

TRLN ANNUAL MEETING 2009: DIRECTORS' REPORTS

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The Most Exciting Things That Your Library Did Last Year

Renovation Completed, The Link Opened: Floors 2-4 and Lower Floor 1 of the Perkins 1968 building were reopened after extensive renovations. The Link (<http://link.duke.edu/>), an expansive, flexible, and technologically advanced teaching space offering 6 classrooms, 4 seminar rooms, and 11 group study rooms as well as collaboration areas, opened in fall 2008.

Technical Services Relocate to Smith Building: TS operations, including acquisitions, cataloging, electronic resources and serials management, gifts processing, special collections TS, and university archives, moved to the Smith Warehouse building, between West and East Campus, about 10 minutes from Perkins. Ninety-three Libraries staff work at Smith. Other University functions/offices have also moved there.

Expanded Digital Collections: The Barbaralee Diamonstein-Spielvogel Video Archive (<http://library.duke.edu/digitalcollections/dsva/>) was launched in early 2009. It features television interviews conducted with architects, artists, writers, photographers, choreographers, and other cultural figures during the 1970s and 1980s. In addition to this first digital video collection, Duke added several digital image collections, e.g., the Sidney D. Gamble photographs of China, 1902-1932 (<http://library.duke.edu/digitalcollections/gamble/>). A new iPhone application created at Duke enables access to 20 of our digital collections (<http://news.duke.edu/2009/06/iphone.html>).

Integration of Science Branches: The summer 2008 consolidation of the Biological and Environmental Sciences (BES) Library into Perkins/Bostock will complete the integration of the three campus science branches. Increased focus on interdisciplinary research and convenient access to e-journals made this not only possible but highly desirable. Staff will also move to Perkins, and the BES reading room will serve as a satellite space for study, some reserves, and book pick-up and drop-off for several academic departments in the area.

Exhibits Program Launched: With generous support from the E. Rhodes and Leona B Carpenter Foundation, the Libraries hired an exhibits coordinator who has created an extensive exhibits program (<http://library.duke.edu/exhibits/about.html>).

The Biggest Challenges Facing Your Library in the Coming Year

Completing the Perkins Project: The final phase of this 10+ year process of expansion, renovation, and transformation will address the original 1928/48 building, the home of the Rare Book, Manuscript and Special Collections Library. Design is continuing and additional fundraising will be necessary to complete the project.

Continuing to Innovate and Maintain Momentum in a Challenging Economic Environment: Financial uncertainty makes it difficult to plan, and yet we must continue to expand our services and build extensive collections in multiple formats. We must also make good choices about the most effective uses of technology and carefully consider where to commit our staff resources.

Keeping Pace with the University's Directions: Reviewing our organizational structure, and revising as necessary will enable us to keep pace with the university's increasing interdisciplinarity and other new directions in research and teaching.

Other Developments

Targeted Strategic Planning Task Group Named: Reflecting efforts underway in Duke's schools and institutes, the Libraries have begun an intensive planning process aimed at identifying priorities, challenges and opportunities for the coming 2-3 years. Their report will be produced by fall 2009.

First E-Solicitation and Virtual Tour: We have issued our first email fundraising request, containing links to new/renovated spaces. This is aimed in large part at alumni who have not had the chance to return to campus since the opening of Bostock Library in 2005. The virtual tour (via YouTube) provides information about buildings, collections, and services. See: <http://library.duke.edu/about/virtualtour.html>.

Project OLE: This 12-month, Mellon-funded planning effort resulted in the design of a next-generation library system that reflects changing user needs and approaches to scholarly work, breaks away from print-based workflows, and integrates well with enterprise systems. Partners for the build phase, and additional funding to support it, are now being sought. Mellon will continue to play a role. See: <http://oleproject.org>.

Weaver Lecture Featuring Oliver Sacks: The Libraries collaborated with the Institute for Brain Sciences to bring to campus Dr. Sacks, author of *Musicophilia* and numerous other books, to deliver the Weaver Lecture, established in memory of Bill Weaver, a former Library Advisory Board member.

Pangaea: One World, One Party: The third annual campus-wide semi-formal party, organized by the International Student Association, was held in the Libraries in February 2009. It featured food, cash bars, and live music provided by multiple bands. See: <http://library.duke.edu/news/main/2009/article17.html>.