University Library 2012 Highlights

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Program and Services

The library has begun an assertive migration to a new collection building strategy that will rely more on enhancing core resources, especially electronic resources, and on document delivery and purchase-on-demand for lesser used items. The implementation of the strategy will begin in the 2013/14 fiscal year and be fully implemented in fiscal 2014/15.

The library advanced several projects related to its information literacy program. We have augmented our commitment to first year involvement in the Bridge program and learning communities with a commitment to engage in department and school curriculum in upper level undergraduate and graduate courses. Though the College Ready, College Bound project we have investigate the information literacy skills of students graduating from central Indiana high schools and how these skills match what is required for college level work. Working with PRAC an initial assessment of our information literacy program was undertaken. We also partnered with the Graduate Office to offer a series of workshops.

The library entered into an agreement with the al-Mutanabbi Street Starts Here Coalition (see: http://www.al-mutanabbistreetstartshere-boston.com/ and http://www.al-mutanabbistreetstartshere-boston.com/). The Coalition will gift to the library, one entire set of the Coalition’s 260 book arts collection and the approximately 100 broadsides created by artists to raise awareness to the Coalition’s framework and mission. This is a significant addition to the library’s artists book collection. The library will help promote the Coalition’s mission to increase awareness of the destruction of culture/arts and human rights in the face of conflict and the lasting power of the visual arts and the written word.

Create a fund with the support of the Vice Chancellor for Research and several schools to assist in the funding for article processing fees. The fund will be available beginning at the end of this summer.

The library began a program to help faculty comply with the NFS data mandate.

In the Spring of 2013 University Library began a Book Club open to all IUPUI faculty, staff, and students.
Building, Space, and Technology

Learning Spaces 3 was completed on Level 4. The renovation created exceptional design in new reader space using the learning space project strategy.

The Herron Library display space and storage for special collections was doubled.

The 20-year-old data network in the library was replaced. This upped the network speed from 10MB to 1GB.

Public technology in the building was refreshed and enhanced. Upgrade of all technology in our Rich Media Cluster and Video Production Rooms to accommodate increasing student demands for recording live video and audio overlays as well as working live with groups across the net on high level video and audio class projects.

The library upgrade its digital library and repository infrastructure.

All professional staff and librarians were given iPads.

Fund Raising and Grants

Completed fundraising campaign and opened Learning Spaces III collaborative learning environment in November 2012. In-kind gifts and pledges to the project totaled over $305,000. 100% of the University Library Community Board made a philanthropic commitment to the project.

Secured over $70,000 in digitization grants. Projects included IPS Yearbooks, Indianapolis Motor Speedway, and the Indiana Academy of Science.

Secured $38,000 in support for Phase II of the College Ready, College Bound information literacy research initiative, the results of which will help enhance development of the library’s instructional curriculum.

Received two technology grants from the State Library, one to purchase large format scanners and one for an online building directory.

Worked with the family of the late Robert L. Payton to facilitate a gift of 21,000 volumes from his personal library, as well as an outright gift to support the cataloguing of the collection.

The library’s total fundraising for the IUPUI IMPACT campaign, which formally closed in March of 2013 totaled $1,865,256.
Awards and Honors

In November 2012 the Indiana Library Federation awarded Willie Miller the outstanding new librarian, Jenny Johnson was named the outstanding support staff person, and the University Library and the Indianapolis Public Library received the Collaboration award.

In March 2013 two University Library employees, Teodora Durbin and Josh Sullivan received Irwin Awards.

The University Library 2011-2012 annual report and the Campus Outreach Group’s undergraduate information services handout both received an honorable mention in the ‘Best of Show’ American Library Association PR Xchange competition: http://www.ala.org/llama/sites/ala.org.llama/files/content/2013BestofShowatPRXchangeFAQ_0.pdf

Robin Crumrin served as President of the Indiana Library Federation. David Lewis was elected president of the Academic Libraries of Indiana.