

TRLN ANNUAL MEETING 2009: DIRECTORS' REPORTS

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The Most Exciting Things That Your Library Did Last Year

Renovated and rededicated Goodson Law Library: We are still enjoying the transformation of our library space along with students, staff and faculty. Materials and staff returned to our exciting new space in August 2008, just as classes were beginning. The Duke community celebrated the completion of the Law School's "Star Commons" expansion and library renovation project at a series of "Duke Law Enlightened" events during the first week of November. As part of these events Dick Danner led a conversation with colleagues Blair Kauffman, Librarian and Professor of Law, Yale Law Library, and John Palfry, Professor of Law and Vice Dean of Library and Information Resources, Harvard Law Library, looking at the role of the library in legal education in the 21st century. During the dedication the library adopted its new name, the J. Michael Goodson Law Library. Features of the renovation: unified service desk for circulation; reference and computing help; creating more public spaces by reducing book stacks; incorporating media and technology to match broader use; maximizing natural light with window walls on three floors combined with comfortable seating; and study area's new home for the Floyd M. and Marguerite F. Riddick Rare Books and Special Collections Room.

New Staff: Our Reference Services department has benefitted from the addition last summer of two new reference librarians filling a vacant and a newly created position. In addition to shared responsibilities for teaching and research support, Molly Brownfield coordinates the faculty research assistants program now in its third year, and Amy Taylor coordinates the empirical research support program launched last year. ILL services and staff, both lending and borrowing, moved from Reference Services to the Collection Services department last July as well.

The Biggest Challenges Facing Your Library in the Coming Year

Budget challenges play a large role in planning for collections and services, and supporting staff training and development opportunities.

Other Developments

D.U.L.L. News to Goodson Blogson: D.U.L.L. (Duke University Law Library) News has been the name of the law library's newsletter for many years through its transformation as a print document, electronic newsletter, and blog. The library's name change presented the opportunity to rename this publication, and what better way than by having a student contest? The Goodson Blogson is the new name for our news and announcements blog, nicely continuing the tradition of quirky humor. Kudos to Jennifer Behrens, Reference Librarian, who manages the blog and constantly writes informative and interesting content. Become a fan of the Goodson Blogson at: <http://dukelawref.blogspot.com/>.