

**CLASSICS LIBRARY**  
**ABBREVIATED ANNUAL REPORT, July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015**

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Unfortunately, since I am leaving the University of Illinois to depart for a job at Colby College, I do not have time to gather statistics and prepare a full report. Hopefully, this brief summary of what Kim and I have accomplished last year and what we were hoping to accomplish in the next will suffice.

We finished grooming the collection, having reduced our footprint by approximately 11,900 items total since we began this project in November 2013. Many of these volumes were digitized by DCC or Google before making their way to Oak Street. This also allowed us to rearrange our stacks in a way that makes more sense to both patrons and library staff. All of our journals are now located in Room 407 and 409, for instance, and quarto-sized volumes have been integrated into the circulating and reference collections in 419A.

With the help of CAM and Tom Teper, we licensed three new online classics resources: Oxford Classics Bibliographies, the Loeb Classical Library, and the New Jacoby. All of these had been on the Classics Department's wish list.

I helped the Classics Department write part of their narrative for their external review and gave the three reviewers a tour of the library, which included showing them some very rare materials belonging to famous classicists.

After showing these off to the external reviewers, we sent several rare items to the RBML for Project Unica digitization, including working texts that were annotated by Johannes Vahlen, and a manuscript for a Loeb volume that was edited by W.A. Oldfather and the Illinois Greek Club.

I taught an information literacy session and created a research guide for a new graduate level Teaching Methodologies class, focusing on resources dedicated to teaching classics and new digital humanities tools that I felt could be particularly useful in the classroom.

With the assistance of Sarah Christensen, Kim looked over all of the Classics Department's old lantern slides to see which ones would be candidates for digitization and archiving. These slides had to be relocated from the Foreign Languages Building (which Library Facilities was good enough to do), but the timing was fortuitous, since Sarah had already launched an initiative to review and digitize similar collections on campus. We are currently waiting for the slides to be relocated to the Archives or a staging area.

We would like to resume the cataloging and digitization of the Dittenberger-Vahlen pamphlet collection which is stored in Room 411. I have spoken with CAM about training Kim to handle

the cataloging of these rare items but have not been able to set a date with them to begin. Preservation and DCC will also have to be contacted if digitization is to continue.

## **Addendum from Kirstin Dougan: Interim Head of Classics Library/Interim Classics Librarian (8/16/15-present)**

### **II Statistical Profile**

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#### **1. Facilities**

- User seating counts (if applicable)
  - at tables 14
  - at carrels 8
  - at public workstations 3
  - at index tables 0
  - in group study rooms 0
  - informal/other 3 informal + 8 in seminar room (11)
- Number of hours open to the public per week (if applicable)
  - Summer II 2014 40
  - Fall 2014 52
  - Spring 2015 52
  - Summer I 2015 40

#### **2. Personnel**

- List, by name, all faculty, Academic Professionals, civil service staff, and Graduate Assistants assigned to the unit in FY15.
  - Kimberly Lerch, Civil Service Staff, 1.0 FTE
- Specify the amount of the unit's FY15 Student Assistant wage budget and Student Assistant FTE.
  - Budgeted \$9,467 / Spent \$6,057
  - Student FTEs .55/week (Fall and Spring)

#### **3. User Services**

Most of the following data has been generated by the Office of User Services and will be available at G:\StatsForAnnualReport2015.(I couldn't find this on the G drive...)

- Actual Gate Count 9166
- Circulation (from Voyager circulation reports)
  - The most recent I saw on the G:/ drive were for FY2014.
- Reference interactions (from DeskTracker)

- It appears via Jen Yu that Classics has not been using DeskTracker much if at all.
- Presentations (from the Instructional Statistics database)
  - Mark gave one class presentation to 20 students and two Savvy Researcher workshops with a total of 23 attendees.