg. Engineer To Bldg. Services Supervisor	7/21/76
Krumme, James L.	3500	Temporary Extra Schedule Checker To Schedule Checker	8/1/76
Lee, Hak Kyu	3314	Mechanic "B" To Mechanic "A"	8/22/76
Loveday, George R.	3500	Schedule Analyst To Sch. Mat. Cont. Analyst	7/21/76
Owens Jr., Virgil R.	3308	Mechanic "A" To Equipment Maint.-Supervisor I	7/9/76
MacLean, Barry N.	8000	Drafting Technician I To Drafting Technician II	7/21/76
Martinez, Martin	3302	Stock Shop Clerk To Relief S/S Clerk-Storekeeper Equip. Records Spec.	7/9/76
Martinez, Max H.	3314	Mechanic "B" To Sheet Metal Worker	8/22/76
Nelson, Harold T.	3307	Mechanic "B" To Mechanic "A"	8/22/76



Maria is shown holding the cake. Next to her is Ricki Fehr, typist-clerk. Standing (with hat) is Janina Capoccia, pension and insurance clerk, and Mary Sacre, deputy administrator for employee benefits, is the flag-waver.

Standing around them are, from left to right: Marion Schneider, personnel technician; Stella Mabry, secretary II; Jean Kennington, pension and insurance clerk; Bill Kendall, personnel analyst; Janet Wentz, typist-clerk; Al Rice, assistant director of personnel; Ruth Nagao, secretary III; and Judy O'Donnell, secretary II.

Nutter, Paul Harless	3305	Mechanic "A" To Mechanic "A" Leadman	8/22/76
Owens, Anthony Marshall	3314	Mechanic "B" To Mechanic "A"	8/22/76
Pak, Ino	3307	Utility "A" To Relief S/S Clerk	7/25/76
Rodriguez, Richard A.	7200	Lead DP Operator To Computer Programmer	8/9/76
Sigurdson, Stephen W.	7200	Programmer To Systems Analyst	8/16/76
Swindell, Murphy	3500	Schedule Maker To Sch. EDP Supervisor	7/21/76
Warde, Charles J.	3201	Op.-Ex. Div. Disp. To Division Dispatcher	8/22/76
Watts, Marvin R.	3315	Mechanic "A" to Mechanic "A" Leadman	7/21/76
Weeks, Alan K.	3500	Schedule Analyst To Sch. Mat. Cont. Analyst	7/21/76
White, Linda M.	2300	Secretary II To Secretary III	7/21/76
Ybarra, Efrain	3302	Mechanic "B" To Mechanic "A"	8/22/76

Retired

Name	Div./Dept.	Classification	Began	Retired
Brown, Charles Everett	3297	Instructor of Vehicle Operations	7-14-42	8-17-76
Burton, Elgin L.	6201	Former Operator Transferred to Ind. Leave 3-5-76	2-7-46	8-7-76
Johnson, John Arthur	3314	Utility "A"	10-9-46	8-13-76

In Memoriam

Name	Classification	Deceased
Bitters, William W.	Former Operator 3210 (Ret)	8-23-76
Brittendall, Robert Lee	Operator 3212	8-26-76
Brockett, Channing Scott	Operator 3208	8-9-76
Decker, William H.	Former Operator 3209 (Ret)	7-10-76
Pierre, Henry	Former Trafficman 3221 (Ret)	7-24-76
Roach, John J.	Former Division Maintenance Manager 3315 (Ret)	7-29-76
Truitt, James Edward	Operator 3209	8-5-76