

UMass Amherst Libraries
Activities and Accomplishments¹
2006

Collections

- Library collaborates with Graduate School to create process for electronic Masters theses_
- Continued moving JSTOR volumes to Depository
- Slide Library management transferred to Library
- ScholarWorks Institutional Repository initiated
- Books on Demand Project continuation approved
- Collection Review Project continued (journals costing \$200-\$1000)

Consortia

- BLC Cooperative Collections Project
- NELGU Librarians meet at UMass, September 22
- BLC/Open Content Alliance digitization project initiated
- Five College Librarians Council creates ALEPH Management Committee (AMC)
- BLC contracts directly with OCLC for services
- BLC joins Five College JSTOR Depository Collection

Development

- Director's Council formed
- FOL Dinner held in Learning Commons, April 1
- Alumni Reception in Washington, DC
- Class of 2006 names Library as recipient of Senior Gift
- Class of 1957 creates an endowment to maintain and improve the deck and courtyard
- Microsoft Grant celebration
- FY06 fundraising surpassed \$1 million in June
- Carrel renovation project begun
- Donor Appreciation Reception held in September with speaker Heidi Stemple

Facilities

- Room 1367 renovated
- Campus map kiosk installed
- Deck Replacement Project completed!
- Assignment of carrels transferred from academic departments to Library
- Offline locks installed on carrels
- Fire procedures updated
- Cell phone zones installed
- New All Staff area established
- Planning begun for Phase 2 of Deck Replacement Project
- Lockers installed on floors 2, 7 and 10
- Planning underway for 26th floor

Integrated Library System and Technology

- Plagiarism Detection Software Services, Turnitin.com and MyDropBox.com, introduced

¹ Summarized from Senior Management Group Minutes

- New web page created
- ALEPH catalog goes live August 28

Learning Commons

- Tablet PCs available for loan
- Herman Miller posts case study of Learning Commons on their website
- Seating Surveys conducted
- Academic Open House held in Learning Commons, September 5
- Article about Learning Commons on front page of Boston *Globe*, November 25

Organization and Planning

- Library Hours Web Page Task Force established
- Self-Study/External Review process begun
- Information Resources Presentation Committee charge posted
- UMA Libraries Web Site Renovation Task Force established
- Preservation Committee established
- Self-Study Kick-Off with Marilu Goodyear speaking on “Future Talk: Libraries, Technology and the University”
- SWAT Teams on Microforms and Current Periodicals established
- Two self-study teams appointed: Focusing on Undergrads; Serving the Graduate and Research Mission
- Restructuring of committee process undertaken

Outreach/Events

- Research Fair, April 6
- Jane Yolen Honorary Degree ceremony, April 4
- Du Bois Birthday celebration with speaker Clayborne Carson
- Library assists academic departments with benchmarking
- Richard Sweeney speaks on Millennials, June 15
- New Faculty Orientation held in Learning Commons
- Provost’s Reception in Courtyard, September 27
- LibQual preparation begun

Policies

- Loan Policies for ISEL and Du Bois approved
- Fines and Replacement Costs policies approved
- CDs, LPs and Video Medial Loan Policies approved
- Carrel Policy approved

Staffing

- Associate Directors appointed after national searches
- Metadata Librarian position approved and filled
- Learning Coordinator position established and filled
- Resident position approved and filled

- Head, Image Collection Library position approved and filled
- Half-time Metadata Library/Image Collection Librarian position approved and filled
- Nanotechnology Manufacturing Librarian approved and filled
- Digital Interfaces Librarian position approved and filled