

UMass Amherst Libraries
Activities and Accomplishments¹
2007

Collections

- ILL received RapidILL's "Awesome Idea" award during the RapidILL User Group meeting in Seattle on January 2007
- ILL named NELINET top lender 2nd year in a row
- Centennial observance of Federal Government Documents Depository at UMass Amherst (1907-2007)
- Microforms cabinets and LPs moved to basement, paging of same begins (May)
- Continuation of conversion of print journals to e-only announced to campus (October)
- Expanded electronic resources to nearly 45,000 online journals, over 300,000 e-books, and 260 online indexes

Consortia

- Five Colleges Archivist's ToolKit again funded by Mellon Foundation
- UMass takes over management of Five Colleges Depository
- LibQUAL survey conducted with MCCLPHEI (March)
- Five Colleges purchase large collection of digital images (May)
- Rejoined Center for Research Libraries (CRL)
- Launched a partnership with the Boston Library Consortium and Open Content Alliance to digitize millions of books for public use (September)

Communication and Development

- Renovated three carrels on 13th floor to show potential donors (March)
- UMass Amherst Libraries received First Place in Annual Report category and Second Place in Newsletter category from the Massachusetts Library Association 18th Biennial Public Relations Awards
- Raised over \$1.5 million in FY07
- Fifth Annual *Dinner with Friends* raised over \$20,000 and featured as guest speakers Arthur Kinney, Charles C. Mann, and Lesléa Newman
- Class of 1957 raised over \$179,000 for Library Promenade beautification for its 50th Reunion gift; dedication was on June 16
- Donor Appreciation Reception held September 30th featured Ken Gloss of the Brattle Bookshop. The Feller Award was presented to Howard and Joy Gersten of the Jeffery Amherst Bookstore.

Du Bois Activities

- Library-sponsored trip to Great Barrington for Chancellor and members of the Du Bois Legacy group (September)

Facilities

- Basement lighting project completed in January
- Basement cleaned out in January
- Phase 2 of Deck Project planning continues

¹ Summarized from Senior Management Group Minutes, with input from Development and Communication staff

- Compact shelving for SCUA installed in the basement
- Development of Microforms viewing area begins (May)
- Planning begins for 26th Floor Teaching Commons
- Current Periodical Room closes; popular reading area established on 5th floor
- Planning for Lower Level space renovation/rearrangement (August – October)

Integrated Library System and Technology

- ALEPH Management Committee (AMC) formed
- ALEPH Staff Workshops held on January 17
- Syndetics added to OPAC (September)

Learning Commons

- International Programs is staffing an advising desk in the LC
- Faculty Writing Space has been established in Room 1602, funded by a Mellon grant
- Display screen for OIT workstations installed in March
- Remote printing service began in March, enabling students to print to Learning Commons' printers from remote locations
- New Learning Commons Website in March
- Governor Deval Patrick and UMass President Wilson film commercial for UMass System in Learning Commons (April)
- Traffic in the Library doubled since the LC opened in 2005
- Academic Success event held in LC, September 5th
- Electron bulletin board up and running, September
- In September, Help Desk questions were up 150% over last year

Organization and Planning

- Review of committees and committee structure completed and committees repopulated
- SWAT Teams for Current Periodicals and Microforms Implementation submitted plans to SMG in January; Reports submitted in March
- Web Coordinating Committee established in February
- Self-Study groups submitted their reports in February, followed by staff discussions in the departments and a special All Staff meeting on March 21.
- SWAT Teams for Music and Multimedia established, September
- Change to Signage Committee charge approved, September 12th
- UMass Amherst Libraries: Self Study 2007 external review conducted, December 3-4
- Committed to participation in the Organizational Climate and Diversity Assessment project in Spring 2008.
- Established telephone trees for notification of staff in non-weather related emergencies.
- External Review Team visited for 2 days in December, meeting with library staff, campus administrators and representatives of library and campus groups.

Outreach/Events

- March 29th Digital Quadrangle Event, *Showcasing Research & Teaching in the 21st Century: A Digital Approach* with keynote speaker Dr. David Shulenburg, launch of ScholarWorks digital repository

- Annual celebration of Du Bois's birthday held on March 6 with James Turner speaking on "The Unspoken Du Bois: W.E.B. Du Bois and the Future of Black Studies in the Twenty-First Century."
- Exhibit: "Celebrating 100 Years as a Federal Government Document Depository" honors the Library's commitment to supporting our federal depository status.
- Exhibit: "Faces of Friendship," in honor of Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Hampshire County.
- The Libraries hosted a celebration of the life of Professor Emeritus of Political Science John "Jack" Maki. An exhibit of photographs, manuscripts, maps, and reports that Professor Maki donated to the Library were on display.
- Academic Success Open House held in Learning Commons, September 5th
- Student Activities Fair held on Promenade, September 5th
- Library sponsors trip to Du Bois homesite in Great Barrington for campus group including Chancellor Cole, September 22nd

Policies

- Lost & Found Policy established in January
- E-Only Journal Policy approved by SMG in May
- Vacation Guidelines approved by SMG in May
- Policy on Events Listings on LC Plasma Screen drafted in September

Staff Development

- Summer staff orientation sessions conducted
- Staff Training Committee conducted survey of staff computer competence
- Scholarly Communication Lunch Series, Fall Semester

Staffing

- Science and Engineering Reference Librarian hired
- Position of Information Literacy Specialist/Humanities Reference Librarian filled
- Head of Reserves/Media position filled
- Nanotech project Librarian hired

User Services

- New Microforms viewing area established on 3rd floor with new multifunctional equipment for scanning, printing, emailing, and saving
- Reserves/Media department renamed: Reserve, Media & Microforms
- New reading room with current issues of 80 popular magazines and newspapers opened on Floor 5
- LPs and audiocassettes may now be requested online
- Library inaugurates Labor Day hours
- Enhanced new Five College Libraries Catalog provides improved access to the millions of resources at the UMass Amherst Libraries, and our neighboring 5-College libraries
- Opened the Faculty Writing Place in the Du Bois Library with the help of the Office of Faculty Development to provide a quiet, comfortable space for writing and research