FROM THE DEAN

This year was one of the most significant in the history of the University of Idaho Library, as we participated in a project that has great importance for our library users — migrating to a shared integrated library system (ILS) with the Orbis Cascade Alliance. Because of work completed, we near our goal to enjoy seamless integration with 36 other academic libraries in the Pacific Northwest, allowing our patrons to share 9.2 million titles.

Accomplishing this endeavor demanded the dedicated effort of all areas of the library. It required that we attempt to disinvest in our existing consortial database, a feat that had not been attempted in the history of our vendor. We successfully accomplished this with no interruption of service to library patrons in any of the affected libraries.

This was also the year of conducting a program review as part of the university’s Focus for the Future (FFF). In this state board-mandated program, library faculty and staff helped craft metrics that could be applied across collections to highlight how parts of the library interact to provide library services. The FFF process required that faculty define research and scholarly activities as well as outreach and engagement functions for the purposes of establishing criteria for professional advancement. These definitions will provide structure for future assessment of faculty productivity.

Because of these major projects, most work on implementing the strategic plan was suspended. Some of the work groups organized in FY13 continued to operate in FY14, and the results of their efforts are reported in this document.

Our faculty continued to excel this year. We had our fourth American Library Association Emerging Leader, Annie Gaines, and a second Library Journal Mover and Shaker, Devin Becker. Becker was also honored for his poetry, receiving the A. Poulin, Jr. Poetry Prize. Garth Reese was selected to be an NEH Summer Scholar, receiving funding to attend the “Tudor Books and Readers: 1485-1603 seminar.” Five librarians received grants, seven authored peer-reviewed articles, and nearly all gave presentations to external groups and served on at least one university-wide committee. Several staff also participated in service and scholarship, advancing the goals of the university.

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CATALOGING & COLLECTIONS

Cataloging & Metadata
- Migration to the Orbis Cascade shared integrated library system dominated FY14 for all Cataloging & Collections units.
- Implemented new cataloging standards (RDA) to create bibliographic records for books, scores, sound and video recordings, and electronic resources.
- Completed nearly 100 new name authority records.

E-resources & Serials
- Added or expanded more than a dozen e-resources and collections including:
  - American Indian Histories & Culture
  - Web of Science (9 modules)

Digital Initiatives & Scholarly Communications
- Introduced VIVO, the library’s research and discovery tool for UI faculty. Worked with UI research groups and colleges to create researcher profiles, ingest data, and refine information.
- Transitioned to a fully digital theses and dissertations process. All students are submitting their work online, and digital works are being uploaded to the institutional repository and displayed through VIVO.
- The Journal of Rangeland Applications, the library’s first collaboration to produce an open access journal, had four published articles and more in the queue for peer review and editing.
- Expanded library outreach to the university and community through the new Scholarly Communications Librarian, offering copyright reference services and promoting open access publishing.
- Released the University of Idaho Campus Photograph Collection, featuring more than 2,000 images from the 19th century to the present. The collection was heavily used during this, the university’s 125th Anniversary. It was named a Digital Library of the Week by American Libraries Direct.
- Other new collections included:
  - The Donald R. Theophilus Collection Boxing Photograph Collection (images from the golden age of the UI boxing team, a national contender in the 1940s and 1950s)
  - The Experimental Forest and Savenac Nursery Photo Archive (historical images of Idaho forest stations and forestry)
  - The Leonard Feather Blindfold Tests was released as part of this year’s UI Lionel Hampton Jazz Festival Celebrations, received national attention.
  - The Potlatch Lumber Company archives will become part of the Idaho Forests Digital Archive web portal, a project funded by a gift from the Idaho Forest Group.
- Updated and redesigned Digital’s database and web presence. The update facilitated inclusion in Mountain West Digital Library (MWDL) and the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA).

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS & ARCHIVES
- Responded to 890 reference inquiries (phone, email, letter, etc.) and pulled 1,107 distinct items for researchers.
- Received 2,103 gift items including the following:
  - Athena Papers
- Letter from President Reagan to Lionel Hampton, gift of Robert Childs
- Papers of John Ehrenreich, former Dean of CNR
- Photos and plaques of Richard Gibb, former UI President
- Substantial additions to the Hays Family Papers
- Jazz session tapes and LPs from Tom Kramer
- Addition to the Potlatch Corp. Collections, primarily aerial photographs, negatives
- Papers of Morton Roy Brigham
- Small collection of Malcolm Renfrew’s papers
- Papers of Elizabeth Sedler and North Idaho Community Action Network
- Small collection of Donald Theophilus’s papers
- First installment of the Virginia Wicks papers
- Researchers conducted in-depth research in the following collections:
  - Arthur Troutner Collection
  - Lionel Hampton Papers

USER & RESEARCH SERVICES

Reference
- Faculty librarians answered 8,565 questions at the reference desk. Of these, 76% were asked in person, 9% via instant messenger, 9% by phone, 4% by email, and 1% of by text. 77% of questions were reference; 23% were directional.
- 128 students scheduled 101 individual research appointments (RAP) with UI reference librarians.
- Faculty librarians developed 22 new online research guides, contributing to a total of 121 research guides covering all aspects of library research and practice. Guides were viewed more
- Potential funding for first floor renovations prompted the creation of a task force to solicit faculty and staff feedback on proposed improvements.

**Instruction**

- Nine faculty librarians provided instruction to 50% of all UI students.
- Instruction statistics increased in FY14 due to outreach to many first-year courses and new General Education courses as part of the library’s participation in Assessment in Action (AiA), a competitive national program to support library assessment projects in 2014.
- UI faculty librarian Diane Prorak was selected to lead the university wide AiA team in studying and assessing the impact of UI library instruction on first year student success, retention and perceptions. The program folded library instruction into the UI Gen Ed learning outcomes assessment.
- Initial results of the AiA study show increased quality in essay writing and bibliographies, increased confidence and positive perceptions of the library and library use, and an overall positive effect of library instruction on retention.

**Access Services**

- 450,000 patrons came through the library doors. To these and off-campus patrons, more than 58,000 regularly items, 10,000 physical reserve items, and 72,000 e-reserve items were circulated.

**Interlibrary Loan (ILL)**

- Borrowed more than 3,000 items and received more than 5,000 articles for local UI patrons. Lent more than 5,600 UI Library items and delivered in excess of 8,500 articles to other institutions.

**INSIDE Idaho**

- Continued work on grant initiatives including:
  * USDA Forest Service award to Plant, Soil & Entomological Sciences.
  * Collaborated with the Northwest Knowledge Network (NKN) to provide GIS Server services to:
    - Managing Idaho’s Landscapes for Ecosystem Services (MILES), a National Science Foundation/Idaho EPSCoR funded project
    - Regional Approaches to Climate Change (REACCH), a US Dept. of Agriculture funded project
    - Idaho Geological Survey
    - UI Facilities Services
  * 227,659 visitors to the INSIDE Idaho website, and 7,524,204 page views. 18.5TB total bandwidth.
  * Partnered with Information Technology Services (ITS), and the Vandal Store to improve access to Esri software and licensing.
  * Added Idaho statewide 0.5-meter aerial imagery from the USDA Aerial Photography Field Office.

**Instructional Materials Technology Center (IMTC)**

- Circulated 1,518 items (Jan. 1—May 31). Added 4,535 items, and recorded 396 reference transactions.
- Completed initiative to attach IMTC materials to OCLC records for non-curriculum materials. Updated barcodes on children’s and young adult fiction items to the barcodes currently used by the main library. Completed cataloging the NASA collection and assessment items.
- Weeded outdated technology from the collection. Sent old cameras, recorders, and projection equipment to surplus.
- To prepare for the College of Education building renovation, more than 25,000 lbs. of outgoing curriculum materials were offered to area teachers. Remaining items were donated to Books for Africa. The IMTC will be housed temporarily in EAL 017 for the next two years during the renovation.

**Government Documents**

- Added 1,601 paper items, 1,460 fiche, 59 electronic items, and 80 maps for a total of 3,200 items (July 2013—March 2014). Withdrawn a total of 964 items.
- Began project to catalog uncataloged maps in the Map Room.

**Programming**

Open Access Week

- Film screening, research colloquium, VIVO presentation, and Wikipedia workshops

**GIS Day**

- Presentations, demonstrations, and poster exhibits related to geospatial technology

**University of Idaho Library Research Colloquium Series**

- Financial Fitness. Presented by Nancy Derringer (Consumer Science) with faculty librarians Katie Monks and Robert Perret
- Vandal Athletic Resources. Presented by library faculty and staff, Devin Becker, Jordan Wrigley, and Garth Reese
- Citizen Science at the University of Idaho. Presented by Jim Ekin (UI Extension Service) and David Volmer (NKN) with GIS faculty librarian Bruce Godfrey
- Hamp’s Legacy: The International Jazz Collection at the University of Idaho. Presented by Barry Bilderbeck (Lionel Hampton School of Music) with faculty librarian Garth Reese.

**Displays and Exhibits**

- UI Football Program Covers
- Gem of the Mountains
- GIS Day
- Cooking/Local Food
- Best Books of 2013
- Booker’s Dozen
- Idaho at 150
- Constitution Day
- Muslim Journeys
- Personal Finance
• Fiction/Pleasure Reading
• Travel Books
• MLK Day
• Hemingway Memorabilia
• Gabriel Garcia Marquez
• Student Research Posters
• Art Chairs Art & Architecture
• University of Idaho 125th
• Making Main Street Art Exhibit

Skills Training Workshops
• Citation Management (led by Jeremy Kenyon)
• ArcGIS (led by Bruce Godfrey)

OUR PEOPLE

TRANSITIONS

New Hires
• Beth Canzoneri, Ref. Librarian
• Suzie Davis, Library Asst., IMTC
• Rachelle Edwards, Financial Tech.
• Samm Green, Asst. to the Dean
• Anne Gaines, Scholarly Communications Librarian (temp.)
• Bruce Godfrey, GIS Librarian
• Amy Thompson, Library Specialist

Promotions
• Kristin Henrich, Assoc. Professor
• Robert Perret, Assoc. Professor

Retirements
• Judy Bielenberg, Library Tech.
• Cathy Merickel, Asst. to the Dean
• Julie Monroe, Library Specialist
• Gail Eckwright, Professor

Departures
• Caitlin Marineau, Library Asst.
• Renee Schlickenmeyer, Financial Tech.
• Estelle Sertich, Library Asst.

Tenure granted
• Kristin Henrich
• Robert Perret

Leadership/Service Highlights
• Twenty-six faculty and staff participated in library committee work, and 17 library faculty (100%) served on UI committees (6 chairs).
• Eight library staff and faculty served statewide leadership positions (including Rami Attebury, president of the Idaho Library Association), and ten served regionally, including key leadership roles in Orbis Cascade Alliance.
• Nine faculty librarians represented the UI Library in national leadership roles through professional associations.

Continuing Education
• Six library staff and faculty completed 12 UI courses toward advanced degrees.
• Twelve library staff and faculty reported professional development activities, including conferences, webinars, and online tutorials.

INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Grants
• Five library faculty received over $30,000 in grants and funding from state and national organizations for continuing education.

Publications
• Seven library faculty published peer reviewed articles in national publications, including:
  - Journal of Agricultural & Food Information
  - Library Philosophy & Practice
  - Collaborative Librarianship
  - Issues in Science & Technology Librarianship
  - Code4 Lib Journal
• Six faculty librarians contributed 14 book reviews to regional and national library publications.

Presentations
• Nine library faculty shared their research with presentations and posters at state, regional and national conferences, including:
  - NW Government Information Network Meeting
  - Digital Library Federation Forum
  - Online Northwest Conference
  - Pacific Northwest Library Assn. Conference
  - Ohio Valley Technical Services Librarians Conference
  - US Agricultural Information Network Conference
  - ALA Annual Conference

Honors
• Devin Becker: Library Journal “Movers and Shakers” Award; 2014 Alfred Poulin Jr. Poetry Prize
• Annie Gaines: ALA Emerging Leader
• Garth Reese: National Endowment for the Humanities Summer Seminar: Tudor Books & Readers
• Rochelle Smith: Donald Crawford Graduate Faculty Mentoring Award (Nominee)

FOCUS FOR THE FUTURE

As part of the SBOE-mandated review of all university programs, the library submitted the following evaluation:
• The UI Library serves all students, faculty, and staff by facilitating access to library resources, experts, and collections in traditional and innovative ways.
• The Library is the US Regional Depository Library, an Idaho Depository Library, partners in the Orbis Cascade Alliance, and houses INSIDE Idaho, the statewide geospatial repository.
• The Library collaborates with the Northwest Knowledge Network, ITS, and Tutoring & College Success to support the teaching and research mission of the University of Idaho.