

University of Arkansas Libraries  
Library Goals Overlap with Chancellor's Priorities Report

The Libraries continue to respond to the needs of teaching and research faculty on the University of Arkansas campus. Recent improvements and innovations include:

- **The Implementation of QuickSearch.** In order to help even experienced researchers navigate an increasingly complex information landscape, many academic libraries have chosen to implement a “discovery layer” or a single search tool that can retrieve relevant resources across tens of thousands of ejournals, ebooks, and other digital collections. The Libraries launched QuickSearch in Fall 2016, a software overlay to the Libraries' catalog that allows simultaneous and interdisciplinary search of books, manuscript collections, and items in databases, including Index Arkansas, digital collections, and the ScholarWorks@UARK, the institutional repository.
- **[Office of Scholarly Communications](#):** Opened in April 2016, the OSC fosters and promotes the research, scholarship, and creative work of the University of Arkansas community by providing workshops and information resources and by managing the institutional repository, [ScholarWorks@UARK](#). During the 2016-17 academic year, the OSC will host workshops on publishing journal articles, publishing scholarly books, and copyright and other author's rights.
- **Digital Services Unit:** Created in July, 2015, the Digital Services Unit primarily performs large-scale digitization projects of rare materials for staff and a limited number of patron requests. The Libraries' *Digital Collections* site provides examples of those large scale digitization projects. The Digital Services Unit's mission is to assist in the creation of multiform digital collections by generating accurate surrogates of selected materials. The Unit provides dynamic and engaging services to our library users by enabling access to our digital materials, thus, contributing to the creativity, the teaching and the research of the campus community.

Additional projects and programs that librarians regularly undertake in order to assist other departments and units on campus in reaching their goals include:

#### **Faculty Support**

- **Selectors Program Reviews.** Departmental liaisons and collections selectors conduct annual reviews of the Libraries' support of campus departmental programs and faculty. We encourage the use of Special Collections materials in course curricula and recommend collaborations with departmental faculty on teaching and research support, including requesting digitization of materials that will support direct classroom engagement with students, and compilation of data in support of accreditation applications and reviews.
- **Course Curriculums Using Primary Documents.** Librarians will expand partnerships with departmental faculty on the creation of course curriculums that include primary documents. Special Collections regularly partner with the academic departments on the use of primary sources from manuscript collections in course curricula; this fall the English Department will pilot a similar program in some sections of its Composition classes. Selectors will explore opportunities to expand this program to other departments and programs.
- **Grant Opportunities.** Librarians explore opportunities to participate with campus faculty in grant opportunities or to assist faculty in the grant-application process, from finding grant sources to consulting on the inclusion of library resources in the grant to finding materials to support grant applications.

## Scholarly Impact

- **Scholarly Metrics.** Librarians provide assistance in compiling scholarly metrics for faculty, including the presentation of workshops and instruction sessions on best practices for compiling these standardized measures of scholarly impact and success.
- **Open Access / Open Educational Resources.** The Libraries continue to play a pivotal role in encouraging open access publication among campus faculty and in driving the adoption of open educational resources on campus.
- **Promotion of Departments, Units, and Programs.** The Libraries can assist in the promotion of individual faculty, departments, units, and programs on campus by creating tools such as the patents database, other lists and bibliographies, and encourage submissions to ScholarWorks@UARK, the institutional repository to showcase publications and research. This will assist in the recruitment of graduate students.

## International Outreach

- **Collaboration / Support for Distance Education.** The Libraries seek out opportunities to expand the international reach of the University of Arkansas, by working with the Study Abroad Office, the Rome School, the Graduate School, and the Office of Admissions on the recruitment of international students, and by promoting our unique collections to international researchers.
- **Resources and Tools.** We will continue the promotion of library resources such as Mango languages to those engaged in international programs and travel.
- **Service and Outreach.** We will explore possibilities for collaboration with the World Trade Center on their efforts to bring economic opportunities to Arkansas, and look for additional collaborations to share library resources, such as the recent Memorandum of Understanding with the Kabbalah University in Cote d'Ivoire.

Additional projects and programs that will be explored in the near future include:

- **Digital Humanities.** Librarians will collaborate with faculty, instructional designers, and Information Technology Services in the emerging field of digital humanities. We will explore opportunities to use emerging technologies, to create new pedagogies and approaches to research, to develop tools and technologies that cross traditional disciplinary boundaries and that allow us to measure and capture data about their impact.
- **Metadata for Data Sets.** Librarians will assist researchers in creating metadata for large data sets that will enable and promote the findability of content.
- **Building and Renovation Projects.** We are in the planning stage of creating an offsite storage location for Libraries' holdings, which will free up space in Mullins Library to create a more useful and dynamic user space for our growing population of students. The Libraries' quiet and collaborative study spaces are ideal locations for learning and knowledge creation, and are also a trusted space where students may create or join a fellowship of mutual support with other students, tutors, advisors, and librarians.

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