East Texas Digital Archives & Collections provides virtual access to archival material through the collaborative efforts of East Texas institutions and community members. The ETRC manages digital copies of photographs, documents, maps, books and other archival material associated with East Texas. The digitized material is freely available to students, teachers and the general public. During the summer of 2011 CONTENTdm, our collection management software, went through a redesign and upgrade.

New Collections

Charlie Wilson Oral History Day
In March 2011 the SFASU History Department organized a day where they interviewed former members of Charlie Wilson’s staff. Some interviewees brought photographs which they allowed us to scan.

Student Publications

- ...but an Echo, Literary, 1968
- Focus, Literary, 1968
- King’s Review, Newsletter, 1968-69
- Knothole, Newsletter, 1969-73
- Penny Press, Literary, 1968-69
- Pulp, Literary, 1938-41
- Revelation, Current events, 1968-69
- Scriblerus III, Literary, 1969
- TEF, Literary, 1955-59
- The Echo, Current Events, 1952
- The Merry-Go-Round, Women’s P.E., 1929-30
- The Pentagram, Literary, 1967

Charlie Wilson Democratic Study Group Reports
Reports containing information about upcoming legislation and policy issues given to members of Congress. The reports in Wilson’s collection start in 1980. There are currently 30 reports available online.

Texas State Department of Education’s Bulletins
Incomplete run of publications covering the years 1918 to 1936 issued by the Texas State Department of Education (forerunner of the Texas Education Agency). The bulletins cover a wide range of topics about educational standards in Texas.

New Look
The new CONTENTdm allows for more (and easier) customizations. Each digital collection can now have a personalized header and/or logo. Each digital collection can also have a custom .html or .php page. Below is ETRC’s custom landing page.

The Library of Congress’ new open source tool, Viewshare, creates interactive timelines, scatterplots, pie charts, and maps from metadata in digital collections. This tool was used when creating custom pages for Cason Monk-Metcalf and Tyler Museum of Art. Below are map and pie chart views from Cason Monk-Metcalf.

Below is a timeline view from creation dates in Tyler Museum of Art’s Laura and Dan Bodeckman Collection of Latin American Folk Art.

New Features
- RSS Feeds
- Faceted searches makes browsing and searching easier for end users.

- Owners can prevent downloads and printing of their material.
- Full screen viewing
- Hovering over images provide a “Quickview” of select metadata.

- Searches within textual PDFs
- Enhanced image viewer
- Social elements such as sharing, tagging, and comments