

# Dulaney-Browne Library

## Quarterly Report

### July - September 2010

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#### Sundae Sunday

Sundae Sunday on August 22<sup>nd</sup> drew a small but motivated and interested crowd. Students and librarians enjoyed a good informal discussion of library resources and adapting to college life over ice cream after a guided tour of the library.



#### Faculty Scholarship

Music Librarian Beth Fleming was notified in August that the national program committee for the Music Library Association decided to accept the proposal of the Music Librarianship educators for a session on Music Librarianship



Education in the Digital Age. Her presentation in the session will be about using digital resources to enliven music information literacy instruction. The conference is February 9-12, 2011.

Monographs Librarian Robert Dorman's most recent book, *Oklahoma: Past and Present*, was published in September. The book, aimed at the middle school audience, was issued by Rosen Publishing as part of its juvenile series, *The United States: Past and Present*.

#### OCU Reads

The Meet the Author event for OCU Reads selection Secret Daughter with June Cross drew a record crowd the the library's Rapp Foundation Reading Room on Thursday, August 20<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 50 individuals participated, including students, faculty, staff, and new OCU president Robert Henry.



#### Library Training

Library training sessions for the new academic year started out well on September 2<sup>nd</sup> with an overflow crowd for an EBSCOhost update. The session was repeated on September 17<sup>th</sup> for a total attendance of 29, including 12 Dulaney-Browne Library faculty or staff members and 17 faculty, staff, and student participants from across campus.



## Staff Retreat

The annual staff retreat was held in the Small Gardner Conference Room of the Meinders School of Business. This year's agenda focused on team building exercises and work restructuring brainstorming.



## Renovation Preparations

Preparations for the renovation of the 5<sup>th</sup> floor consumed much time and effort during the quarter. All of the Dewey Decimal 700s, children's books, and curriculum books from the 5<sup>th</sup> floor were moved to the 4<sup>th</sup> floor. Books in circulating storage were shifted to allow for more free space for



archives boxes, and finally, every item in the archives was removed from the 5<sup>th</sup> floor. In addition to regular staff activity, Archivist Christina Wolf organized a volunteer service day for students on September 11<sup>th</sup>. Approximately 20 students worked from 10 am to 3 pm moving several hundred boxes.

## New Staff

Andrew Tolly joined the staff as a circulation technician on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Andrew is an Oklahoma City University alumnus and had been working at the Southern Oaks Branch of the Oklahoma City/County Metropolitan Library System.

Risa White joined the staff as the new access services librarian on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. She holds a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Oklahoma and a Master of Arts from Wartburg Theological Seminary. She had been working at the Edmond Branch of the



Oklahoma City/County Metropolitan Library System as well as having completed an internship at the University of Central Oklahoma.

Bonnie Elizabeth (Beth) Fleming joined the staff as the new music librarian on August 17<sup>th</sup>. She holds a Master of Library and Information Science from Kent State University, a PhD in music history/musicology from the University of Kansas and Master of Fine Arts degree in music history/musicology from the University



of Kansas and in oboe performance from Arkansas State University. Her previous experience includes teaching

music librarianship and music history and various roles in a wide array of music libraries.

## **Library Statistics**

Monitoring library usage statistics is a valuable aid in understanding trends in the library's use and finding areas that require attention. The statistics for this quarter reflect a broad range of areas with increased use. Many of these reflect increased use of information resources compared to the same period last year, which is an important library goal. These include:

- Total questions (+35.7%)
- Circulation desk questions (+66.13%)
- Information questions (+13.35%)
- Foundation center visitors (+32.02%)
- Circulation to students (+12.46%)
- Circulation to faculty (+6.23%)
- Reserve circulations (+359.58%)
- OK Share cards issued (+220%)
- ILL books borrowed (+27.87%)
- Naxos clips streamed (+35.73%)
- Reference database use (searches +112.26%, retrievals +109.36%)
- OPAC searches (+22.7%)
- Periodical shelving (+53.66%)

There were, however, two more troubling numbers. Use of article databases was down (searches down .28%, retrievals down 31.85%) and the overall attendance number was down 4%. We will be investigating the number of patrons in the library at various times of the day to get a better picture of the library use than the raw attendance count provides and we will continue to promote online database use and investigate trends and changes in use to provide the best possible information services for our students and faculty.

## **Departing Staff**

After almost 20 years as serials technician, Edie Daniel left in mid September to take a teaching job in the Oklahoma City Public School System. This position will provide her with the opportunity to use the education and skills she has gained through her Oklahoma City University Master's degrees in TESOL and Early Childhood Education.