

# Dulaney-Browne Library

## Quarterly Report

### July - September 2011

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#### New Staff

We were excited to welcome two new staff members on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Laci Bowers is our newest circulation technician. She has a Bachelor of Arts in Communication from the University of Science and Arts of Oklahoma and came to us after 2 years as a circulation clerk in the Metropolitan Library System. Paul Stenis is our newest librarian. He has a Master of Science in Information Studies from the University of Texas at Austin, a Master of Arts in Creative Writing and Literature from Florida State University and a Bachelor of Arts in English from the University of Oklahoma. He comes to us after 2 years as a reference and instruction librarian at the University of Central Oklahoma and will be serving as Special Projects Librarian and liaison to the English and Modern Languages departments.

#### New Database:

#### ProQuest Dissertations and Theses Full Text

All Oklahoma City University students, faculty, and staff now have access to the full text of most dissertations published since 1997 and abstracts and frequent to occasional full text of dissertations and theses published since 1861 through a new partnership with the Law Library. The libraries are sharing the cost of the subscription in order to make it available to all of our constituents. Most databases purchased by either library are available to all OCU constituents, although a few law databases are restricted to current law students and faculty.

#### New Faculty Lunch

The annual new faculty orientation lunch in the library was a success. Thirty new faculty members met with library staff and learned about library services. After the lunch and overview presentation, librarians met with the faculty in their areas of specialization for more detailed consultations.



#### Sundae Sunday

About 2 dozen students and the library faculty enjoyed the annual “Sundae Sunday” library tour and make it yourself sundae bar in the library. This year’s tour included the basement storage area for the first time since so

many more books are stored there due to the planned 4<sup>th</sup> floor renovation.

#### Faculty Scholarship and Service

Lee Webb’s review of *Learning and Teaching in Higher Education: the Reflective Professional*, 2nd edition was published in *Teaching Theology and Religion* in July.

Christina Wolf traveled to Chicago in August for a week-long visit to the Institute of Cultural Affairs in the U.S.A. where she conducted a Basics of Archives training session for their Archives Advisory Committee and helped to facilitate a planning session to develop a three-year action plan, provided advice for a National Endowment for the Humanities grant application and prepared a written report of recommendations for the institute’s director. She has also been appointed as the Senior Archives Advisor of their Archives Advisory Committee.

## Staff Retreat

The library's annual staff retreat on August 12<sup>th</sup> was held in the new Honors Seminar Room on the library's fifth floor. The library closed for the afternoon and librarians and staff gathered to discuss customer service issues and spend time working on team building activities.

## Undergraduate Research Behavior Workshop

Librarians Beth Jones and Lee Webb participated in The Council on Library and Information Resources and Council of Independent Colleges workshop on Undergraduate Research Behavior. This was one of a series of workshops funded by the groups and participation is based on competitive applications.

## Library Statistics

The library's statistics for the quarter show an interest mix of positive and negative indicators. Promising numbers include an increase in the use of periodicals (even though we have fewer subscriptions than last year), reference questions, reference database searches, article database searches, and slight increase in attendance. Less promising numbers include a 20% decrease in circulation of books to students and an 18% decrease in interlibrary loan items requested. The numbers could mean that students are asking for more help and finding more relevant information in a wider variety of sources, but especially the continued downward trend in circulation of books to students is of continuing concern.

Percent Change July-September 2010 - 2011

Total Reference Questions	145%
Basic, Machine & Referral total	189%
Information total	62%
Circulation to students	-20%
periodicals shelved	25%
total ILL borrowed	-18%
reference database searches	79%
reference database retrievals/hits	-14%
article database searches	18%
article database retrievals	3%
Attendance	2%



## 4<sup>th</sup> floor renovation postponed

The renovation of the 4<sup>th</sup> floor has been postponed until additional funds are available. Since the books were removed before this decision was made, library staff members are brainstorming ideas

of how to use the 4<sup>th</sup> floor until renovation can proceed. The current use of the floor is for quiet study, which is much in demand.

## United Methodist Church Historical Convocation

Christina Wolf led the local arrangements for the General Commission on Archives and History Historical Convocation of the United Methodist Church on the Oklahoma City University campus in July. This was a major event for United Methodist church historians and archivist from around the nation.