

MEMORANDUM

TO: William Louthan, Provost

FROM: Theresa Byrd, Director of Libraries

DATE: April 30, 2003

SUBJECT: REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES FOR MAY 2003

The Director of Libraries, Dr. Byrd, distributed the OWU Libraries' five-year strategic plan to all faculty and administrators. Included with the five-year strategic plan brochure was a report that summarized the results of the 2002 LibQUAL customer service survey. The data collected from the survey will assist the library staff in identifying the OWU Libraries' strengths, weaknesses, and future directions.

To provide sufficient funding for faculty to purchase books, Dr. Byrd established a new distinct acquisitions category for standing orders, which are library resources such as monographs, serials, or series that is published on a continuous basis. With the removal of standing orders from the departmental book allocations, the entire \$109,359 will be allocated to the departments to purchase books. The new "standing order" category solved the problem of departments not having enough money to purchase books because of the amount of money needed to pay for standing order resources.

The OWU Libraries joined the Scholarly Publishing and Academic Resources Coalition (SPARC). SPARC is an alliance of libraries and organizations that are working together to combat the exorbitant prices for journals. SPARC has launched several new journals as alternatives to high-priced commercial journals. By offering alternative journals to high-priced journal, SPARC hopes to lower skyrocketing journal prices. Of the Five Colleges of Ohio Libraries, Oberlin, Denison, and OWU are members of SPARC.

Dr. Kenneth Rowe, Professor of Church History and retired librarian of the United Methodist Archive Center at the Drew University Library, was the consultant who reviewed OWU's Methodist Collection with the merger of the East Ohio and West Ohio Methodist Collection at OWU. Dr. Rowe ranked OWU's Archives of United Methodism among the top ten Methodist research collections in the United States, including those at Boston, DePauw, Drew, Duke, Emory and Southern Methodist universities, Garrett-Evangelical and United theological seminaries, and Southeastern Jurisdiction Archives Center at Lake Junaluska, North Carolina.

The Technical Services staff continues to work on providing users access to all the OWU holdings by adding the 30,000 Dewey books, the Methodist collection, and music scores to the database of the online catalog. This is a priority project because materials that are not listed in the online cataloged are essentially nonexistent to students and faculty.

Integrating Information Literacy into the Liberal Arts Curriculum,” the three-year grant to the Five Colleges of Ohio from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, drew to a close this semester. The grant funded twenty-three Ohio Wesleyan University projects, including three comprehensive departmental projects and three with multi-course impact... Assessment of completed projects indicates that students substantially improved information literacy skills and produced better research papers and other information-based projects.

Sharing information about our faculty-librarian collaborative initiatives is taking various forms. Joy He, Public Services Librarian, and Dr. Nancy Knop, Assistant Professor of Physical Education, were part of a panel at the Association of College & Research Libraries (ACRL) 11th National Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina, presenting “Ideas, Incentives, & Interaction: Integrating Information Literacy into the Curriculum through Faculty-Librarian Collaboration.” Deborah Peoples, Science Librarian, and John Krygier, Professor of Geology and Geography, have written a chapter for a forthcoming book on maps and the Internet.

Information literacy grants in the coming year will use local funding. Grants will be aimed at those who have not previously received funding so they may experiment with integrating information literacy into their courses. Many of the faculty-librarian collaborative initiatives that started with Mellon Foundation Information Literacy project grants will continue as well.

Nine faculty workshops were offered during the noon hour. Topics included “ERes Fundamentals” by Bernard Derr, Chief of Circulation, “Social Science Safari,” by Tom Green, Associate Director of Libraries & Head of Public Services, “Cybercheating: What Is It? How to Detect It. How To Deal With It” by Paul Burnam, Public Services Librarian, “Copyright Issues” by Marsha Zavar, ILL, Public Services, & Copyright Manager, “Hunting Through the Humanities,” by Danielle Clarke, Public Services Librarian, two sessions on “OhioLINK’s Electronic Journal Center,” by Paul Burnam, Public Services Librarian, and “OWU’s Union List of Serials and Accessing Full-Text Journals” by Joy He, Public Services Librarian.

A full-page ad promoting the library and librarians was placed in *The Transcript* the week before National Library Week. Danielle Clarke designed a National Library Week display, including nine poster-sized portraits of OWU faculty members promoting reading.

Librarian liaisons purchased books from endowed fund allocations and facilitated the spending of departmental book funds. Books from the Dewey 900s were reviewed for addition to the regular collection, Special Collections, storage in CONStor, or withdrawal.

In response to the war in Iraq, a TV tuned in to CNN was placed in the lounge area on the lower level of Beeghly. Maps of Iraq from *National Geographic* and the Government Documents collection were posted nearby. A link to related Internet resources from the Librarians’ Index to the Internet was added to the library home page.

The following in-service training sessions were held:

- Kim Strain, Library Assistant, gave us a tour of the Curriculum Resource Center.
- Debra Lamp, Director of Student Activities, talked with us about OWU student services, including Greek life.
- Deb Carter Peoples, Science Librarian, presented findings from the LibQUAL+ survey.

UNIVERSITY ACTIVITIES/COMMITTEES

- Theresa Byrd attended the Teaching, Learning, and Cross-Cultural Programming Committee meetings and the Martin Luther King Committee meetings.
- Paul Burnam is serving on the National Colloquium Planning Committee.
- Danielle Clarke served as the affirmative action representative on the search for a Journalism faculty member. She agreed to serve as an Orientation Mentor and continued service on the Sexual Assault Hearing Panel.
- Tom Green served as Secretary of the Executive Committee of the faculty and the search committee to hire a Computer Specialist/PC Technician.
- Tom Green and Bonnie Mahle served on the Reclassification Committee.
- Joy He hosted a visit by Audrey Hall, the new State of Ohio Documents Librarian.
- Margie Wiers provided piano music in the Faculty Dining Room on St. Patrick's Day.
- Judy Orahood became advisor of a new community service group on campus called Pet Pals.
- Judy Orahood, Martha Powers, Bonnie Mahle, and Chuck Della Lana attended Library Retreat Planning Committee meetings.
- Xudong Jin, Joyce Laurence, and Martha Powers attended Technical Services Website Team meetings.

BOARDS, CONSORT, FIVE COLLEGES, AND OHIOLINK

- Theresa Byrd attended the Five Colleges Directors' meetings. She attended the OhioLINK Independent Library Directors and Library Advisory Committee meetings, and OHIONET Board meetings. In addition, she attended the United Way Board meetings and the United Way Public Relations Committee meetings.
- Paul Burnam attended OhioLINK Lead Implementors meetings, OhioLINK User Services Committee meetings, and OHIONET Reference and Resource Sharing Council meetings.
- Danielle Clarke attended a meeting at Carleton College to investigate a "Collaborative Web-based Assessment of First Year Students" grant proposal through the Midwest Instructional Technology Center (MITC).
- Chuck Della Lana, chair of the Five Colleges of Ohio AV/Media Subcommittee, hosted a meeting.
- Bernard Derr, Carol Holliger, Joyce Laurence, and Bonnie Mahle attended the formative meeting of the Five Colleges of Ohio Disaster Planning Subcommittee.
- Joy He and Martha Powers attended the Five Colleges of Ohio Government Documents Subcommittee meetings.

- Judy Orahoad attended the Academic Library Association of Ohio (ALAO) Support Staff Interest Group Program Planning Committee meeting.
- Judy Orahoad attended the Ohio Library Support Staff Institute Program Planning Committee meeting.
- Xudong Jin attended the CONSORT Cataloging and Systems meetings and the Collection Development meetings.

PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

- Paul Burnam attended a Yankee Book Peddler GOBI2 training session.
- Paul Burnam attended the Cleveland Area Metropolitan Library System (CAMLIS) "Planning and Implementing Change in Reference Services" workshop.
- Paul Burnam, Danielle Clarke, Joy He and Deb Carter Peoples attended an OhioLINK sponsored ISI Web of Science training workshop.
- Theresa Byrd, Tom Green, and Marsha Zavar attended the Ohio Dinner to raise scholarship money for the Spectrum Scholars with Emma Bradford Perry, Dean of Libraries at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, speaking on "Diversity and Commitment: A Recipe for Success."
- Theresa Byrd, Tom Green, Joy He, Xudong Jin, and Deb Carter Peoples attended the ACRL National Conference in Charlotte, North Carolina. Joy He, Dr. Nancy Knop, Assistant Professor of Physical Education, and other representatives from the Five Colleges of Ohio presented "Ideas, Incentives, & Interaction: Integrating Information Literacy into the Curriculum through Faculty-Librarian Collaboration." Dr. Byrd and Xudong Jin also served as facilitators in preconference workshops at the conference.
- Bernard Derr received OhioLINK Pickup Anywhere training.
- Tom Green attended the GLITTER Conference "The New Economies of Information Technology at Liberal Arts Colleges" at Wabash College.
- Tom Green attended the ALAO Diversity Conference at the University of Toledo.
- Tom Green attended the Angelbeat Internet Untethered Conference in Columbus.
- Joy He attended the Ohio GODORT meeting.
- Joy He attended the Chinese American Librarian's Association Midwest Chapter Annual Conference in Dublin.
- Deb Carter Peoples attended a workshop sponsored by the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI), National Library of Medicine, "A Field Guide to GenBank and NCBI Molecular.
- Xudong Jin, Barbara Wiesner, and Joyce Laurence attended GOBI 2 training at OSU and Kenyon College respectively.
- Joyce Laurence attended PowerPoint and Advance PowerPoint training at OWU's Information Systems Office.
- Joyce Laurence attended a Copy Cataloging Workshop at OHIONET.
- Joyce Laurence attended Disaster Planning, Prevention and Special Collections Workshop held by the Five Colleges of Ohio.
- Martha Powers attended an Advanced Copy Cataloging Workshop at OHIONET.
- Bonnie Mahle attended a two-day Microsoft Access workshop offered by OWU's Information Systems Office.