

VETERINARY MEDICINE LIBRARY
2012 Annual Report

UNIT NARRATIVE

Highlights

This was a year of changes at the Veterinary Medicine Library. Staff member Carl Graves transferred out of the library in November and was replaced by Cindy Nakea, formerly from the Biology Library. Librarian Greg Youngen left the University December 23 and was replaced on an interim basis by Diane Schmidt, Biology Librarian. An Extra Help person was hired and worked through January 2012 to assist with withdrawing/transferring serials.

During the Fall Semester, the librarian was involved in a New Service Model Team chaired by Tina Chrzastowski that concluded that the library would shrink in size to about 1/3 its current footprint and down to 10,000 volumes from its December 2011 size of 36,000 volumes. While many journal and monograph volumes had already been transferred or withdrawn in FY11, this new agreement would require even more weeding.

After Diane Schmidt took over in January, weeding the serial collection began again in earnest. By June 30, nearly 10,000 serial volumes were sent to Oak Street, over 800 were withdrawn, and 140 were identified as missing. According to the official Oak Street transfer statistics, Vet Med sent 21,658 volumes to Oak Street during FY 2011. While the serial transfers were being processed, Diane notified Main Stacks when she identified runs of serials that were held in Stacks that could be withdrawn or sent to Oak Street, resulting in 140 Stacks volumes withdrawn and nearly 2,000 sent to Oak Street.

Only a little monograph weeding or shifting was done before June 30. Several students from the LIS Collection Development class did a weeding project one Sunday in March, selecting several hundred older monographs that had not circulated in 10 years to transfer to Oak Street. Library staff later processed these monographs before returning to their regular duties of transferring serials. A student worker was hired in the summer to shift the collection, a very necessary task since the various weeding projects resulted in over 1,500 empty shelves and making it very difficult to find serial runs.

The Veterinary Medicine Library was involved in several library-wide initiatives beyond the New Service Model initiative discussed above. Diane Schmidt supervised an LIS weeding project, also mentioned earlier, and provided library use training for two groups of Island Students (Vet med students from Caribbean programs who spend a year at UIUC) as well as providing advanced training for a group of PhD and research-oriented CVM students. The library also provided films created by the CVM to be digitized. Margo Robinson attended RDA training, and all three staff were among the first library staff to be trained on LYNC.

Graduate Assistants

The Veterinary Medicine Library does not have a Graduate Assistant.

Collections

Collection development activities this year were more notable for the de-acquisition efforts rather than any acquisitions, but several e-journal backfiles were requested.

Service Accomplishments

Facility

In February 2012, a task force met to discuss a feasibility study for repurposing the Veterinary Medicine Library space. At the first meeting, 3 options were presented and a fourth was discussed at a subsequent meeting. It was agreed that the current space would be divided into several smaller offices, an open collaboration space, a fully equipped classroom (primarily for extension and outreach use), open study space, and library. The tentative agreement places the library collections and staff at the far (westernmost) end of the current space with adjacent 24/7 open study space. It is unclear when the actual renovation will take place since it is partially contingent on the college obtaining funding for the project.

In June, library staff noticed that a window had developed a significant gap that allowed bugs and cold/hot air into the library. The window was quickly fixed leading to much better climate control in the facility. At the same time, the battery for the emergency exit alarm was replaced leading to better security.

Challenges

Facility – Several broken floor tiles remain from the installation of security gates in 2009. These sections are covered by a rather tattered carpet runner. This could become a tripping hazard for those entering and exiting the Vet Med Library. This was also reported in 2011.

Review of FY2012 goals

- Continue to reduce the size of the collection by 40% (15,000 volumes) – focusing on monographs **Serial transfers completed, monographs begun**
 - Secure funding from NSM Coordinator to support Extra Help, if necessary **Done**
- Based on CVM design plans, explore the addition of a conference/instruction room based on free space created from collection reductions **Done, remodeling not begun**
- Two new displays **One done**
- Explore options for moving CVM films to digital format - explore external funding sources **Done**
- Provide mechanism for public access to the e-content of available monographs **Not done, but list of existing problem monographs updated**

Goals for FY2013

Since the incumbent librarian will not be present during the entire fiscal year, the stated goals are rather modest and designed to not constrain the new librarian.

- Finish monograph transfers
- Clear out mystery collections (duplicates, storage room, librarian's office) prior to renovations
- Obtain advanced scanner
- Improve student worker hiring and training system
- Create new librarian manual

II STATISTICAL PROFILE

1. Facilities

Total user seating - 148

- at tables - 68
- at carrels - 40
- at Library public workstations - 6
- at CVM workstations - 16
- in group study rooms - 6
- informal - 12

2. Personnel

- Greg Youngen (Faculty) (100%) (July 2011 – December 2012)
- Diane Schmidt (Faculty) (50%) (January 2012-June 2012)
- Margo Robinson (Civil Service Staff) (100%) (July 2011 – June 2012)
- Carl Graves (Civil Service Staff) (100%) (July 2011 – November 2011)
- Cindy Nakea (Civil Service Staff) (100%) (October 2011-June 2012)
- Sharon Fitzgerald (Extra Help) (October 2011-February 2012)

- Student Wage budget
 - Student Assistant FTE: .8 FTE

3. User Services

- Gate count:
- Circulation:
 - Initial and Renewal –
 - Reserves

- Reference:
 - Standard Reference -
 - Directional -
 - Digital -
- Number of hours open to the public per week:
 - Summer II 2010: 45
 - Fall 2010: 78
 - Spring 2011: 78
 - Summer I 2011: 45
- Number of presentations to groups - 3
- Number of participants in group presentations - 37