

Date: July 25, 2014  
To: Library Committee  
From: Susan Ryan, Betty Drees Johnson Dean of the Library & Digital Learning Resources  
RE: Highlights of Library Activities, 2013-2014

- Challenges and Opportunities

All modern academic libraries are in transition from repositories of print information to collaborative learning centers that place a heavy emphasis on digital material and learning technologies. The Stetson library is no exception - librarians and library staff are collaborating with many other campus units to make our library the centerpiece of academic support. The Writing Center has moved into the library building, with a Speaking Center soon to follow. We are also working closely with the office of Student Success to move many of their academic support services into our building in the next couple of years. Now available to our students in the library: collaborative workstations, 3D scanning and printing, a hundred thousand e-books, and a multitude of digital resources. Technology allows us to offer vast amounts of information to our students - a wonderful opportunity. At the same time, we are challenged to ensure that our students have the information and technology literacy skills to deal with a rapidly changing information world. It's an exciting time for academic libraries and we are moving forward with great enthusiasm.

Effective April 2014, Learning Technologies reports to Susan Ryan, Betty Drees Johnson Dean of the duPont-Ball Library & Digital Learning Resources. Learning Technologies staff shares expertise across all Colleges and Schools, working with faculty University-wide to enhance student learning and realize the most effective and efficient ways to build Stetson's learning technologies capacities.

- Highlights, Activities, and Events:

Rosalie Flowers joined the library faculty in July as the library's new Learning and Information Literacy Librarian. She comes to us from the University of Central Florida where she served as the library instruction coordinator of the UCF Libraries' Information Literacy & Outreach department.

Former Library Director and current University Trustee Betty Johnson endowed Stetson's first dean's position, naming Susan Ryan the inaugural Betty Drees Johnson Dean of the duPont-Ball Library & Digital Learning Resources. Betty's gift comes with an Innovation endowment fund to be used for innovative projects in the library that will enhance library services, student learning, and/or faculty research.

For our first Johnson Innovation project, the library opened a small 3D printing lab in the summer of 2013 – the lab has two 3D printers and a 3D scanner. The printers are heavily used by students and faculty seven days a week and the recently acquired scanner will allow 3D-printable files to be made from physical items. In March and June, Susan Ryan and Dr. Tandy

Grubbs, chair of the Chemistry Department, gave presentations on the use of the 3D printers as a teaching/learning tool in chemistry to the American Chemical Society and to the American Library Association. Chemistry student Dan Nunez made 3D printing the focus of his senior research, and students from a number of disciplines are making good use of the printers. Librarians have developed innovation "RFPs" that will offer faculty and students opportunities to work with Google Glass and Tablet course packs.

The duPont-Ball Library continues a major transition from print to digital resources to open more student space for study, learning, innovation, and collaboration. More than 35,000 books, about 10,000 journal volumes, and about 14,000 government documents have been weeded (sold, donated, or recycled) this academic year. During the same time period, the library has added almost 30,000 e-books to our collection. Students and faculty also have access to more than 80,000 journal and magazine texts and 140,000 e-books full-text online. Susan Ryan, Lua Hancock, Assistant Provost for Student Success, and campus planner Art Lidsky have met several times this year to review conceptual drawings of Student Success space on the mezzanine floor of the library. Late in the fiscal year, a donor was secured to fund the Student Success Center project for which advanced planning will begin in the summer of 2014.

The Writing Center moved into the library in the summer of 2013 and plans are underway to put a Speaking Center on the ground floor of the building. The Writing Center reported a large increase in use after moving into the library building, and the staff has increased the Center's hours to serve students more effectively.

In February 2014, duPont-Ball Library librarians surveyed the faculty and students on e-book preferences. This survey was conducted in collaboration with libraries at Haverford College, Bates College, Brown University, Trinity College, Connecticut College, Providence College, California Lutheran University, and the State University of New York at Fredonia. Results from the survey will be presented in collaboration with the other libraries in 2015.

The library sponsored a number of film screenings and programs as part of its National Endowment for the Humanities/The Gilder Lehrman Institute of History grant titled "Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle." The films were shown to enthusiastic audiences on the DeLand campus and at various venues with our grant community partners, the Volusia County Library System and the African-American Museum of the Arts in DeLand. A campus discussion on the films in February attracted more than 100 students, faculty, and community members.

The duPont-Ball librarians continue to work with the General Education Assessment Committee and the Office of Institutional Research (IR) on General Learning Outcomes in the area of information fluency. Librarians and IR staff met to discuss data from the SAILS (Standardized Assessment of Information Literacy Skills) test administered to about 450 first-year students during 2013-2014 and librarians are now designing a plan to address information literacy deficiencies identified in the testing.

In partnership with International Learning, the library hosted two international film screenings this academic year. Students enjoyed socializing and viewing the films which will be part of an ongoing film series.

As a result of several collaborative meetings with the office of Student Success, the library installed the *Snap N' Read* software on some of the public computer workstations. The software is designed to make working on a computer screen easier for students with dyslexia or vision impairment.

The library held its annual August reception to honor faculty who were tenured and/or promoted and those faculty members who have recently written books. Honored this year were Cindy Bennington, David Bjella, Debbi Dinkins, Glen Epley, Eric Kurlander, Brigid Noonan, and Ranjini Thaver, all promoted to Professor, as well as Leila Roach, Joshua Rust, Chris Tobler, Rebecca Watts, and John York, tenured and promoted to Associate Professor. Faculty authors honored included Jamil Khader (two books) and Provost Beth Paul.

The library awarded two annual student research awards at the end of spring semester - the Evans C. Johnson Research Prize and the R. Neil Scott Research Prize. Both contests are donor-sponsored in memory of the prizes' namesakes to encourage the thorough, effective, creative, and ethical uses of research resources in first year undergraduate papers.

The library hosted *Cookies and Milk during Finals* night and provided students with free coffee throughout exam weeks during the fall and spring semesters. Therapy dogs visited during mid-terms and on finals week and were a big hit with students as they took a break from studying.

- Collections and Gifts:

The library received many gifts this year, including a large gift of music scores from Paul and Esther Langston; a large collection of music CDs from the estate of Henry Dewey Anderson, manager of the Daytona Beach summer music festival featuring the London Symphony Orchestra; a rich collection of historical Florida postcards from alumnus Jay Mechling ('67) featured in an exhibit at the Southeast Museum of Photography in Daytona Beach titled "Edge to Edge: Vintage Panoramic Photography in Florida"; and a large number of memorabilia items to add to the library's Max Cleland Collection from Senator Max Cleland ('64) -new items included photographs of Cleland's trip to Normandy when he accompanied President Obama to the commemoration of the 65<sup>th</sup> anniversary of D-Day.

Stetson alumni authors were added as a searchable feature in the library's online catalog. The alumni authors list is found at <http://cat.stetson.edu/uhtbin/cgiirsi/x/0/0/28/44/X>.

- University Archives:

Programs from the School of Music performances going back decades are being digitized for inclusion in the Library's Digital Archives (<http://archives.stetson.edu>). The Digital Archives includes tens of thousands of photographs and memorabilia items related to University history.

The duPont-Ball Library has digitized and uploaded to the Digital Archives complete runs (going back as far as 1886) of most major Stetson publications. More than 800 issues of publications are searchable and printable in PDF format. Alumni love this treasure trove of Stetson's past, but the Digital Archives is also often used by students researching Stetson and general cultural history topics.

The library's University Archives staff members created a display for African American History month that included Stetson's Integration Timeline. Several African American alumni visited the library to see the display, including Jimmy Johnson ('68), Dorothy Pompey Johnson ('69), and Gwen Azama-Edwards ('70).

- Library Faculty Professional Activities:

Debbi Dinkins and Laura Kirkland presented a paper, "An Uneasy but Powerful Alliance: Faculty Use of E-books," at the 11th International Conference on the Book, Regensburg, Germany, September 2013.

Laura Kirkland and Jean Wald presented a talk, "Finding and Using Ebrary E-Books," at Stetson's Technology Day, February 14, 2014.

Jason Martin presented a paper, "Organizational Culture and Organizational Change: How Shared Values, Rituals, and Sagas can Facilitate Change in an Academic Library," at the Association of College & Research Libraries Conference, Indianapolis, April 2013.

Jason Martin presented two posters titled "Managing Against Change: Transactional Leadership and the Experienced Library Leader" and "Lead and Inspire: The Effect of Transformational Leadership on Organizational Outcomes" at the American Library Association Annual Conference, Las Vegas, June 2014.

Susan Ryan and Dr. Tandy Grubbs presented "Collaborate and Innovate: 3D Printing in Academic Libraries" at the American Library Association's Annual Conference, Las Vegas, June 2014.

Dr. Tandy Grubbs, Professor of Chemistry, and Susan Ryan presented a paper titled "3D Printing to Create Models that Enhances Student Understanding of Molecular Structure and Function" at the American Chemical Society's Annual Conference, Dallas, March 2014.

Librarian publications:

Barbara Costello, "Free U.S. Government Databases for Non-Depository Libraries" in *The Reference Librarian* (2013).

Debbi Dinkins, "Who Chooses Wisely? Ebook Purchases: Librarian and Teaching Faculty Selections" in *Against the Grain* (2013).

Laura Kirkland, "The Relationship of Metadata to Item Circulation" in *Cataloging & Classification Quarterly* (2013).

Sims Kline, "Documents in the News" in *DttP: Documents to the People* (2013).

Jason Martin, "Organizational Culture and Administrative Change: A Case Study of the Metropolitan Academic Library," in *Workplace Culture in Academic Libraries: The Early Twenty-First Century* (2013).

Jason Martin, "Organizational Culture and Leadership: The Irresistible Force versus the Immovable Object," in *Leadership in Academic Libraries Today* (2014).

Susan Ryan, "An Idea Likely Too Big: John B. Stetson University's Pursuit of an Academic Carnegie Library in the Early Twentieth Century" in *Library & Information History* (2013).