

Dulaney-Browne Library

Quarterly Report

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National Library Week

The last quarter of the library's fiscal year begins with our celebration of National Library Week. As has become traditional, this year's celebration included a reception to celebrate National Library Workers Day and the accomplishments of our staff. Another tradition that continued was the annual "Food for Fines" food drive. Students have the opportunity to have library processing fees and overdue fines forgiven in exchange for donations to the Skyline Urban Ministries food pantry. In addition, many staff members participated in a



new marketing venture by choosing and displaying "staff picks" from the library's collection.

This year's continuing education award was modified to honor the best idea implemented from a continuing education activity and Edwin Wiles won for the idea to set up direct ILL links in EBSCOhost - from the EBSCO Customer Service Forum in May 2009. A new award this year was offered to the library faculty member with the highest number of publications or presentations in the previous 12 months. It was exciting to have three candidates with a total of 7 publications or presentations, but Robert Dorman was the winner with two completed book introductions, two book reviews. (He also has had an additional book introduction and book project

accepted by publishers.) This year's library improvement award was especially difficult to award, with 5 very worthy nominations. In the end I made two awards, one to Parker Atkins for suggesting and setting up the Gary Strawn "Spine Label Printer" program, which allows us to enter call numbers onto labels simply by scanning the item's barcode, as part of our new cataloging/acquisitions workflow and one to Kaitlyn Palone for creating magnetized workflow signs that have saved money (as well as trees) by reducing the number of post-its used in cataloging/processing. For the first time, the responsible budgeting award was granted for an idea that was not implemented, since it showed the creativity needed for thinking about budgets in tight economic time. Susan Small suggested the idea of cutting the budget from Term and putting it back from discretionary. While we didn't use it this year, it is a new tool we can



consider in the future. The library customer service award went to Lindsay Hall for service

exceptional all-around service. (A specific example involved a student who nominated her for employee of the month for sticking by them and helping them to print the PowerPoint slides and making sure they printed correctly before returning to her station.) Finally, the Library Supporter Award (for a non-library staff person you supported the library in a significant way) went to Sean Coates for his help with patron loads and high level of cooperation and service relating to getting data from Banner into the library system.



Student Worker Party

The end of semester student worker party is a semiannual tradition to celebrate the efforts of the library student staff as the semester ends. This year's celebration included hot dogs, video games, and traditional games and was a great success. The celebration also provides a time to recognize student workers who are graduating with a special

bookplate in a library book or score. This year's May and summer graduates included Clayton Brown, Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance, Andi Dema, Bachelor of Fine Arts in Acting, Desiree Dillon, Bachelor of Music in Vocal Performance, Roger Ellis, Bachelor of

Staff Searches

The library continued to function with a reduced staff throughout the quarter. This meant extra work for the remaining staff, especially Beth Jones and the circulation staff. Two librarian positions and one staff position remained open, but the search process continued. By the end of the quarter, a hiring decision was complete for the staff position. Andrew Tolly was scheduled to begin as our newest circulation technician on July 1, 2010.



Library Training

The April library training focused on a discussion of favorite information literacy tips. The discussion was limited to library faculty, but several good ideas were discussed. May and June library training times normally focus on the library since many classroom faculty are away for the summer. May's session focused on new library research guide formats that we will be working on over the summer to implement in the fall. June's session focused on computer tips for staff and for helping our students, especially with printing.



Arts in Theatre Performance, and Zalifah Mahadi, Master of Science in Nursing. Clayton chose a library copy of the libretto of Don Giovanni for his bookplate. Andi chose a new edition of *The Riverside Shakespeare*, Desiree chose a new vocal score of Schirmer's *Arias for Soprano*, Roger chose the book *Just Lucky I Guess: A Memoir of Sorts* by Carol Channing, and Zalifah chose *Teaching in Nursing: A Guide for Faculty*. these selections will providing a lasting legacy for the important contributions of the library's student staff.

Faculty Learning Community

Faculty members presented their work from the faculty learning community on improving student research skills on April 15th. Hyacinthe Aboudja, Computer Science, revised a syllabus for one of his courses to include more research activities. Pierre Cyr, English, and Christina Wolf, Library, collaborated to redesign information literacy instruction for his Comp II course. Dave Engebretson, Chemistry, created a rubric, guidelines and list of resources to help students create better research posters. Kewei Sha, Computer Science, developed an assignment and evaluation process to help students make better research presentations. Lee Webb, Library, coordinated the group's efforts, developed a pre/post test which was given before and after instruction in the Comp II course, and created the Faculty Information Literacy Survey.

Library Statistics

The overall library statistics for the quarter were quite disappointing. The number of individuals visiting the library, the number of students checking out books and other materials, the number of books, media, and scores borrowed through interlibrary loan, and the usage of monographic electronic resources (WorldCat, reference databases, and library catalog searches) were all down. There were a few bright spots, especially in music listening library usage and in the use of periodicals, physically in the library, electronically, and through interlibrary loan.

Goodbyes

The end of the academic and fiscal year also brought a move of two important members of the library faculty to emeritus status. Edwin Wiles and Chariyar Nillpraphan were granted emeritus faculty status at the Board of Trustees meeting in April 2010. Upon their departure, the library lost a total of 43 years of experience in the library faculty. Both will be missed.

