

THE GALVESTON BAY INFORMATION CENTER REVISITED, 14 YEARS  
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**ABSTRACT:** The original grant for the Galveston Bay Information Center began in 1989 with funding from the Galveston Bay National Estuary Program. Two subgrants were included: one to set up a bibliography about Galveston Bay; and the other to set up an Information Center. The emphasis was on collecting "gray literature" about the Bay and making it accessible through one searching location (the bibliography). The Information Center provided staff as well as copies of most of the cited literature. I received the original grant and ran the GBIC through 1992 when another full-time staff member took it over. She ran the project for 10 years; at which point it came back to me in 2002 and I have been administering it since. The funding now comes through a state agency: Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. GBIC benefits Texas A&M University at Galveston through its collection and knowledgeable staff, and TCEQ (Galveston Bay Estuary Program) by making University resources and the GBIC collection publicly available. GBIC puts me in close contact with our research staff and computing services as a learning experience in cooperative information gathering, archiving, and distribution. I will share those experiences in my poster session.

