

# Dulaney-Browne Library

## Quarterly Report

### January - March 2010

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#### New Carpet for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Floors

Due to a manufacturing defect in the carpet installed during the library renovation in 2008, the carpet on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> floors had to be replaced. Library staff moved the media collection to the basement and cleared all of the books off shelves that were attached to the walls to prepare. Staff members with offices in the affected areas also had to box up loose belongings and detach computers. Work began at 8 am on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> and continued through Wednesday, March 17<sup>th</sup>.

The process was interesting to watch. Because the carpet is in squares, it was possible to remove the old carpet and add the new carpet without moving the library book stacks. The pictures here show the beginning of the process in an open area, the stacks with the carpet removed and the workmen raising the stacks to insert new carpet.



## Library Training

The library staff participated in three library training sessions during the quarter. The library basics training in January focused on finding specific known library materials. This session attracted 5 students and 3 classroom faculty members as well as 2 librarians and 5 library staff members. The February training was limited to library staff members and consisted of role playing with real questions and various possible staff situations at the common desk. The March library training on citation analysis using EBSCOhost and Google Scholar attracted 1 classroom faculty member and 6 library staff and faculty members.

## Staff Changes

Long time staff member Truman Anquoe left at the end of February. This leaves the library with 2 fewer staff members and 2 fewer library faculty members than in January 2009. The library expects to be able to fill one staff position in April and the library faculty positions in July. The remaining staff position will remain open due to budget constraints.

## Library Statistics

The quarterly review of library statistics did not present a unified picture. Reference statistics overall continued to improve, but more of the questions were basic rather than substantive. Circulation to students and faculty was up for the quarter, but still down for the fiscal year to date. Attendance was down for the quarter, but up for the fiscal year to date.

Several areas did show unequivocal progress. The use of article databases and interlibrary loan continues to rise. More faculty members brought classes to the library. These numbers continued to show increases both for the quarter and for the fiscal year to date.

Outreach to students and faculty needs to continue to encourage greater use of a broad range of library resources.

## Snow Days

Campus closed early on Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup> and remained closed through Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>. Weather, road, parking lot and sidewalk conditions improved enough by Sunday that the library re-opened.

## Selected Library Statistics

The table below shows the percentage change in selected library statistics when comparing the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter (January March 2010) and the fiscal year to date (July 2009-March 2010) to the same period last year.

	3rd quarter	July-March
	% change	% change
<b>Physical Library Statistics</b>		
<b>Monographs</b>		
Monographic purchases	11.58%	19.22%
Monographic gifts	74.74%	-65.07%
Monographic collection total	2.32%	2.49%
Videos added (net)	24.02%	32.39%
Scores added (net)	90.24%	-69.16%
<b>Total Reference Questions</b>	23.98%	0.37%
<b>Instruction</b>		
library instruction sessions	46.67%	6.82%
no. of persons in instruction sessions	34.48%	30.46%
<b>Circulation</b>		
Circulation to students	0.24%	-3.53%
Circulation to faculty	11.88%	-12.85%
Attendance	-5.75%	7.22%
<b>ILL &amp; Document Delivery</b>		
ILL books borrowed	10.96%	3.17%
ILL articles borrowed	0.58%	6.01%
<b>Virtual Library Statistics</b>		
article database searches	53.72%	39.93%
article database retrievals	47.59%	80.18%