

**UMass Amherst Libraries**  
**Activities and Accomplishments<sup>1</sup>**  
**2008**

**Collections**

- SMG approved the Collection Development Policy (January)
- Image Collection Library received a grant for diversity education which will fund acquisition of 1500 images of Afro-American, Latin American and feminist art (May)
- Sample inventory conducted in January; report presented to SMG in May
- SMG approved the loading of records for electronic resources available from CRL to ALEPH (August)
- MINES Survey implemented at UMass Amherst (September)

**Consortia**

- UMass Amherst Libraries participated in a Five College Libraries' orientation for new staff (January)
- New loan periods for staff, faculty and doctoral students implemented (January)
- ALEPH Manager position created, based at UMass (April)
- Developed priorities for digitization of collections through the BLC Open Content Alliance (May)
- Five campus meeting science librarians and library directors begin a series of meetings in May
- BLC held a summit on Open Access in conjunction with the Sloan Foundation (September)
- BLC voted to implement WorldCat Local as their virtual catalog and resource sharing tool (September)
- Five College Coordinated Collection Management Pilot Project initiated

**Communication and Development**

- Library received a software grant from MicroSoft for \$782,00 to support the Learning Commons and public services
- Dinner with Friends held on in Learning Commons on April 5<sup>th</sup>
- Visits to Library by Chancellor Holub, Mrs. Holub and Executive Vice Chancellor Milligan (September)

**Du Bois Activities**

- Chancellor approved \$50,000 for upgrades to the Du Bois Homesite in Great Barrington (February)
- MOU signed and presented at meeting of Great Barrington Select Board (March)
- Received Grant from National Trust for Historic Preservation
- Preview held at Du Bois Homesite in Great Barrington (July)
- First planning charrette for Homesite masterplan held in September

**Facilities**

- Alterations is renovating three additional carrels for a total of eight (January)
- Card access to the front door of Du Bois between the hours of midnight and 7:00 AM inaugurated January 28<sup>th</sup>
- CallFire system implemented for notifying staff of non-snow related emergency closings of the Library (January)

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

- Pat Daly, director of the Physical Plant, and members of his staff came to the January All Staff meeting to update Library staff on custodial issues
- Working with PLCC in creation of a presentation/conference room on 26<sup>th</sup> floor
- SCUA Reading Room renovated with funds from the Class of 2006 Senior Gift (September)
- SMG endorses recommendation of Locker Task Force (September)
- Procrastination Station café had total revenue of over \$400,000 in 2008
- Contract awarded for HVAC & Life Safety Improvements Project on the Lower Level (November)

### **Integrated Library System and Technology**

- 30 additional laptops have been ordered (January)
- Systems staff created an express print station (May)
- Wireless installation in Du Bois is progressing and should be complete early in 2009 (October)

### **Learning Commons**

- Quick print station established (May)
- New LC partners: Education Abroad Advising and Global Education Advising (October)
- Poster printer has been received (October)

### **Organization and Planning**

- CRL Record Loading Task Force established (January)
- External Review Team's report on our Self Study received and distributed (January)
- Charge for the ALEPH Reporting Center Task Force approved by SMG (January)
- ALEPH Liaisons Committee established (January)
- Government Documents SWAT Team reported to SMG (January)
- Subject Guides Working Group charge approved by SMG (January)
- Music SWAT Team reported to SMG (February)
- Multimedia Center SWAT Team reported to SMG (February)
- Information Resources Presentation Committee Charge approved by SMG (February)
- ClimateQUAL survey of staff conducted (March)
- Ad hoc Digital Futures group has begun to meet (March)
- SMG Exec began work on the next 3-year plan for FY2009-2011 (March)
- SMG Retreat, June 5-6
- Lockers Task Force appointed (August)
- Results of ClimateQUAL Survey presented at the November All Staff
- WorldCat Local Task Force begins work (November)
- Information Literacy Coordinating Team Charge approved (December)

### **Outreach/Events**

- Jay met with Cooperation Libraries of Greater Springfield (CLGS) librarians regarding cooperative endeavors (January)
- Digital Quadrangle event (March 28)
- Library staff participation in UMACC at 66%
- Library honoree for the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Graduate School Celebration is Homer "Skip" Meade
- Library Careers Reception held on April 23, 2008
- Open Access Day event in Learning Commons, October 14, 2008
- SCUA presented three social change events during the last week of October
- FOL and Alumni Association sponsor trip to the Boston Antiquarian Book Fair (November)

**Policies**

- SMG approved the Libraries Web Site mission statement (January)
- SMG approved the Collection Development Policy (January)
- SMG approved the Policy for Scheduling Library Classroom and Meeting Rooms (March)
- SMG approved the Web Content Policy (August)

**Staff Development**

- Training in Office 2007 conducted for all staff (Summer)
- Staff Development/Quiet Room established at request of Staff Council (October)

**Staffing**

- New position of Digital Interfaces Librarian established and filled in January
- New position of Librarian I, Digital Repository Resident, established with backing from the Graduate School, the Office of Research, and Outreach (April)
- Library Assistant III, 3<sup>rd</sup> shift Reserve Supervisor, was created and filled (April)
- \$130,000 for new positions provided by Provost (announced in May)
- Circulation Manager position approved (July) and filled (December)
- Library Assistant III, 2<sup>nd</sup> shift Evening Circulation Supervisor in ISEL, position created (July)
- Positions for a Digital Resources Cataloger and an Undergraduate Services Librarian approved (October)

**User Services**

- Reserve, Media & Microforms open 24/5 (April)
- Image Collection formally opens (September)
- Task Force formed to consider issues surrounding lockers in Du Bois (August)
- Pilot project for free scanning and on-campus document delivery instituted by ILL/DD (September)