

Name: Natalie H. Wiest

Current Position: Head Librarian

Current Employer: Texas A&M University at Galveston

Summary of Previous Experience:

Ms. Wiest manages the library's budget, promotes the Library's integration with teaching programs and campuswide activities, develops a collection that reflects the needs of the University community and through the Galveston Bay Information Center, the larger geographic area, and oversees the management of a 27,000 SF building that holds approximately 80,000 books and bound journals; paid subscriptions to 400 journals; and electronic access to thousands more journal titles through College Station libraries.

- Worked with architects and construction managers to construct the current facility in 1986
- Initiated the first electronic catalog of library holdings and multiple upgrades to current system supported through College Station
- In 1989 won grant support to establish and maintain the Galveston Bay Information Center, funded by Texas Commission on Environmental Quality through 2010

The focus of Ms. Wiest's professional involvement has been with IAMSLIC, whose member collections and goals are most similar to what she works with at TAMU Galveston. She has been Secretary of IAMSLIC, and Vice President/President in 1995/96. In 1995 Ms. Wiest was the conference convener for the annual conference in Southampton, England. In January 1996, as President of IAMSLIC, she represented the organization at the meeting of the Group of Experts in Marine Information Management (a UNESCO organization) in Athens, Greece.

Education:

M.S. Animal Science, University of Tennessee, Knoxville

M.S. Library Science, Drexel University

B.A. General Arts and Sciences, Pennsylvania State University

Professional Memberships:

American Library Association

Texas Library Association

International Association of Aquatic and Marine Science Libraries and Information

Awards:

Association of Former Students of Texas A&M University, Outstanding Librarian