

Veterinary Medicine Library

2015 Annual Report

UNIT NARRATIVE

Highlights

Assessment – Working with a faculty member in the College of Veterinary Medicine, the librarian created a survey to gather feedback from the college's faculty. The purpose of the survey was to solicit feedback about the state of the college's teaching and learning spaces, as well as the library's services. Respondents indicated overall satisfaction with the library and its services. Most respondents (over 80%) said that research assistance and instructional support from the library are either somewhat or very important to them. Responses and comments also indicated that access to online journals and books is highly valued, whereas the physical library space is viewed as outdated and would be better utilized as a classroom.

Facility – In conjunction with the College of Veterinary Medicine, the University Library continued with plans to renovate the space currently assigned to the Veterinary Medicine Library. As the renovation project is to include other spaces in the college besides the library, considerable time was spent gathering feedback and data, which was then used to determine which spaces would be renovated. Once that decision was made, the search process for an architect was initiated and is ongoing. At the time this report was written, the projected timeline for renovation is spring of 2017.

Additionally, the librarian worked with Library Facilities to have a motorized door opener installed at the entrance to the library in order to make it handicap accessible. This was done in direct response to feedback from a patron, as well as observational input from library staff.

Outreach – As the only veterinary medicine library in the state of Illinois, the Vet Med Library is an important resource for practicing veterinary professionals in the state. In an effort to reach out to such professionals, the librarian set up a table and poster at the College of Veterinary Medicine's Fall Conference for Veterinarians in Champaign. This annual continuing education event brings veterinarians in from all over the region to earn credits towards their licensure. The librarian handed out informational brochures and spoke with attendees about their information needs.

Challenges

Facility – A renovation project in the auditorium above the library posed a hazard when some concrete broke loose and fell through a ceiling tile in the library. No one was injured.

Consequently, the librarian worked with Vet Med Facilities to ensure better communication about the project, so that library staff could anticipate potential problems in the future. Due to the state's failure to pass a budget, the renovation was put on hold indefinitely at the end of the year.

Changes

No significant changes were made during the year.

Contributions

The librarian led a number of instruction sessions for various groups of College of Veterinary Medicine students:

- Weekly presentations during the fall and spring semesters on best practices for searching the veterinary literature to VM 601 Clinical Practice I and VM 606 Clinical Practice II students; focused on library resources.
- A presentation to VM 617 Professional Development students on best practices in searching the literature; emphasized ways to search the literature and find information after leaving the university.
- Several library orientation sessions for successive cohorts of CVM Island Students; a new cohort begins each fall, spring, and summer. These students come to campus for one year to participate in clinical rotations in order to fulfill requirements to obtain a degree from their home institution.
- A presentation to a group of students in PATH 513 Biomedical Grant Proposal Writing; this group included students from a several different departments.

The librarian participated as an instructor for two HUB training presentations:

- Cited Reference Searching
- Resources in the Life Sciences

The librarian created two new libguides:

- PubMed for Veterinary Medicine
- CAB Abstracts for Veterinary Medicine

Unit Annual Goals for FY16

- Identify opportunities to provide data services support to CVM
- Work with Scholarly Commons to have all issues of Veterinary Report deposited in IDEALS and coordinate with CVM to deposit future issues
- Develop criteria for use in shrinking the print collection post-renovation
- Perform outreach by setting up a table at the annual Vet Med Open House

Review of FY15 Unit Annual Goals

- Continue to improve student worker higher and training process **DONE**
- Identify opportunities to provide data services support to CVM **ONGOING**
- Work with Digital Content Creation to digitize older print issues of Veterinary Report, the newsletter for the College of Veterinary Medicine **DONE**
- Work with Scholarly Commons to have all issues of Veterinary Report deposited in IDEALS and coordinate with CVM to deposit future issues **ONGOING**
- Participate in several outreach events—~~Vet Med Open House~~ and CVM Fall Conference for Veterinarians **DONE**

STATISTICAL PROFILE

Facilities

Total user seating:

- At tables = 68
- At carrels = 46
- At library public work stations = 6
- In group study rooms = 6
- Informal = 12

Total hours open to public per week:

- Summer II 2014 = 42.5
- Fall 2014 = 75.5 (additional 6-8 hours exam periods)
- Spring 2015 = 75.5 (additional 6-8 hours during exam periods)
- Summer I 2015 = 42.5

Personnel

Erin Kerby (Faculty) (1.0 FTE) (July 2014 – June 2015)

Margo Robinson (Civil Service Staff) (1.0 FTE) (July 2014 – June 2015)

Cindy Nakea (Civil Service Staff) (0.5 FTE) (July 2014 – June 2015)

FY15 Student Assistant wage budget = \$13,237

Student Assistant FTE = 0.5 (grad hourly)

User Services

- Gate Count = 14,528
- Circulation
 - Initial = 1206
 - Renewal = 986

- Collections
 - New Titles Added = 597
 - Total New Items Added = 921
- Reference interactions = 224
- Presentations
 - Number of presentations to groups = 30
 - Number of participants in group presentations = 361