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The merger of Government Publications and the Reference and Library Instruction departments has made East Asia and Islamic Services (EAIS) the first floor of the Main Library. As more and more government items are available online, the printed resources that are still on the shelf will be used to support teaching and research. The Digital Initiatives Committee will make resources available via interlibrary loan and will work to ensure that these resources are easy to access and use.

A new online resource request form allows instructors to communicate their requests more effectively to reserve staff. During peak periods, Reserve Services staff can make materials that are on the shelf available within four working hours of receiving the request. This has resulted in a new centralized service point on the sixth floor of the Library for all non-circulating services. The following services are now included:

- Reference and Library Instruction staff
- Digital Initiatives
- Government Documents
- Maps
- Music
- North American Indian database
- Political Science
- Sociology
- The World Digital Archive, 1785-1985

The Main Library Interlibrary Loan department has a new document scanning software that can send and receive scanned articles among libraries with compatible software. This will make the delivery of articles to library users faster and more efficient.

Infobase, the online catalog, now offers a New Title Search as part of the Advanced Search feature. There is also an Email Alert feature which allows you to select a search and repeat it over time with the results to be sent to you by email.

Another new InfoHawk feature users may notice is the inclusion of cover art in the catalog. Currently over 1,000 music titles have cover art in the catalog. This will make the delivery of articles to library users even faster.

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The merger of Government Publications and the Reference and Library Instruction departments has made East and West Iowa a reality for libraries, we will need to be able to do business across the state. At the same time, changes are reorganizing the library’s departments. The Health Sciences joined the Ask a Medical Librarian service (administered by librarians in the Health Sciences), which is available to users of the IOWA Libraries. The Health Sciences joined the Ask a Medical Librarian service (administered by librarians in the Health Sciences), which is available to users of the IOWA Libraries. In the case of the Government Publications Department, we have restructured them to take better advantage of changing technologies and to make the best use of the limited number of staff. These changes are probably not so obvious but they should also result in improved services. Change can be unsettling for all of us and I am very proud of how the library is taking advantage of the exciting new opportunities.

New Yorkers and Iowa University Librarians

Since change will be an ongoing reality, we will need to be flexible to continue to take advantage of new service opportunities in the delivery of our services to our users.

Nancy L. Baker
University Librarian
Our users.

Our users say...

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Byington Reed Diaries - diaries of an Iowa City woman who became a labor organizer in the 1910s.

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Gifts
This was the best year yet for gifts to the Libraries.
General Funds & Restricted Gifts $217,361 (12%)
Gifts in-Kind $399,280 (20%)
Estate Gifts $1,142,393 (68%)
Total $1,978,728

Income from the final estate gift in 2004 from Robert A. Olson underwrites a new fund in the Special Collections Department. The Robert A. and Ruth B. Olson Graduate Fellowship will support two graduate students and provide on-site job training for students who are interested in special collections librarianship, as well as provide additional help for Special Collections.

The Dr. Homer L. and Mary K. Calkin Special Collections Fund established by the Estate of Homer Calkin has enabled the Special Collections Department to hire two student assistants each semester to help with organization of the Homer C. Calkin Papers and to develop captions for a major exhibition to be planned for November 2005.

Grants
NEW THIS YEAR
WULDS LATINAS: PRESERVING THE HISTORY OF JOHN LATINAS AND THEIR FAMILIES ORAL HISTORY PROJECT $39,286
State Historical Society, Inc.
HUMANITIES IOWA: BREAKING BOUNDARIES AND BUILDING BRIDGES $24,100
State Historical Society of Iowa, REAP/Historical Resource Preservation Program
THE LITTELBURGER-ENGELBRECHT EXHIBIT $25,682
State Historical Society of Iowa, REAP/Historical Resource Preservation Program
REDPATH CHAUTAUQUA COLLECTION DIGITIZATION AND PARTS ONE AND TWO $145,009
National Film Preservation Foundation
EXPERIMENTAL STUDIES IN THE SOCIAL CLIMATES OF GROUPS, PART ONE $3,870,817
National Film Preservation Foundation
EXPERIMENTAL STUDIES IN THE SOCIAL CLIMATES OF GROUPS, PART TWO $917,042
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STATE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF IOWA: BONNIE FAIRMAN TRAVELING EXHIBIT $25,286
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Facilities
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The Chemistry Library relocated to the Main Library building while the Chemistry Building undergoes renovation.

The Psychology Library created a new casual seating area for students.

Events
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Staff
Six professional positions and twelve Merit staff positions were filled this year. With so many retirements in recent years, 50% of our librarians on staff have begun work with us since 2000, providing a bond of new ideas and additional perspectives.

A newly established Diversity Committee began work in September seeking ways to further diversify our staff and to develop programs and other activities to expand awareness of diversity issues among our staff. The Committee is currently involved in a number of recruitment efforts.

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Total ...................................................... $11,573,485

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The Library’s budget:

- Salaries $4,499,516 (17%)
- Supplies, Services, and Other $460,319 (19%)
- Insurance $127,658 (5%)
- Information and Technology $2,068,230 (87%)
- Total operating expenses: $20,233,915

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Statistics

SERVICES

Reference Transactions 91,006
Instructional Sessions 571
Instructional Participants 16,478
Catalog Searches 2,107,102
Galleries 774,707

COLLECTIONS

Volumes Held 3,798,311
Journals 40,164
Audio-Visual Materials 33,263
Maps 633,262
Government Documents 660,618
Manuscripts (Series Held) 13,778
Microforms & Computer Files 1,464,275
Electronic Journals 38,680

STAFF (FTE)

Professional & Scientific 73
Ment 107
Graduate Assistants 33
Students 65

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