

CLASSICS LIBRARY

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I Unit Narrative

The Classics Library has continued to strive to be a valuable resource for students and scholars from any department on campus, and to scholars from around the world. The goal is to be a place where efficient scholarship in classical and medieval sources is the norm, because of the convenient access to a focused portion of the University Library's collection, to a wide range of electronic resources, and to the assistance of skilled information professionals.

As the Acting Classics Librarian, I have been busy with collection development, having added over 1,600 titles to the collection this year. I have also handled the bulk of the 120 reference questions our patrons asked during the year. I have continued to select material for the remote storage facility, and Kim Lerch has processed over 2,100 items for Oak Street.

Kim quickly settled into her role as Library Specialist after starting on July 1st and, drawing heavily on the skills she acquired while working in the Main Stacks, embarked on several projects to maintain our collections. With the student workers, she has worked hard to find all items listed as missing in the catalog, identify rare and compromised items in need of preservation, and prepare serials for binding that was long overdue. Kim was also granted cataloging privileges and, in addition to processing items bound for Oak Street, has been working with Diana Eynon in Acquisitions to replace MARC records with proper bibliographic ones. She has also cleaned up many other bibliographic records, making sure that what is on our shelves precisely matches what is in the catalog. Now, she is even assisting with the original cataloging of our Dittenberger-Vahlen pamphlet collection.

I am still coordinating the cataloging and digitization of this pamphlet collection with CMS, DCC, and Preservation. The Dittenberger-Vahlen collection consists of rare 19th century dissertations, off-prints, and other papers on classical philology that were acquired by the university in the early 20th century. To promote the work, I created a Tumblr account (<http://illinoisclassics.tumblr.com/>) featuring recently digitized items which was mentioned by Charles Jones' Ancient World Online (AWOL) blog: <http://ancientworldonline.blogspot.com/2012/11/dittenberger-vahlen-collection-of.html>. I was also invited to speak about the project to the ACRL WESS Classical Medieval Renaissance Discussion Group at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference.

Our collection continues to benefit from the David Kinley Memorial Fund for the Classics, which was established two years ago through the generosity of John R. Gregg. David Kinley was the President of the University of Illinois (1920-1930), and Mr. Gregg is his grandson. This year, he fulfilled his goal of donating \$50,000 to the Classics

Library (though, over the phone, he did say that does not necessarily mean he will not be contributing more). This additional funding will assist with the acquisition of a number of university press titles which otherwise would have required regular funds.

Now that the work on the library chimneys and outer windows has been completed, we have started to return our quarto and folio sized volumes and archival materials back to rooms 407 and 411 from room 425, where they had to be temporarily housed for a year. We are also putting our seminar room back together so that it can be used in the fall.

The library has also continued to participate in the IPM (Integrated Pest Management) program of the Preservation Unit (<http://www.library.illinois.edu/prescons/services/ipm/index.html>) and continues to track the temperature and humidity in room 419.

Following on from the space proposal I wrote last year suggesting that the library move to a lower floor, I participated in the Main Library Humanities Hub Planning Team to discuss the possibility of moving the Classics Library to the second floor and ways of integrating it with the other humanities libraries on that floor. The team also drafted a job description and position request for a tenure-track Classics Librarian. Our report has been accepted by the Executive Committee.

In conclusion, the following is a list of the goals for FY 13 and brief remarks on progress towards meeting them.

[FY 13 Goal: Continue the transfer of volumes to remote storage, including all print holdings duplicated in JSTOR.]—met and ongoing.

[FY 13 Goal: Develop a disaster plan in accordance with Preservation & Conservation guidelines.]—We have obtained a Disaster Recovery Kit and Rescube from Preservation and have drawn up and posted new evacuation procedures in accordance with the new Library Emergency Plan.

[FY 13 Goal: Continue digitizing and cataloging the Dittenberger-Vahlen collection.]—met and ongoing (see narrative above).

[FY 13 Goal: Organize our collection of International Photographic Archive of Papyri (IPAP) materials and create a finding aid for the collection.]—All items have been inventoried and Kim is still adding these materials to a database she has created.

Goals for FY 14:

Continue the transfer of volumes to remote storage, including all print holdings duplicated in JSTOR.

Continue digitizing and cataloging the Dittenberger-Vahlen collection.

Continue to organize our collection of International Photographic Archive of Papyri (IPAP) materials and create a finding aid for the collection.

II Statistical Profile

1. Facilities

- a. User seating
 - i. Tables: 18
 - ii. Carrels 8
 - iii. Public work stations 2
 - iv. Index tables 0
 - v. Group study room 0
 - vi. Informal 3

2. Personnel

- a. Caroline Szylowicz, Mark Wardecker (Faculty)
- b. Kim Lerch (CS Staff)

3. User Services

- a. Gate Count
 - i. Actual 10,146
- b. Circulation
 - i. Initial 4,416
 - Renewal 8,239
 - ii. Reserves Though we still place materials on our reserve shelves for most of the courses taught by Classics faculty members, we have ceased to keep track of how frequently these materials are checked out, since the items are almost always used in the Classics Library.

Manual Circulation Statistics

The Classics Library has continued keeping stats for manual circulation, often for photocopying nearby. Monthly totals of daily counts are available upon request. Totals for the year are:

Faculty	71
Students	125
Permit holders	0
ILL/DD	0

Reserve	0
Binding	227
Special	16
Total	439

Reference

Face-to-Face	91
Digital	31

Number of Hours open to the public per week

Summer II 2012	40
Fall 2012	56
Spring 2013	56
Summer I 2013	40