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# Year in Review



I am proud to present this year's annual report representing the major projects and accomplishments of the University Libraries this past year. Although this has been a difficult year financially for all of us at the University, the dedicated library staff has worked hard to enhance and expand collections and services. I believe this report is a testimony to these efforts.

What is not reflected in this report is our major planning effort throughout the year. Recognizing that our existing strategic plan had been drafted in very different budgetary times, we realized it was essential to become more focused on a narrower group of well-chosen priorities if the Libraries intends to continue to innovate and move in new directions. This is essential in our ever-changing information/research environment. With the help of consultant Maureen Sullivan we began a year-long planning process. The first step was to update our strategic plan ([www.lib.uiowa.edu/admin/strategic-plan.html](http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/admin/strategic-plan.html)). We soon realized that to implement this new plan under current financial realities, it would be necessary to reorganize our departments and processes to free up staff positions for new initiatives. At the same time, we had a record number of retirements among our staff this past year, giving us greater flexibility to direct positions in accordance with this new plan.

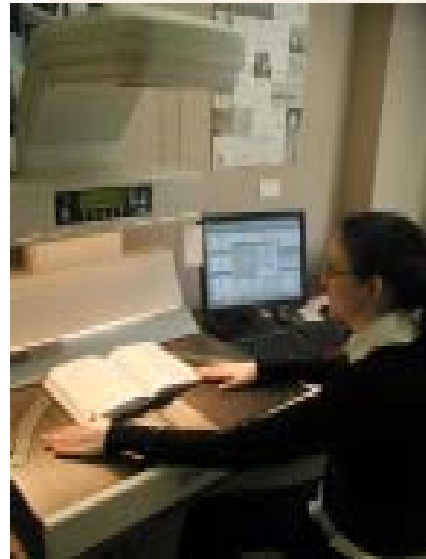
This coming year we will be implementing these changes which is more difficult and time consuming than planning them. As always, our staff has risen to the occasion and approached these changes with open minds and a renewed service commitment. So, as proud as I am of the accomplishments of the past year that *are* reflected in this report, I am even prouder of the efforts and openness of the library staff as we make changes that *are not* apparent within the following report but which will make possible the accomplishments and new initiatives you will see reflected in our future reports.

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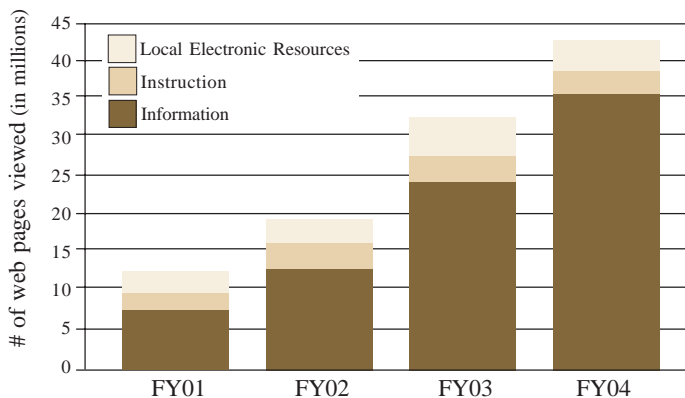
# Service

*We provide user-centered services, assure timely access to resources needed for learning, teaching and research, and help develop information skills required for lifelong learning .*

- ◆ Interlibrary Loan users are receiving their materials even faster thanks to a new Minolta PS9000 scanner, a “top down scanner” that transforms text to digital files without photocopying, and allows staff to send the requested material directly to the user electronically.
- ◆ Students and faculty at the UI and Iowa State University can now have their reference questions answered through “live reference,” an interactive service over the Internet. Librarians from both institutions take turns responding to users at different times of the day. This arrangement helps both libraries share expertise and use limited staff more effectively.
- ◆ Students in the College Transition program worked with Instructional Services librarians to learn essential information literacy skills needed for their courses.
- ◆ Students interested in printing took advantage of tutorial sessions coordinated by Conservator Gary Frost and the UI Printing Department. This cooperative project also helped preserve the University’s model #31 Linotype machine.
- ◆ In the spring, the Libraries introduced MyLibrary, a scholar’s portal system that allows users to search across multiple electronic resources simultaneously.



Web Page Usage



# Collections

*We continue to build and maintain our collections in order to meet current and future teaching and research needs of all of the University's programs, as well as contribute to the discovery, dissemination, and preservation of knowledge.*

A selection of our notable acquisitions this year are noted below.

## Print Collections:

- No. 2 of the rare periodical *Der Dada*, completing our run of this key publication of the Dada movement in Berlin.
- *Jin dai Zhongguo shi liao cong kan san bian* - more than 900 volumes collecting printed source materials for the study of Chinese history of the Qing (1644-1912) and Minguo (1912-1949) dynasties.
- The Amos C. Pearsall, Jr. Civil War Collection; approximately 1,000 scholarly monographs on the Civil War.



## Manuscript Collections:

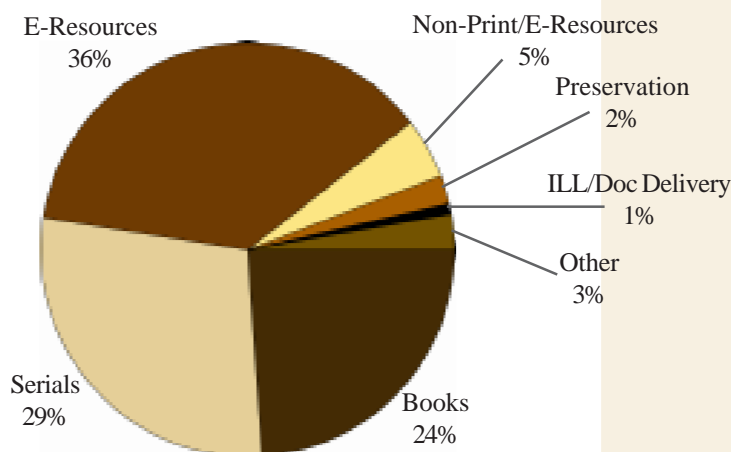
- The Marion Ballou Fisk Papers; Fisk was on the Chautauqua circuit 1908-1926.
- The D.C. Spriestersbach Papers, Professor Emeritus of Speech Pathology and Audiology. He also served as Dean of the Graduate College, Vice President for Research, and was Acting President of the University.
- Christine Grant Papers, including speeches, correspondence and other material re: women's athletics at the University of Iowa and Title IX. Grant is the former director of Women's Athletics at the University.
- Frances Hawthorne's research files on African Americans in Iowa.
- Phylliss Henry's oral histories of female Iowa police officers.



## Electronic Resources:

- *Eighteenth Century Collections Online* (ECCO) allows searches of digital images of 150,000 books published in the United Kingdom and the Americas during the 18th century.
- *PsychArticles* provides online access to articles published in major psychology journals that are used by researchers in the behavioral sciences.
- *Access Medicine* is comprised of core medical texts in a comprehensive electronic bookshelf for health sciences students, faculty, and practitioners.
- *China Academic Journals: Literature/History/Philosophy* offers full text of journal articles published in China in many subject areas of the humanities and arts from 1994.
- *Television news archive* holds descriptive summaries of news programs and other news-related programming collected since 1968. The collection holds individual network evening news broadcasts and special news-related programming.
- Indexing to the contents of major Russian periodicals on various topics as well as popular literary editions and independent scholarly publications are now part of *The Social Sciences and Humanities* database.
- *African-American Newspapers: The 19th Century* presents a wealth of information about the cultural life and history during the 1800s.
- *CQ Encyclopedia of American Government* provides concise, up-to-date explanations of the who, how, and why of American democracy along with articles on contemporary and historical topics.
- SPORTDiscus is a comprehensive database covering sport, fitness and related disciplines with over 600,000 records dating back to 1800.

Materials Expenditure



# Outreach

*We serve users across the state and around the world, providing leadership in the collection, organization, and dissemination of creative and scholarly information.*

Nearly 30 librarians and information professionals from academic institutions, government ministries and private organizations from around Ghana, Africa attended a two-day digitization workshop at the University of Ghana conducted by Edward Miner, UI International Studies Librarian. The workshop was sponsored under a U.S. Department of State grant supporting linkages between the University of Iowa and the University of Ghana.

Over 200 Iowans attended Preservation 101 sessions around the state and over the ICN (Iowa Communication Network) which were coordinated by the Iowa Conservation and Preservation Consortium and the Libraries' Preservation Department. Additionally, over 40 Iowa collection caretakers attended a two-day disaster recovery training course.

The Iowa Public Health Information web resource ([www.iowapublichealth.org](http://www.iowapublichealth.org)), developed by Hardin Library staff, was released to the public on March 1. The project, aimed at Iowa public health professionals, received attention from local, state and national media, and rave reviews from Iowa public health professionals. The IPHI project was funded with federal funds from the Center for Disease Control and the National Library of Medicine.

Librarians and researchers from across Iowa attended a one-day Government Printing Office access training workshop coordinated by the Government Publications Department. Government Publications librarians also promoted *Ben's Guide to U.S. Government for Kids* ([bensguide.gpo.gov](http://bensguide.gpo.gov)) to Iowa City elementary, junior high and high school media specialists.

The High School to Higher Education group planned one workshop in the fall entitled "What first year students need to know," and one in the spring, "Academic integrity: high school and college perspectives in plagiarism." Created in 2003, this group consists of UI librarians involved in library instruction, librarians from other area colleges, and high school librarians from regional high schools.



# Technology

*We collaborate in order to promote and implement economically sustainable models of scholarly communication and technical infrastructures that foster rapid sharing of scholarship and creative activity.*

Libraries' staff began assisting nine institutions around the state to digitize and input original Iowa items into the Iowa Heritage Digital Collections, a website which includes links to project standards and training for participants. Photographs, audio, and manuscript records pertaining to Iowa are available for public access ([iowaheritage.lib.uiowa.edu](http://iowaheritage.lib.uiowa.edu)).

To respond to a need voiced by UI faculty, the Information Commons Productions Services created *iLecture*, a simple online lecture tool which makes preparing an online lecture an easy process, allowing narration to be electronically linked to PowerPoint slides.

The Preservation Department coordinated the *Calendar of Patent Rolls* [Edward III (1348) – Henry VI (1452)] digital project initiated by Bob Boynton, Professor in Political Science. Twenty-seven volumes or 20,683 pages are now available to search online ([www.uiowa.edu/~acadtech/patentrolls](http://www.uiowa.edu/~acadtech/patentrolls)).

The Hardin Library coordinated the digitization of the copper plate images from Johann Remmelin's *Catoptrum Microcosmicum*, a 1619 dissection atlas which is an extensive anatomical "flapbook," where several layers of images can be lifted to reveal successive layers of body organs and tissues ([www.lib.uiowa.edu/hardin/rbr/imaging/remmelin](http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/hardin/rbr/imaging/remmelin)).



A four-year project to add records for approximately 500,000 titles to *InfoHawk*, the online catalog, was completed. Another 225,000 records representing individual titles in three large microform or digital collections were also added to this database. All of these records were also sent to the Online Computer Library Center (OCLC) for inclusion in their international database, making them known to other libraries who might wish to borrow them.

The Hardin Library was awarded a \$20,000 contract for testing Internet performance between the National Library of Medicine and the University of Iowa. By participating in the "NLM-Centric Internet Performance Evaluation Network," Hardin Library will be contributing to a greater understanding of network connectivity issues between the NLM and Iowa.

# Facilities

*We strive to provide an attractive and comfortable environment for study, research, and creative and intellectual exchange.*

The south plaza of the Main Library received major renovations to improve the safety and accessibility. The new plaza features improved lighting, new landscaping, and better disability access to the south end of the building.

The Hardin Library for the Health Sciences received major renovations to its main floor. Three services desks were replaced by one, new public seating areas were opened up in the vacated area, staff areas were consolidated for greater efficiency, and a new first floor entrance from Newton Road was opened.

Over 300 new chairs were purchased for the Main and Hardin libraries, replacing chairs that had been used for 25 years.



The Mathematical Sciences Library expanded shelf space for books and bound journals and added comfortable chairs for users without losing study space.

Planning for a merged Chemistry-Geoscience Library in the remodeled chemistry building began this year. The Chemistry Library will move to the Main Library summer 2005 and will likely remain there until completion of the project in 2008.

Planning for the Art Library in the new art building continued. The building is scheduled for completion in the summer of 2005.



# Staff

*We actively recruit, develop, and retain a diverse, well-qualified staff whose work reflects a balanced commitment to the distinctive values of librarianship.*

- ◆ Twenty-one new professional and merit staff were welcomed this year to the Libraries, as 8 long-time staff retired and a number of others resigned. Budget cuts forced the elimination of two merit staff positions in the Government Publications department.
- ◆ The Libraries offered 33 staff development and training sessions, and encouraged staff to attend University-sponsored development sessions and relevant sessions off-campus.

Through their unique contributions to the University and to librarianship, several staff members received recognition:

Kären Mason, Curator, Iowa Women's Archives  
Arthur Benton Excellence in Reference Services Professional  
Development Award

Ericka Raber, Instructional Services Librarian  
Association of College and Research Libraries Institute for Information Literacy  
*Immersion '03* Program

Jodi Scholl, Information Systems Support Team  
University of Iowa Improving Our Workplace Award

Amy Cooper-Cary, Special Collections Librarian  
James Davis Scholarship, Rare Book School, University of Virginia

*For more recognitions, awards, honors, and service visit: [www.lib.uiowa.edu/news/staffachieve](http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/news/staffachieve)*

# Grants

*We seek grants to pursue important special projects and initiatives.*

## **Institute of Museum and Library Services, \$392,347**

The Libraries, in partnership with the UI School of Library and Information Science, Iowa State University Library and the University of Nebraska-Lincoln Libraries, received a grant to recruit and educate nine potential university science and health sciences librarians.

## **National Endowment for the Humanities, \$393,000**

The Libraries is one of four CIC participating institutions awarded an NEH grant to preserve research materials important to scholarship dealing with U.S. railroads and their influence on American life, landscape, history, and technology.

## **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, University of Iowa, \$9,000**

The Rita Benton Music Library received ten computer workstations which allow students to access Internet resources, as well as view DVDs, listen to CDs, and have in-library access to the music library's streamed audio reserves.

## **State Historical Society, Inc., \$24,100**

The Special Collections Department received funds to digitize and preserve portions of the Redpath Chautauqua collection.

## **National Film Preservation Foundation, \$2,588**

The Iowa Women's Archives will restore a 1960 instructional film, "Iowa Test of Motor Fitness."

## **National Television and Video Preservation Foundation, \$375**

The University Archives will restore a 1970 master's thesis, "Environmental Works," by Michael Eilenfeldt.



# Gifts\*

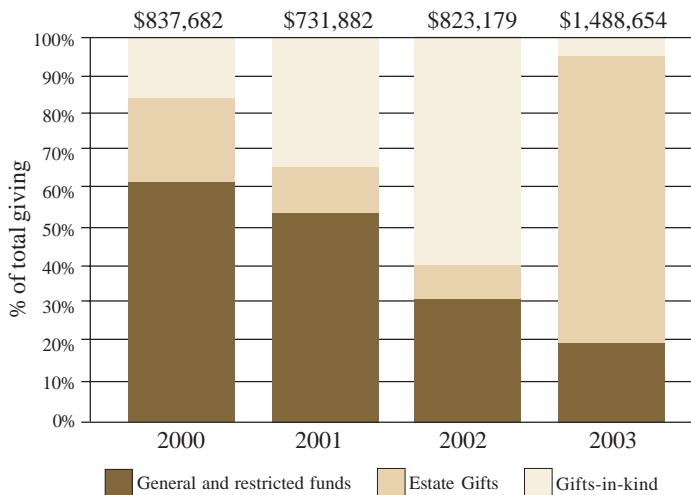
We encourage private funds to enhance the collections and services available to library users.

At the end of 2003, we were 42% of the way toward our goal of \$11.9 million in the UI Foundation's *Campaign to Advance Our Great University* ([www.uifoundation.org/campaign/](http://www.uifoundation.org/campaign/)).

In 2003 we received several generous estate gifts, including:

- A bequest of more than \$900,000 from Arlene Kitching French, a 1929 University of Iowa graduate and native of Creston, Iowa. This will provide financial resources for the Main Library and the Biological Sciences Library.
- \$100,000 from the Robert A. Olson estate with anticipated additional distributions in 2004. Olson was a student employee at the library in the 1930s and a member of the Friends Council of the Libraries in the early 1980s.

Giving to the Libraries



\*Source: UI Foundation data for the 2003 calendar year

## COLLECTIONS

Total Volumes Held	3,729,360
Volumes Added	74,280
Serials	38,049
Audio-Visual Materials (audio, graphic, film, video)	280,334
Maps	414,871
Government Documents	667,869
Linear Feet of Manuscripts	15,472
Other Materials (microforms & computer files)	5,435,750

## SERVICES

Reference transactions	86,640
Instructional sessions	589
Participants in instruction	15,572
Interlibrary Loan/Document Delivery sent to others	52,715
received from others	26,955
InfoHawk searches	2,273,038

## PRESERVATION

Items bound	21,196
Items marked	130,140
Items treated	5,754

## BUDGET

Materials	\$8,796,218
Personnel	\$9,280,637
Other Operating Expenses	\$1,360,946

## FACILITIES

Total gatecount	1,972,169
Total net square footage	426,498

Statistics from July 1, 2003 through June 30, 2004. Law Library data is not included.

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# Events

*Throughout the year we sponsored several events and exhibitions open to the public.*

Tracy Mitrano, Policy Advisor and Director of the University Computer Policy and Law Program for the Office of Information Technologies at Cornell University, was the featured speaker for the second Ada M. Stoflet Lectureship. Her lecture was entitled, “Civil Privacy and National Security Legislation: A Three Dimensional View.”

The Iowa Women’s Archives celebrated the life and work of May Brodbeck, the University’s first female vice president, and honored Leola Bergmann for donating her portrait of Brodbeck.



The 40<sup>th</sup> annual Friends of the Libraries event, “*From Stacks to Stage: A Lyrical Look at an Opera Director’s Love Affair with the Library,*” featured Gary Race, Opera Director and Associate Professor in the School of Music of the Division of Performing Arts, College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

The Iowa Women’s Archives hosted an open house in conjunction with the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Emma Goldman Clinic.

*For exhibitions, visit [www.lib.uiowa.edu/exhibit/friends/](http://www.lib.uiowa.edu/exhibit/friends/)*

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