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Update on Library Space Planning

In my September post, I shared information on the Library Master Space Planning efforts for the summer and outlined the steps that had been taken as well as the plan for the fall to collect feedback from members of this community. During two weeks in September into October, we emailed a survey to all students, faculty, and staff.

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Report on CALD Project

Cooperation has a long history within libraries. By working together, staff from many different libraries are able to provide interlibrary loan services, negotiate optimal licensing agreements, and share knowledge and expertise with each other. One recent area of increased collaboration is in the preservation of scholarly print materials. No library has the financial or space capacity to acquire a comprehensive collection across all disciplines. Because of this, collection review and de-selection workflows are an integral part of collection management. Even as library staff de-select materials from their collections, however, they are at the same time working with staff from other libraries to ensure that no one is removing the last copy of an item.

Cooperative efforts around print preservation are happening on a local, regional, national, and global level. The CALD Cooperative Collection Management Pilot Project is an example of a local effort. This grant-funded pilot includes six local academic libraries: Macalester, St. John’s/St Ben’s, Concordia College (Moorhead), St. Cloud State University, St. Catherine University, and the Minneapolis College of Art and Design. Pilot participants worked with OCLC to analyze their collections and identify scholarly print books that are scarcely held in Minnesota or scarcely held in the United States. These titles comprise a retention commitment list that has been divided up...
New Services Added

The DeWitt Wallace library staff are happy to share that we have several new resources for our community to explore this year. Efforts by library staff to identify and implement collection cost savings measures, in addition to new business models offered by vendors, allowed us the opportunity to move forward with access to these resources. Let us know what you think!

**AM Explorer**

Provides access to primary source content covering the 15th - 21st centuries. Content themes include: Borders and Migrations, Gender and Sexuality, Global History, and War and Conflict. We are utilizing an Evidence Based Acquisition (EBA) model for this resource. With EBA, we deposit funds with the vendor at the beginning of the year so that a portion of their catalog is made available to us. At the end of the year, we select titles to add permanently to our collection using the deposited funds for payment.

**HeinOnline**

Provides coverage of more than 2600 law-related periodicals. Contains the entire Congressional Record, Federal Register, Code of Federal Regulations, and complete coverage of the U.S. Reports.

**JSTOR eBooks**

We now have access to over 50,000 ebooks on the JSTOR platform, including content from university presses, public policy organizations, and independent presses. We are using an EBA (Evidence Based Acquisition) model for this collection, which means deposited funds are used at the end of the year to purchase a select number of ebooks for our permanent collection.

**Newspaper Source Plus**

Full-text coverage of the world's major news content. Includes television and radio transcripts and ongoing daily updates from popular news sources.

**Coming soon:**

**PressReader Unlimited Newspapers**

Provides text and audio access to over 2,500 newspapers, including ninety days of back issues. The content includes newspapers from 100 countries in sixty different languages. English translation is provided for sixteen languages.

**USC Shoah Foundation Visual History Archive**

Provides access to approximately 55,000 streaming video testimonials of survivors and witnesses of genocide. The interviews and oral histories initially focused on the Holocaust, but the archive has broadened to include testimonies from other genocides and crimes against humanity, including the Nanjing Massacre (1937), Genocide Against the Tutsi in Rwanda (1994), the Armenian Genocide (1915-1923), the Guatemalan Genocide (1978-1996), and the Cambodian Genocide (1975-1979).

Update on Library Master Plan Survey

In the Fall Newsletter, we shared an update on the Library Master Space Plan [our Vision and Goals, and information on upcoming events. In September, we conducted a campus survey for two weeks. The survey was created as a way for the Macalester community to provide anonymous input and feedback as we develop our master plan for future library spaces. We focused our questions on how people currently use the library and how they hope to do so in the future. We also held several listening sessions to collect input from students, staff, and faculty.
We want to thank the 803 community members who completed our survey. The numbers were:

Students - 541 (goal=500)
Faculty - 100 (goal=100)
Staff - 162 (goal=200)

A summary of the results will be found in this presentation:

Our next steps include taking the information on how the library is used, as well as the ideas for future use, to develop some proposals. We hope to have these available in the spring for feedback and review. You may read more about the steps taken and future directions in the Director's Corner.