Wright State University Libraries
Annual Report 2014
Life is a balancing act

in academic libraries today as we stretch our limited budgets to maintain quality service and invest in new technologies and spaces to meet our faculty and students’ changing needs. In the face of this challenge, the University Libraries are committed to providing exceptional research service and resources that facilitate faculty and student success and to fostering innovation and life-long learning in our diverse community. We value people, service, learning, research, collaboration, and stewardship as reflected in our 2014 Annual Report. We hope you’ll enjoy this glimpse into our past year, and as always, we welcome your feedback and comments.

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Empower an engaged and diverse staff invested in the future.

University Libraries consist of seven departments including Library Computing Services, Digital Services, Reference & Instruction, Special Collections & Archives, Information Delivery Services, Technical Services and Administration. Library staff serve on numerous committees such as our sustainability committee (EcoNuts), professional development team, social committee, social media team, assessment team and web team.

Library staff also serve on campus-wide committees including the Unclassified Staff Advisory Council and the University Common Text Committee, among others.

Value 1: People

66 library staff members
114 advanced degrees
1,340 combined years of experience
128 memberships and leadership roles in professional organizations
Value 2: Service

Provide exceptional customer service, instruction, and outstanding resources

18
Reference & Instruction staff members led

728
information literacy classes reaching

13,660
participants in instructional classes, orientations and tours

51
Research Toolkit workshops helped students overcome common challenges in undergraduate research.

13
subject librarians served specific research needs.

There is a subject specialist for nearly every major academic discipline.

University Libraries added many new resources this year, including Films on Demand, a database of popular documentaries, historic speeches and more; and our new McNaughton Collection in Popular Reading, with new titles added each month. In collaboration with the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, we also added BCC Research, which consists of market research reports for STEM disciplines.

ABOVE: First-year Experience Librarian, Maureen Barry writes notes to prospective students

RIGHT: Engineering Librarian, Phil Flynn works at the Information Desk
Value 3: Learning
Create an environment conducive to student success

81% of students in ENG 1100 information literacy sessions reported learning effective search strategies.

341 hours students have used the new eLearning Studio for online course work.

81%

Events
Living Legends of the Dayton Daily News Archive
Cram Jam
The Unwin(e)d Book Club
Fuzz Therapy
Blind Date with a Book
Friends of the Libraries Workshops

Projects
Veterans Voices
The 1903 Wright Flyer Cleaning
Library Game Night
WSU Retirees Oral History
Radio Waves

Spaces and Services
Silent, Quiet and Group Study
Presentation Practice Room
Starbucks cafe

“I was anxious about returning to school after 12 years. The librarian helped me focus. I felt she really cared about me and wanted me to be successful.”

REF/RESEARCH PATRON

ABOVE: Students play a board game at the annual Library Game Night
LEFT: Students participate in a LEAP scavenger hunt to learn about library resources while practicing speaking skills
Count On Your Library

156,150
Student Assistant scholarships dollars awarded since 1995

17,000+
items are available in Wright State’s institutional repository, CORE Scholar

79
subject guides for specific disciplines and courses are available on the University Libraries website

40
years since the Public History graduate program was launched in 1974
12,489
eBooks added to the libraries’ online catalog in 2014

100,252
hours of library computer use on public stations in 2014

1,883
requests for information from local government records, manuscripts and more, filled by Special Collections & Archives

35%
of PrintWright jobs on campus are printed from the University Libraries computer stations.

15,000
cubic feet of materials in our Special Collections & Archives

135
Top Scholars honored since 1995
Value 4: Research

Encourage a culture of innovation and scholarly exploration

722,382 full-text articles downloaded via the University Libraries website in 2014

850 entrepreneurs, inventors and other researchers served in 2013-2014 by our Patent and Trademark Resource Center

11,000 students and faculty scholarly publications added to CORE Scholar, Wright State’s institutional repository, in 2014

Map of global CORE Scholar downloads on an average day:

ABOVE: A student in Special Collections and Archives
LEFT: Students in the Presentation Practice Room
Value 5: Collaboration

Engage with the broader university community and our external partners

- 133 local high school students visited Dunbar Library in 2014 to learn research skills
- 180 students attended Library Game Night 2014, the result of a collaboration between
- 144 members of the Friends of the Libraries group in 2014, consisting of Wright State staff, retirees, students and the local community
- 14 Wright State colleges, departments, administrative offices and student organizations
- 250 students attended stress reliever events during fall semester finals 2014, the result of a collaboration between the University Libraries, University Activities Board, Tutoring Services and Counseling and Wellness Services

ABOVE: Students participate in Library Game Night. RIGHT: Students de-stress with free chair massages in the Library Atrium during finals week.
Value 6: Stewardship

Exemplify responsible stewardship of university assets

122,172 print volumes were shifted on the third floor in 2014 to organize and create space for growth.

500 lbs. of 1903 Wright Flyer replica were lowered for cleaning and repairs in 2014, the first time since it was dedicated in 2001.

501,923 print volumes in the University Libraries collections

20,000 volumes in Special Collections and Archives, plus

15,000 cubic feet of manuscripts.

Finding new space for Special Collections and Archives has been identified as a priority in the University’s Rise. Shine. fundraising campaign.

Our Popular Reading collection has relocated next to the new Starbucks on the first floor. Visitors to the library will continue to see improvements to spaces and service in the future.

Learn how you can support our efforts. Visit libraries.wright.edu/support/giving.

ABOVE: The 1903 Wright Flyer replica
RIGHT: Dunbar Library exterior
Despite the rising costs of materials and inflation, the University Libraries continue to provide access to online and print collections in the form of journals, database subscriptions, books and other formats.

22% of the 2013-2014 materials budget was spent on print materials, while 78% was spent on digital materials including ebooks, online database subscriptions, DVDs and more.