

UMass Amherst Libraries
Activities and Accomplishments¹
2005

Collections

- Conducted assessment of Art Collection; moved valuable volumes to SCUA
- Bennett Labor Collection accepted for SCUA
- Digital Images initiative begun in SCUA
- Revision of Disaster Manual and disaster training
- Collection Review Project initiated (journals costing over \$1000)
- Library collaborates with Graduate School to create process for electronic dissertations
- Library licenses LUNA Insight for pilot project with Art History Department slide digitization project

Consortia

- Five Colleges created JSTOR Depository Collection and invited other libraries to participate on fee-based schedule
- Five Colleges created ALEPH Implementation Committee to start migration to new Integrated Library System
- Five UMass campuses explore cooperative visual resources project
- Five Colleges held retreat exploring cooperative Digital Asset Management

Development

- Jay Schafer & Emily Silverman attended “Development for Deans” Conference
- Dinner with Friends, April 2
- Class of 1955 Garden dedication, June
- FY05 fundraising total tops \$600,000
- Donor Appreciation Reception held in September with speaker Barry Moser

Facilities

- Quiet Study rooms created on floors 2 and 3
- Maps moved to second floor
- Lobby renovated and new service desks installed
- Café opened in Du Bois Library
- Planning for Phase 2 of the Deck Project begun
- Planning for Learning Commons begun
- Concrete poured for deck
- New lighting installed throughout Du Bois
- Room 1320 renovated
- Signage Committee established
- Security cameras installed in lobby
- Renovation of Floor 26 begun
- Stairwell murals cleaned and preserved

Integrated Library System and Technology

- 3M express-check units installed

¹ Summarized from Senior Management Group Minutes

- Wireless installed for floors 2 and 3
- Ex Libris orientation held in April
- Logs established for critical incidents and building maintenance
- Presentation on content management by group from University of Indiana

Learning Commons

- Provost's Learning Commons Committee (PLCC) established
- New carpet, paint, networking and electric work installed during summer
- Student focus groups on naming service points
- Student focus groups on furniture
- Opening ceremony with Steve Ballmer of Microsoft on October 21
- 24/5 hours began November 27

Organization and Planning

- Reserves/Media Department created
- Charges adopted for SMG and SMG Exec
- Review of committee structure conducted
- Student Training Task Force established
- SWAT team formed to review/revise mission statement
- Committees populated and charges standardized
- Regular all staff meetings established on third Wednesday of each month
- SMG Retreat in June
- Visit by Erica Linke to consult on Access Services/Reserves/Media

Outreach/Events

- Colloquium "In the Public Interest," held on March 3 with speakers John Willinsky (Public Knowledge Project) and Jane Griffith (NIH)
- NSF grant on Nanomanufacturing with library component approved
- Du Bois Lecture, "The Enduring Greatness of the *Souls of Black Folk*" with speaker Robert Hill
- Du Bois Legacy and Youth Curators Project begun
- Contest initiated to name café
- ARL Assessment Team visit in October
- Colloquium "University E-Repositories: Solutions for the Scholarly Community," held on September 29 with speakers Ann Wolpert (MIT) and Nancy Fried Foster (University of Rochester)

Policies

- Privacy Policy and Guidelines approved
- Bibliographic Records/Missing Book Policy approved
- Privacy/Confidentiality Policies approved
- Work on Copyright Policy begun
- Archival Dissertations and Theses Process endorsed
- Five College Art Loan Policy endorsed
- Food and Beverage Policy discussed
- Events Policy approved

- Depository Procedures and Policies discussed
- User Behavior Policy approved
- Cell Phone Policy revised and approved
- Circulation of Bound Periodicals Policy approved
- Loan Policies for Laptops and Projectors approved

Staffing

- Director of Libraries appointed
- Intern from Montreal working with Jim Kelly
- New Librarian position in Acquisitions for electronic resources assistant
- National Search opened for Associate Directors