

Veterinary Medicine Library

2013 Annual Report

UNIT NARRATIVE

Highlights

The Veterinary Medicine Library once again experienced a year of changes, most notably with regards to staffing. Diane Schmidt continued as Acting Veterinary Medicine Librarian through May 22nd, with Melody Allison substituting for a short period during that time. Erin Kerby was hired as the new full-time permanent librarian in March and began work on June 17th. Staff members Margo Robinson and Cindy Nakea continue to work full-time at the Vet Med library.

Collection Management

Under the supervision of the Acting Veterinary Medicine Librarian, library staff completed the task of transferring books and journals to the Oak Street Remote Storage Facility in preparation for the library's upcoming reconfiguration. Additionally, staff changed the alphabetic arrangement of some of the journals so that those previously shelved by their abbreviations are now shelved by their full title; for example, JAVMA is now shelved under Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association.

The Acting Veterinary Medicine Librarian continued to purchase as many electronic books and journals as possible, including journal back files.

Facility

Although some agreement was reached in early 2012 regarding the reconfiguration of the current library space, the plans and time table have not been finalized. It remains unclear as to when and how the renovation will actually take place.

Challenges

Without a full-time permanent librarian at the Vet Med Library, the unit's contribution to Library-wide programs and services was somewhat reduced this year as compared to past years.

Review of FY2013 goals

- Finish monograph transfers **DONE**
- Clear out mystery collections (duplicates, storage room, librarian's office) prior to renovations **DONE except for storage room**
- Obtain advanced scanner **DONE**

- Improve student worker hiring and training system **Ongoing**
- Create new librarian manual **DONE**

Goals for FY 2014

- Update existing Vet Med Library website and libguides
- Clear out equipment left in storage room
- Improve student worker hiring and training system
- Identify opportunities to provide data services support to CVM
- Explore possibility of digitizing CVM dissertations

STATISTICAL PROFILE

Facilities

Total user seating = 148

- At tables = 68
- At carrels = 40
- At library public work stations = 6
- At CVM work stations = 16
- In group study rooms = 6
- Informal = 12

Total hours open to public per week

- Summer II 2012 = 45
- Fall 2012 = 78
- Spring 2013 = 78
- Summer I 2013 = 42.5

Personnel

- Diane Schmidt (Faculty) (50%) (July 2012 – May 2013)
- Erin Kerby (Faculty) (100%) (June 2013)
- Margo Robinson (Civil Service Staff) (100%) (July 2012 – June 2013)
- Cindy Nakea (Civil Service Staff) (100%) (July 2012 – June 2013)

User Services

- Gate Count
- Circulation
- Reference interactions
- Presentations