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Announcement:

**TechSmith Relay will
replace Helix Media
Spring 2019.**

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Based on positive feedback from students (over 100 respondents) in 2017-18, Student Success and the Tutoring Center will continue to offer student resources in the "VC Student Toolbox" course in Canvas.

The purpose of the course is to provide a single access point for support services designed to help students maximize their potential during the semester. Student Success has added multiple resources to the "Study Resources" page (top 2 most visited pages) including video tutorials and app suggestions for phone or tablet.

Instructors are welcome in the course and will be added by request.

Contact Criquett Lehman or Amber Hunsaker for more information.



LIBRARY SERVICES



DATABASE UPDATE

Databases are acquired through membership in TexShare and through subscriptions purchased independently outside the TexShare consortium.

New TexShare databases available for 2018-2019 include the following:

- **Credo Reference:** This database provides access to a core collection of reference materials in various subject areas. Resources include subject-specific encyclopedias, dictionaries, handbooks, etc.
- **Chilton Library:** This is the online version of Chilton's popular automotive repair and maintenance resource. Professionals, students, and do-it-yourselfers can conveniently search by make, model, and year to find up-to-date and reliable automotive information. In addition to up-to-date information on maintenance and repair, the database includes service and repair notifications, a labor-estimating tool, and practice tests to assist students in preparing for the ASE (Automotive Service Excellence exam). To access the database: Select Access to Databases > Technical/Vocational/Recreational Databases > Chilton Library

The following TexShare resources were canceled and will not be available after August 31, 2018.

- Gale's Literature Resource Center: TexShare noted that considerable duplication of content was found between the Literature Resource Center and EBSCO databases such as Academic Search Complete.
- Pronunciator: (language learning resource)

JSTOR: Please note that the library subscribes to the JSTOR Essential Collection independently outside the TexShare consortium. The JSTOR Essential includes the following collections:

Arts & Sciences I, II, III, IV, and VII

***PORTAL TO TEXAS HISTORY***

"Gateway to rare, historical, and primary source materials from or about **Texas**"

Maintained by the University of North Texas Libraries, the [Portal to Texas History](#) is a project dedicated to preserving Texas history.

The *Portal* includes the *Texas Digital Newspaper Program*. Numerous newspapers dating as early as 1829 are available through the *Portal*. The Vernon College Library recently submitted a reel of microfilm of the Odell newspaper dated from 1912 to 1918. The microfilm had been housed in the library for quite some time, but inaccessible since the library did not own a microfilm reader. I recently spoke to a person researching family history and wanting to view the Odell paper. Placing the newspaper on the *Portal* will ensure that the paper is conveniently and freely available online for all to view. UNT has scanned the microfilm and has uploaded the [newspaper](#) to the *Portal*.

A link to the *Portal* has been placed on the library website as a resource for students researching Texas history and needing primary source materials, pictures, maps, and other historical documents. To access the *Portal*:
Select **Access to Databases > Government, History, and Politics > Portal to Texas History**.