

**UMass Amherst Libraries  
Activities and Accomplishments<sup>1</sup>  
2009**

**Awards**

- Allan Krantz of Library Systems received the Chancellor's Citation Award (May)

**Consortia**

- ALEPH Manager position filled (January)
- FCLC Collection Development Cooperative Project underway (February)
- E-Science collaboration with other UMass campus libraries launched (April)
- Investigation of shared technical services with Five College libraries announced (April)
- The 5 UMass campus libraries collaborated on a "Boot Camp" for science librarians (June)
- BLC formed a Strategic Planning Committee. Jay is co-chair (June)
- First report of the Five Colleges Technical Services Consolidation Task Force released (Sept)
- Five College ALEPH Advisory Group established (December)

**Communication and Development**

- \$800,000+ grant from Microsoft (February)
- \$200,000 grant from Verizon Foundation to fund digitization of Du Bois Papers (April)
- 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner with Friends fundraiser (April)
- History of the Book fund established and announced by Chancellor Holub at Dinner with Friends (April)
- Libraries raised \$1.7 million in FY09
- Fall Donor Reception attended by Provost Staros and his wife, Prof. Alice Harris (Sept)
- UMass-DC Area Alumni event at the Library of Congress (October)

**Du Bois Activities**

- Du Bois Center approved by Faculty Senate on February 12, 2009
- 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Du Bois Lecture by Howard Dodson (February)
- Verizon grant to fund digitization of the Du Bois papers awarded (April)
- Second planning charrette for the Du Bois Center and Homesite held (April)
- Du Bois Center post-doctoral associate position established (July) and filled (August)
- Du Bois Legacy group becomes the Steering Committee for the Du Bois Center (Sept)

**Facilities**

- HVAC & Life Safety Lower Level project underway (January)
- Du Bois fully wireless (February)
- Phase 2 renovation of Lower Level underway (June)
- 26<sup>th</sup> floor Conference area ready for use (June)
- Donor plaques on benches and planters replaced (June)
- Roof replacement project begins in Du Bois (September); completed (December)
- ISEL electrical update project out to bid (September)
- Kickoff for Library Space Masterplan Study (October) with Facilities & Planning and outside consultants

**Integrated Library System and Technology**

- V.19 Upgrade begins July 6

**Learning Commons**

- 12 video camera kits and 6 portable audio booths have been purchased (January)
- Multimedia Project close to completion (February)
- New LCD Screen (February)
- PDF Creation software added to public PCs and scanner stations
- Responsibility for budget and supervision of the LC and TC transferred to the Library by the Provost (April)

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<sup>1</sup> Summarized from Senior Management Group Minutes, with input from Development and Communication staff

## **Organization and Planning**

- Health & Safety Committee disbanded (January)
- Liaison Advisory Team disbanded (January)
- Information Resources Presentation Committee charge and membership revised (February)
- Organizational Climate Task Force formed (February); first meeting in April
- WorldCat Local Phase III Task Force formed (February)
- Evacuation Procedures reviewed and revised (February)
- Subject Guides Working Group Report submitted (March)
- Proposal for organization of future digital activities in the UMass Amherst Libraries presented to SMG by the Digital Futures Group (April)
- Digital Futures Committees approved by SMG (May): Digital Creation and Preservation Working Group; Digital Strategies Group; Metadata Working Group
- Technical Services Workflow Review Team formed (May)
- SMG's review of the library organization begun (June)
- SMG Retreat to discuss library organization (June 23)
- SMG endorsed final version of new library organization (August 5)
- Media, Music and Microforms Task Force formed (August 19)
- Reference Services Study Group formed (August 19)
- Planning for possible H1N1 disruptions to Library Services begins (September)
- Information Literacy document developed (September)
- Report of the Technical Services Workflow Review approved by SMG (September)
- Report of the Media and Microforms Space Planning Task Force approved by SMG (September)
- Information Literacy Program endorsed by SMG (September)
- Library participated in NEASC Visit (November)
- Discussion of future plans for Government Documents begins (November)
- Organizational Climate Task Force submitted their report to DOL (December)
- Task Forces for Media Services and Music Collections formed (December)
- Government Documents Review Task Force formed (December)
- Federal Depository Library Program Profile Review Team formed (December)

## **Outreach**

- Library Career Reception (October)
- Ethics Clearinghouse Workshop (October)

## **Policies**

- SMG endorsed the Digital Reserve Copyright Policy (July)

## **ScholarWorks**

- Working with the Office of Outreach to create a new section on ScholarWorks for Scholarly Engagement (April)
- \$249,000 grant to create a Beta version of a National Library on Ethical Conduct of Research received in May
- Digital Quadrangle Series event, "The University's Role in the Dissemination of Research & Scholarship" colloquium held on September 24.

## **Staff Development**

- Microsoft Word and Outlook Training offered (January)
- Active Threat presentation by UMPD to SMG (April)
- Active Threat presentations for staff scheduled for summer (June)
- "23 Things" online, self-directed course for staff (July)
- "Responding to Change" workshop for staff (July)

## **Staffing**

- ALEPH Manager position filled (January)
- Search conducted for AD for Research and Learning Services
- Part-time, temporary staff hired for Verizon project (June)
- Ethics Clearinghouse Resident filled (July)
- Head of Undergraduate Teaching & Learning position in the works (July), Search Committee formed (September)

**User Services**

- Poster printer available for use (April)
- Public lockers available for use (February)
- SMG approves opening Du Bois on Labor Day Weekend with limited services (April)
- Faculty Survey re the Liaisons program had an over 50% response rate (April)
- Multimedia Equipment (cameras, camcorders, peripherals, tripods, etc.) available in Reserve (Nov)
- Streaming Media Start-up Project approved by SMG (Nov)