

## TRLN ANNUAL MEETING 2007: DIRECTORS' REPORTS

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### The Most Exciting Things That Your Library Did Last Year

**The Perkins Project continues:** The completely renovated first floor of Perkins opened in August 2006. Lower Floor 2 (formerly the "Subbasement") has also reopened with compact shelving throughout. Perkins floors 2, 3, and 4 and Lower Floor 1 (formerly the "Basement") are now closed for renovation, expected to reopen in fall 2008 and will house collections, staff offices, and user and meeting spaces (2, 3, 4) and Preservation, the Conservation Lab, the Digital Production Center, and the Teaching and Learning Center (LF1). (See below for more on the TLC.)

**Integration of the Chemistry Library:** The renovation of Perkins and expansion of library services and collections into the Bostock Library have made it possible to incorporate the science and engineering libraries into the main, interdisciplinary library. The Chemistry Library was the first to be integrated, and two others will follow (Vesic Library for Engineering, Math, Physics and Computer Science, and the Biological and Environmental Studies Library), in succession, following the completion of the current phase of Perkins renovation.

**SIP Funding for E-Backfiles:** In part to support the incorporation of the science and engineering branches into the Perkins/Bostock building, the Libraries received approximately \$3.5M in Strategic Investment Plan (SIP) funding to acquire access to a large number of e-journal backfiles. Since December 2006, the electronic backfiles of more than 3000 academic journals have been added to the Libraries' offerings.

**Library Service Center Module Completed:** The second module of the Library Service Center, our offsite facility, opened in early July. This module, which has a capacity of 2.5M volumes, will also house materials from UNC-CH. The two libraries are pursuing ways to maximize the potential of the unique arrangement by developing single-copy retention strategies and coordinated document delivery services.

**Duke Plays -- The Party:** On February 23, 2007, the Libraries hosted a party for the Duke community. Over 2000 people attended this semi-formal event, which featured live jazz, a cash bar, and fascinating exhibits, organized with materials from the University Archives, demonstrating how Duke students have "played" over the years in four areas: the arts, athletics, activism, and romance. It was a truly diverse and intergenerational evening, with undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, administrators, staff, alumni, and numerous trustees present. It was the brainchild of two seniors, who did all the planning and raised all the funds for what was a remarkable and memorable event.

**Loyalty Card:** The Libraries issued a "loyalty card," similar to the card you show at the grocery store and/or carry on your keychain, containing important information about the Libraries in a handy format. IM, e-mail and phone contacts, as well as our URL can be found on the card, which was sent to all entering freshmen and their parents, and distributed at public service points.

**Website Redesign:** During the past year we have been gathering information and testing various designs for a new Library website, which will go live on August 1, 2007. Library users and staff have been involved in the evaluation of features, usability, and other aspects of the new site. The libraries of the professional schools have also been at work with Perkins on developing the presentation of a

wide array of campus resources and services on the main “libraries” website, rather than requiring the user to click multiple times to reach the specialized libraries.

**Lilly Multimedia Lab:** The Library has partnered with the Office of Information Technology (OIT) to bring facilities and applications dedicated to multimedia to the Lilly Library. The Lilly Multimedia Lab leverages the Lilly collections (art, film and video) and close proximity to academic departments that utilize these formats in teaching. Perkins will be the next location for such multimedia applications.

**Archive for Human Rights:** We have created an Archive for Human Rights and hired an archivist, Patrick Stawski, to identify and collect materials and to work with faculty in the interdisciplinary Duke Rights Initiative.

**Digital Assets:** The work with Dartmouth that was funded by a planning grant from the Mellon Foundation culminated in an invited “conversation” with teams from our two institutions and Yale, Brown, Michigan and MIT, to comment on the final report and share campus strategies for digital asset management.

**New Associate University Librarian for Collections Services:** Bob Byrd assumed the position of AUL for Collections Services and will remain as Director of the Rare Book, Manuscript and Special Collections Library. Collections Services encompasses Acquisitions, Collection Development, Cataloging and Preservation.

### **The Biggest Challenges Facing Your Library in the Coming Year**

**Fundraising for Perkins Project:** Our target for library fundraising to complete the Perkins Project is \$30M. We are also seeking endowment for collections and are building the Annual Fund.

**Integration of science/engineering libraries:** Planning to incorporate collections and staff from the remaining two libraries will proceed.

**Relocation of technical services:** Duke University Libraries, including special collections, will be moving most of its technical processing work to a new location between the East and West Campuses. To facilitate the planning for this large-scale move, five groups were established: Workflow and Resources Needs; Administrative Support; Building, Grounds and Transportation; Space Planning and Design; and Work Life Quality. The work of these groups is progressing well and will set the stage for the move, expected in fall 2008.

**Planning for the Teaching and Learning Center:** The TLC will be an exciting and expansive new space with classrooms, breakout and group study rooms to support pedagogical approaches that are highly interactive and mediated electronically in multiple formats. The TLC will be open and supported 24/5, giving students additional access to this interactive space when it is not being used for scheduled classes. The planning and support of this new space is a joint activity of the Library, the Office of Information Technology and the Arts & Sciences Information Science and Technology group.

**Strategic and Organizational Planning:** The new strategic plan, *Connecting People + Ideas*, is serving as the basis for discussions about organizational priorities. As we identify new directions and strategies to implement our priorities and new services, we will be looking closely at the Libraries’ organizational structure and the competencies needed by staff to support and promote new programs.

## Other Developments

**Mellon Foundation Grant.** The Libraries have received \$500,000 from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to support the integration of the Duke Databank of Documentary Papyri with other digital papyrological projects. This is a partnership with Professor Joshua Sosin, of Duke's Classics Department, and with Columbia University.

**Carpenter Foundation Grant:** The Libraries have received a grant of \$1.25M from the E. Rhodes and Leona B. Carpenter Foundation to hire a half-time Exhibits Coordinator and create an extensive exhibits program.

**Increased Collaboration among Campus Libraries:** Increased interdisciplinary work has brought new opportunities for collaboration among all campus libraries. We are proposing the first-ever joint appointment, between the Medical Center Library and Perkins, a librarian who will specialize in Global Health and support the new Global Health Institute. A representative group has been working on developing portals to a broad array of interdisciplinary resources through the website.

**Duke Reads:** In collaboration with the Duke Alumni Association, the Duke University Libraries are launching *DUKE READS*, an online book club. It will begin in September and run for seven months, and discussion of each month's selection will be led by an administrator or a faculty member. See: [www.Dukereads.com](http://www.Dukereads.com)

**Data and GIS Services:** A new, consolidated service point for Data and GIS will be established on the first floor of Perkins Library.

**Development of Central Campus Library:** We continue to plan for the construction of Duke's Central Campus, which will include a library with a focus on the visual arts.