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A MESSAGE FROM DEAN SANDRA YEE

In 2008, the Library System continued our commitment to Wayne State's strategic goals of excellence in teaching and learning, remaining a premier research university and enhancing our urban mission and commitment. I am pleased to report that the Library System, with the support of its many partners on campus and around southeastern Michigan, nationally and internationally, continues our progress in the face of difficult economic times.

Our emphasis on excellence in teaching and learning led to the creation of a new liaison services coordinator position, giving renewed emphasis to the librarians' relationships with academic departments, faculty and students. We are developing tools to make the integration of library resources in courses more convenient and to instruct students in accessing and making use of the tools we own.

Librarians are involved with introductory classes in the school of business administration and in the communications department, and have successfully created online instruction for these students. Some librarians are now holding office hours where our faculty teach and our students attend classes. Because of the many electronic resources now available, it is possible to offer mobile services to better meet our clients' needs. This commitment to electronic resources once again made us a leader in the ARL Statistics in percentage of acquisitions dollars allocated to electronic resources.

In this challenging economy, we are working to provide opportunities that match the needs of today's students. The all-online MLIS degree allows students from across the United States to take classes and earn a professional degree that will open doors for them in the future. We are also preparing our LIS students to work in a variety of settings and places. After the Urban Librarian Summit in September, in which we established



our definition of urban librarianship, we renewed our commitment to underserved populations by crafting a new concentration in urban librarianship that will be implemented in fall 2009. The School of Library and Information Science continues to grow with innovative new programs and continued commitment to our core traditions.

We look forward to many new developments in the coming year, particularly the completion of a renovated Purdy Library reference area and the grand opening of the Richard J. Mazurek Medical Education Commons complex, which will house

the Shiffman Medical Library. I encourage you to visit us and enjoy our new and renovated spaces!

Sandra G. Yee, Dean of the Wayne State University Library System

STATS 2008



TOTAL VOLUMES	3,660,642
VOLUMES ADDED (GROSS)	39,045
VOLUMES ADDED (NET)	2,003
TOTAL NUMBER OF SERIAL TITLES CURRENTLY PURCHASED	31,518
NUMBER OF LOGINS TO PUBLIC COMPUTERS	945,093
WEB SITE HITS	1,498,115
NUMBER OF RESERVE CIRCULATIONS	78,011
NUMBER OF REGULAR CIRCULATIONS	180,054
GATE COUNT FOR ALL LIBRARIES	1,929,975
NUMBER OF SEARCHES IN DATABASES OR SERVICES	3,621,677
NUMBER OF FULL-TEXT ARTICLES DOWNLOADED	2,356,979
NUMBER OF E-BOOKS	206,736
ANNUAL BUDGET	\$20,801,616

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TECHNOLOGY RESOURCE CENTER NAMED NATIONAL MODEL OF DIGITAL TEACHING AND LEARNING

The Technology Resource Center (TRC), a collaboration of the Office for Teaching and Learning (OTL), Computing and Information Technology, was named an "exemplary model of digital learning and teaching with new technologies" by the international Humanities, Arts, Science and Technology Collaboratory (HASTAC). The nomination was based on an evolving portfolio of projects managed by the Digital Projects Initiative of the Wayne State University Library System (WSULS). Called "Digital Partnerships for Engaged Learning," the portfolio contains three projects that foster purposeful integration of digital media in teaching and learning by bridging faculty and TRC expertise, building faculty learning communities and collaborating with other institutions in the community (viewable at www.otl.wayne.edu/dpel).

The Digital Media Learning Community develops new technologies for teaching and learning, including communication and social networking tools. Open to all faculty on campus who are interested in exploring the use of digital media in their research and teaching, the Learning Community is lead by OTL Faculty Fellow, Julie Thompson Klein. In 2008, The group sponsored presentations from the members of the learning community and invited guests that highlighted the variety of ways digital media are integrated into the scholarly enterprise.

The Art History Luna Project is a collaboration of the art history department and staff of the Library System. Using LUNA Insight software, the team replaced art history slide carousels with digitized images while adding innovative metadata and searchability features. The art history department established procedures and provided support to their faculty so that Luna images are now being used in classes on a regular basis. Individual images continue to be added to the database.

The Digital Learning and Development Sandbox (DLDS) was the recipient of a National Endowment of the Humanities Start-up Grant for \$50,000 to promote greater use of the WSULS Digital Images Collections, created through collaborations with museums and archives. When completed, the DLDS will serve as a digital workspace for faculty to develop digital learning objects that are enhanced with images from the Virtual Motor City and Digital Dress Digital Library Projects. The Sandbox will also feature templates and instructional design advice for integrating images, texts and audio in both classroom and online assignments. The Sandbox will be released to the academic community in September 2009.

2008 CLASSROOM REDESIGN PROJECT

During the 2008 fall semester, the TRC's Instructional Media Design (IMD) staff worked with faculty to redesign classroom equipment in State and Manoogian Halls. With funding from the Office of the Provost, IMD staff (formerly Media Services) studied best practices in classroom technology and brought that knowledge into Wayne State's general purpose classrooms. The new instructor workstation is the result of these efforts, which included consultations with faculty groups and individual usability testing of the equipment by faculty with instructional media typically used in the classroom.

The new workstation has the latest features in classroom technology, including a computer as well as a hook up for an instructor's laptop, a DVD/VCR player, a ceiling-mounted projector, two ceiling-mounted speakers, an audio connector for Podcasting, several USB ports and a touch panel control system. Sophisticated electronic security and a "doorless" design enables faculty to walk up and use the equipment immediately.

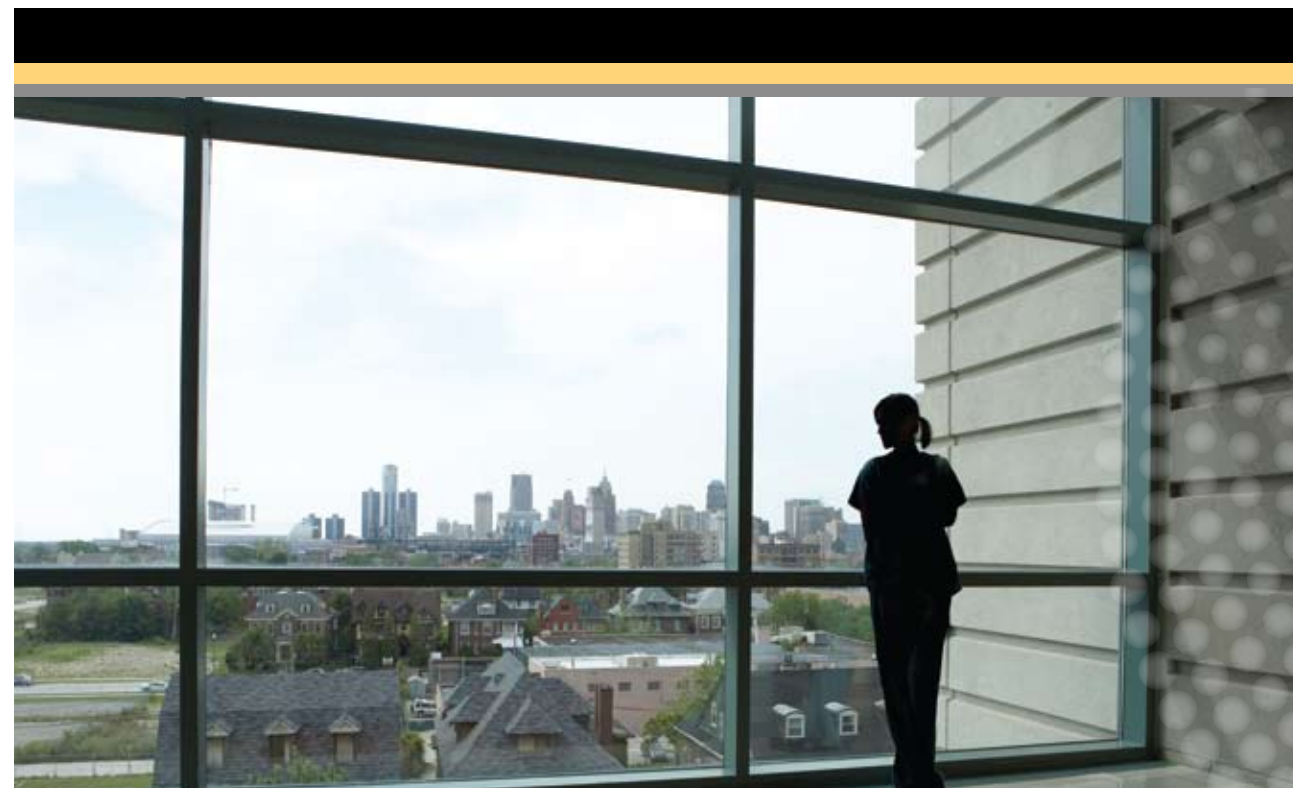
LIBRARY SYSTEM FEATURES JACOB LAWRENCE AND "THE LEGEND OF JOHN BROWN" TRAVELING ART DISPLAY

The Library System received grant funding from the Detroit Area Library Network (DALNET) for an outreach project to create an informational display featuring digitized images of the series "The Legend of John Brown," by notable African American artist Jacob Lawrence. The prints currently reside on the 2nd floor of the David Adamany Undergraduate Library.

The traveling display is a freestanding modular display system that includes descriptive text and graphics and accompanying informational print pieces. Over a three-year period, the display will travel to libraries and other non-profit organizations and institutions throughout Michigan.

CHAPBOOK PROGRAM SHOWCASES WORK OF DETROIT AREA MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

As part of the ongoing chapbook program, Wayne State librarians taught Detroit area students and public middle and high school media specialists about the creative process of writing, art and photography in order to produce a literary chapbook of written words and images. The focus of this program is to promote artistic appreciation of visual photographic media and the written word in order to provide assistance in developing information literate youth for the 21st century. Students were also given an opportunity to digitize their written and photographic works for preserving their generation's history. These digitized works are available to browse on the Library System's Web site at www.lib.wayne.edu/resources/digital_library/chapbooks/



LIBRARY SYSTEM EXPANDS LIAISON PROGRAM WITH NEW COORDINATOR

The Library System welcomed a liaison services coordinator in the fall 2008, a new position responsible for developing a comprehensive librarian liaison program for the Library System. The Wayne State librarians provide liaison services for their assigned departments, where they assist in research and instruction as well as provide help in locating resources.

Since the fall, a liaison services team of experienced librarians from the three main campus libraries was created, with additional liaison support from the medical library and electronic resources department. A graduate teaching assistant information session also took place to identify opportunities for liaisons to promote awareness of library resources and services across campus. Based on extensive assessment and literature reviews conducted in late 2008, a liaison toolkit is currently being developed.

LIS FACULTY AND STAFF HOST URBAN LIBRARIANS SUMMIT

In September, Library and Information Science (LIS) faculty hosted nearly 100 information professionals representing all types of libraries from across the region for the "Educating Urban Librarians Summit." The primary goal of the summit was to determine what should comprise an academic concentration centered on urban librarianship. Martin Gomez, president of the Urban Libraries Council, delivered the keynote address, which prepared participants for examining the knowledge, skills and competencies necessary to deliver high-quality, cutting-edge library services in an urban environment. Speaker Juliet Machie, deputy director of the Detroit Public Library, discussed the challenges faced in recruiting a diverse work force.

Faculty and staff led breakout session discussions focused on gathering input from the attending practitioners and obtaining advice about how to best help LIS students develop the skill sets necessary to succeed in an urban library setting.

LIS OFFERS COMPLETELY ONLINE DEGREE PROGRAM

To meet the needs of prospective students who cannot attend physical classes, students can now take advantage of a completely online option for the master's degree in Library and Information Science. All coursework for the online program is conducted via the Web and includes the same content as the regular MLIS program delivered by LIS full-time and adjunct faculty.

Applicants from anywhere in North America are encouraged to apply but students residing more than 150 miles from Wayne State's main campus in Detroit will be given priority.

CONSTRUCTION MOVES AHEAD ON NEW SHIFFMAN LIBRARY

In 2008, giant strides were made in the construction of the 53,000-square-foot, three-story Richard J. Mazurek, M.D., Medical Education Commons complex located along Canfield Avenue between St. Antoine and Brush. The Education Commons will serve as the nucleus of all programs for undergraduate, graduate and continuing medical education in the School of Medicine, including the Shiffman Medical Library.

In November, the structure was completely closed, with the installation of windows and drywall in the "sealed" sections of the building. The construction of the facility cost \$35 million, \$30 million of which was raised through philanthropy by 2008. The projected opening of the Education Commons is scheduled for spring 2009. For more information, or to stay updated on the project, visit <http://educationcommons.med.wayne.edu>

DALNET DIRECTOR NAMED ONE OF LIBRARY JOURNAL'S 2008 MOVERS AND SHAKERS

DALNET Director Steven Bowers was named one of 2008's "Movers and Shakers," by *Library Journal*, an award that recognizes librarians across the country for their innovation and commitment to providing the best possible service to their users.

Library Journal recognized Bowers for expanding the definition of OPAC (online public access catalog) by developing the first online catalog for the Arab American National Museum in Dearborn by designing a search portal of Arab American community resources, including Web sites and directory information.

DEAN SANDRA YEE ELECTED TO SERVE ON ARL BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND OCLC BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Sandra G. Yee, dean of the Wayne State University Library System, was elected to serve on the 2008-09 Association of Research Libraries (ARL) Board of Directors and the OCLC Board of Trustees.

As a member of the ARL board, Yee will serve on the governing body of the ARL and represent the interest of ARL member libraries in directing the business of the ARL, including establishing operating policies, budgets, and fiscal control; defining ARL strategic directions; and representing ARL to the community.

In her role as an OCLC Trustee, Yee will be part of a new governance structure designed to extend participation in the cooperative to an increasing number of libraries and cultural heritage institutions around the world. The Board of Trustees performs all of the traditional fiduciary and constituency duties related to such governing bodies.