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Texas A&M University (Corpus Christi, Texas) Jeff & Mary Bell Library has had a Sister Library relationship with the Instituto Tecnológico y de Estudios Superiores de Monterrey Centro de Información Biblioteca (Monterrey, Mexico) since 1996. The libraries exchange materials through interlibrary loan. Each semester, a staff member from one library visits the other library for one week. Since 1996, three staff members from each institution have participated in the staff exchange. Some staff members have developed e-mail pen pals. For example, one librarian in Monterrey is helping a librarian in Corpus Christi learn written Spanish by correcting her e-mail messages.