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The Most Exciting Things That Your Library Did Last Year

Major Milestone in Perkins Project: The renovations to the Perkins 1968 building will be completed by August 2008, and the floors that have been closed to the public (2, 3, and 4 and Lower Floor 1, formerly the basement) will re-open. They will offer additional shelving and study areas as well as staff offices, meeting and work spaces. Lower Floor 1 will house Preservation, the Conservation Lab, the Digital Production Center, and "The Link," the new teaching and learning center, 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.

Digital Collections Interface: Access to the digital collections of the Libraries was greatly improved by the implementation of a new interface: http://library.duke.edu/digitalcollections/.

Data/GIS Service Point: We created a new service point that is staffed by librarians with assistance from graduate students in several departments. Demand for this new service is growing quickly, as students are increasingly using data in their research papers and honors theses.

Project OLE funded by the Mellon Foundation: The Libraries received $475,765 from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in support of "Reconceptualizing Technology for Modern Library Workflows," and will coordinate a year-long, community driven process to produce a design document for an Open Library Management System built on Service Oriented Architecture (SOA). Known as Project OLE (Open Library Environment, pronounced "o-LAY"), the 12-month effort will design a next-generation library system that breaks away from print-based workflows, reflects the changing nature of library materials and new approaches to scholarly work, integrates well with other enterprise systems and can be easily modified to meet the needs of different institutions. See: http://library.duke.edu/about/projects/oleproject/.

Digital Asset Management Project funded: The Libraries received a grant of $325,000 from the Mellon Foundation in support of "Managing Campus Digital Assets." The proposal calls for the appointment of a Director of Digital Information Strategies, who will, under the direction of the Provost's Office and the University Libraries, coordinate the work of a committee with campus-wide representation to develop a series of strategies to identify, preserve, and make accessible academic and administrative digital assets.

$10M from The Duke Endowment: A grant in support of the Perkins Project, specifically targeting the architectural improvements that will facilitate undergraduate study and interaction, was awarded to the Libraries.

Latin Chic: On February 29, 2008, the Libraries hosted a party for the Duke community. Approximately 1800 people attended this semi-formal event, which was originally proposed by Mi Gente, the Latin American Student Association at Duke as a way to celebrate their fifteenth anniversary, or *quinceañera*. Several jazz bands played and typical Latin American appetizers were served. The Provost was photographed dancing to salsa music with one of the organizers. It was a truly diverse and intergenerational evening, with undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, administrators, staff, alumni, and numerous trustees present.

The Biggest Challenges Facing Your Library in the Coming Year

Transformation of 1928/48 Building and Special Collections: The remaining phase of the Perkins Project is the renovation of the original library buildings and stacks, where the Rare Book, Manuscript and Special Collections Library and University Archives are housed. Planning is underway for this next major project.

Fundraising for Perkins Project: Our target for library fundraising to complete the Perkins Project is $30M, and we are making progress toward that goal. We are also seeking endowment for collections and other purposes, and are increasing the Annual Fund.

Opening the LINK (Teaching and Learning Center): The Link will be open 24/5, giving students additional access to this interactive space when it is not being used for scheduled classes. This new space is a joint activity of the Libraries, the Office of Information Technology and the Arts & Sciences Information Science and Technology group. The LINK will bring even more students into Perkins, as well as faculty whose classes take place there.

Development of New Campus Library: We continue to plan for Duke's New Campus, to be constructed between the Nasher Museum of Art and West Campus traffic circle, along Campus Drive. New Campus will include a library with a focus on the visual arts.

Other Developments

Reorganization of Technical Services: A new Electronic Resources and Serials Management (ERSM) Department was created during the past year, complementing and working closely with Acquisitions and Cataloging.

Integration of the Vesic 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. Vesic Library for Engineering, Math, Physics and Computer Science has been integrated as of June 1, 2008, following the Chemistry Library, which was merged into Perkins/Bostock last year. The Biological and Environmental Studies Library will follow suit in summer 2009. Library "satellite" space will remain in several sites on or near Science Drive.

Librarian Salary Study: We worked with an external firm and Duke Human Resources to conduct a salary study and to develop a plan to ensure market competitive salaries and pay practices. In previous years we conducted a similar study for support staff positions. In both cases adjustments have been made.

Librarians in Blackboard: Public services/subject specialist librarians are working closely with faculty to connect a librarian to each course web page in Blackboard. In addition to serving as a contact for students in the class, the librarian contributes a set of basic resources to the site.