

duPont-Ball Library
Annual Report 2009-2010

GOALS AND PROGRESS 2009-2010

A. Provide Resources for Academic Quality

- Aggressively continued the transition from print to electronic resources, weeding 10,000 print reference books, 6,022 print journals, and 2,800 physical federal documents, largely replaced with electronic resources. Electronic resources comprised 44% of the library's expenditures.
- Added fifteen databases and the major Springer E-Journals Package, made possible through the Stetson-led ICUF Libraries Group discounts & collaboration with the College of Law and the libraries of the State University System and State College System. Six older databases were cancelled after cost ratio analysis.
- Purchased and implemented an Archives server and ContentDM software to organize and provide public access to the digitized holdings in the University Archives and Special Collections. Gift funds expended for the project in 2009/10 totaled \$29,610.
- Began to index and organize the E. Clay Shaw Papers, which cover the twenty-six years of his congressional service. This will be a prime resource for political and historical studies.

B. Provide Services for Academic Quality

- Increased the number of instruction sessions by 37.5% from the previous year, reaching 24% more students.
- Implemented a pilot project with on-call research assistance rather than staffing the reference desk. As a result of this pilot and historic data, the staffed reference desk was eliminated May 2010, with research librarians scheduled to be on-call to provide assistance in person or via telephone or email.
- Participated in the pilot program of online courses taught summer 2010. The three full-time research librarians took Elluminate training, and three faculty members made use of the expertise of these librarians.
- Purchased with gift funds and installed 18 new public workstations to replace outmoded machines.

C. Provide Library Facilities to Encourage and Enhance Study and to Support the Valuable Print Collection

- Greatly improved inadequate lighting on the ground floor, using approximately \$5,000 in gift funds.

- Raised funds to re-carpet most of the main floor and purchase additional lounge furniture, to be completed July 2010.
- Completed evaluation of more than one-third of the pre-1985 journals on the ground floor to remove those available through the JStor journals database or other electronic means to make room for more recent journals to be moved from the main floor to provide space for the summer 2011 move of the Music Library.
- Completed a study of options for the complete upgrade of the public interface to the Sirsi Catalog and will move to eLibrary in July 2010.

D. Seek Sustained Funding and Market the Library

- Failed to secure more University-provided operating funds, which remained at the same level, with resources still funded at \$20,000 less than in 2001.
- Raised \$47,000 for library enhancements and books and \$28,000 in additions to endowments.
- Received \$89,088 in distributions from endowments, largely created in the last eight years, including the first distribution of almost \$47,000 from the Mary Porter Endowment.
- Marketed the library through traditional and new projects:
 - Continued First-Year Students Project and special events for students during exams.
 - Continued publication of the *Library Newsletter*, mailed to donors and potential donors with personal letters twice each year, and the annual *Faculty Review*.
 - Held the eighth annual fall reception for university personnel and friends of the library, honoring faculty who had been promoted and/or awarded tenure.
 - Provided images and videos from Archives and Special Collections for Simon & Schuster (Max Cleland's new book) and an ABC World New segment on Cleland. Created numbers of displays for campus events and web pages for some of the inaugural events.

E. Assessment:

- Participated in benchmarking studies with the Affinity Group of Libraries.
- Tracked and studied statistics on gate count, reference questions, circulation, database use, e-books use, print journal reshelving, etc.

Additional information, details, and statistics will be available at http://stetson.edu/library/publications_annualreports.php no later than July 21, 2010.