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Regents Universities Library News

University of Northern Iowa

Rod Library has a new cafe and a 2nd west entrance on the side of the building facing the Campanile plaza.

The Learning Commons project is in phase III. Rod Library received \$212,000 grant money from Roy J. Carver Trust to develop a ScholarSpace and enhance the technologies available in the Digital Media Hub. Both projects will be completed in summer 2015. Rod Library's media production rooms include computers, software, and equipment to create video, audio, and graphical design projects. In addition, the production rooms include cameras, microphones, green screen technology, lighting units, a telecaster, and a full mixing board. Rod Library applied for \$75,000 to renovate space and pay for equipment to develop a Makerspace. Money was awarded in December. A 3D printer and scanner are in place. Renovations will occur in summer 2015.

Nathan Arndt, the new Museums' Curator, started in December 2014 to oversee the Museums' collections and overall operations. Museum collections, staff and furnishings is planned to move to the library from Hudson Road location. Move to be completed by August 2015.

Rod Library's first credit course, Beyond Google, was offered during the 2015 spring semester, four sections of this course will be offered again in the fall.

UNI ScholarWorks, the new institutional repository, was recently launched to capture and publish the scholarly and creative work of campus. Content upload began with the move of graduate theses and dissertations from CONTENTdm in mid-February. New theses and dissertations will be directly ingested in UNI ScholarWorks. We are experimenting with other collections as well.

Rod Library hired Sustainable Collections Services (SCS) to analyze our stacks collections in order to help assess collections to determine appropriate size and scope. Earlier this year Rod Library signed with the Five College Consortium. UNI Joined the CI-CCI consortium in November of 2014. The Cedar Valley Library Consortium (CVLC) held a planning meeting in the fall for the development of an ILS RFI. The academic libraries within CVLC chose Ex Libris. The public libraries within CVLC are still exploring options.

Rod Library hosted significantly more cultural programming and scholarly events this year than last year, including Bash in the Stacks, Comic Con, the FORTEPAN Iowa Launch, Around the World in 120 Minutes, movie screenings, book talks, etc.

Northern Iowa's Comic Con Committee recently received the ACRL CLS Innovation in College Librarianship Award for the Rod Library RodCon event which brought faculty, staff and community members into the library for a day of programs and events, including lectures covering a variety of disciplines from Gender Studies to Communication, inspired by the growing role of graphic novels in the curriculum. Students also presented, with a number of student groups involved in the costume contest and other events.

Rod Library finalized a new 2015-2018 strategic plan with new mission and values statements based on a staff retreat exercise and feedback. The plan was posted recently to the library website.

Rod Library has undergone complete reorganization discussions and implementation. The Reorganization Task Force completed their work with a report to the Dean in December 2014. Technical Services Consultants' visited in December 2014 to analyze local workflows and provide advice on changes, including those that relate to other departments. After meetings with faculty and staff about interest areas and with the Library Administrators' Council to discuss implementation, Dean Chris Cox recently made an announcement of new assignments and the new organization structure.

Iowa State University

Iowa State University Library will be welcoming a new Dean, Beth McNeil, effective July 15.

Karen Lawson, Associate Dean for Collections and Technical Services, will be retiring. Her last day will be July 1. Lori Kappmeyer will serve as interim Associate Dean effective July 1.

Two new Subject Librarians in the area of Engineering and Physical Science, Erin Thomas and Eric Schares, will be starting June 1.

Community Colleges News

Hawkeye Community College

The Hawkeye Community College Library added additional student seating (with USB charging units built in), two computer stations and a built in bookcase to the refurbished area underneath the library's interior staircase. The result is a pretty attractive area that students gravitate to (see attached picture). This area used to house an assortment of fake plants and a few sculpture pieces. The sculptures were relocated to other areas for display and the rest of it was disposed of

to make way for improvements. Students, staff and faculty have been very enthusiastic about this upgrade.



Iowa Western Community College

For National Library Week, Iowa Western Community College Library hosted a children's book drive for the Micah House, a family shelter located in Council Bluffs. They collected 363 books for the shelter in just two short weeks!

Des Moines Area Community College

The DMACC Libraries used the 2014/15 academic year as a pilot period for streaming videos from Swank. Titles licensed are primarily feature films and include such titles as *Zero Dark Thirty*, *The Good Lie*, Lee Daniel's *The Butler*, and *Pinocchio*. The 75 [titles](#) were initially offered only for use in online courses course (via Blackboard) but we quickly discovered the appeal to web-blended and traditional face-to-face classes. Spring term opened the pilot to all DMACC courses via Blackboard or e-reserve. The pilot was a success and we'll offer titles again for the 2015/16 year. Feel free to check out our [guide](#) for more information on this initiative.

The DMACC Libraries offer the [One Book One College One Community](#) program each academic year. The selected title for 2014/15 is *Dead Man Walking* by Sr. Helen Prejean. Just over 2,000 copies of the book have been used in conjunction with DMACC courses. The author, Sr. Helen Prejean, presented at the Boone and Ankeny campuses in November to crowds of 300 and 400, respectively.

In April, we began a new subscription to [FLIPSTER](#) (e-magazines) and it has been well received. We began the subscription with just 20 titles and it has been very well received. We will be adding an additional 14 titles in May.

In February, the Libraries began a review of next generation ILS products. Currently, we are reviewing responses to our RFI.

Private Academic Library News

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University of Dubuque's Charles C. Myers Library

At the annual Iowa Private Academic Libraries (IPAL) meeting at Drake on March 19, Jon Helmke led the Archives Interest Group, and Becky Canovan led the Information Literacy Interest Group with Cara Stone (Grand View University). At ILA/ACRL on March 20, Helmke presented "Everything That Is Old Is New Again: Using the Past to Ensure Our Future" and Canovan and Stone presented "Building Your Instruction Toolkit".

Jon Helmke partnered with a history faculty member to create an archives display focusing on the 100th anniversary of McCormick Gymnasium.

Anne Marie Gruber coordinated a team of faculty, staff, & students awarded one of 11 national Campus Action Project grants from American Association of University Women (AAUW) & Pantene. The grant supported a campuswide interdisciplinary event, "Melting Gender Roles: Stirring Up Awareness", held April 8 with approximately 300 in attendance, 150 student volunteers, 30 interactive booths, a panel discussion, and a social justice theater performance.

On April 11, Becky Canovan, Diana Newman, & Katelyn Wolff led a Berenstain Bears storytime with themed crafts, snacks, and activities, for 30 children (ages 2-6) of UD faculty, staff, students, and community members.

Mary Anne Knefel & Diana Newman, with assistance from library staff & a campus committee, coordinated the 3rd annual Apex: Celebration of Student Scholarship and Creativity April 28-30, with student poster projects, research presentations, art displays, and an alumni keynote.

Anne Marie Gruber will give the keynote address for the annual meeting & induction ceremony of the Beta Beta Theta Chapter of Beta Phi Mu (International Library & Information Studies Honor Society) at Mt. Mercy University on May 13. Mary Anne Knefel will give the UD commencement address on May 16.

Katelyn Wolff, Reference & Instruction Librarian for the Humanities & Education, resigned her position April 17. A search is underway for her replacement.

We have transitioned to WorldShare Management System and the patron interface will go live around June 1.

Central College

Geisler Library hosted Central College's fourth Undergraduate Research Symposium on May 5, 2015. This semi-annual event showcases independent research projects, Honors theses, and other significant student research experiences, culminating in more than 100 concurrent presentations taking place throughout the library as a day-long celebration of undergraduate scholarship and creative inquiry.

The Geisler Library Writers Reading series concluded its 2014-15 season with a showcase of student writers featuring students from Prof. Keith Ratzlaff's Travel Writing course. This reading was presented in conjunction with the semi-annual Undergraduate Research Symposium on May 5, 2015.

Dordt College

During National Library Week, the John and Louise Hulst Library at Dordt College, in participation with the Sioux Center Public Library, held the popular Edible Book Contest on Friday, April 17.

The contest was open to all amateur bakers, cooks, and decorators, and their entries had to refer to a scene or a character from a book, look like a book, or have something to do with books. The winners were announced at the conclusion of the contest.

People's Choice Award Winner: Cheryl DeHaan for Guardians of the Galaxy/I Am Groot

People's Choice Award Runner-Up: Kaly Huisman and Emily Visser for The Lorax

Judges' Choice Award Winner: Anna Vander Molen for The Harry Potter series

Judges' Choice Award Runner-Up: Hannah Culpepper for The Wonderful World of Oz

Best Tasting Award Winner: Mary Jo Lee for Orange Marmalade Cake from The Mitford Series

Best Tasting Award Runner-Up: Cindy Nederhoff for the cheesecake representing The Scarlett Letter

Photos from this year's event can be found at <http://on.fb.me/1O8dyVO>



St. Ambrose University Library

Beth Shoemaker, Cataloging and Resource Access Librarian, celebrated her 1yr anniversary at St. Ambrose University Library on March 4th. And in the last couple of months, she has been busy networking! In addition to an active technical services role in the RiverShare multi-type library consortium, she has been appointed to Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access, which sits under the Cataloging and Metadata Management Section, a division of ALCTS /ALA. With Cornell College's, Roxy Running, Beth co-convended the inaugural gathering of an interest group for technical services and systems librarians at the IPAL conference earlier this month. Beth is currently attending the conference in Portland as a recipient of an ACRL scholarship. And if that weren't enough, Beth was recently notified that her paper has been accepted for the [Ethics in Knowledge Organization](#) conference in Milwaukee in May.

Leslie Ross, Reference and Instruction Librarian, embraced change and co-presented "From Standards to the Framework: Using Threshold Concepts to Rethink Instruction" with University of Iowa's Ericka Raber at the ILA/ACRL Spring Conference. Leslie has been busy scheduling our Information Literacy 101 sections for Fall 2015. Leslie has joined James O'Gorman at the rank of Associate Professor Librarian.

Karly (Steele) Lyle, Media Services Librarian, returned from the [Library Technology Conference](#) at Macalester College just in time to attend the ILA/ACRL Spring Conference. She said the LTC 2015 conference was chock-full of great ideas including an interesting presentation

about Macalester College library's single service desk and a session about open source streaming media options. Stella Herzig, Reference and Instruction Librarian, partnered with Karly to present "Lights, Camera, Interaction: Visual Literacy and First-year Students" at the ILA/ACRL Spring Conference.

Anita Niemczyk, Reference and Instruction Librarian, and liaison to Mechanical and Industrial Engineering, participated in SAU's Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day which brought 350 elementary and intermediate school-aged girls to campus in late February. Anita is continuing coursework for an MBA degree and expects to finish the program in December. Next, she's diving into mobile apps for libraries!

Onnica Marquez, University Archivist, has taken the lead role in coordinating SAU Library's second annual Human Library Day. After a lot of concerted hard work, students, faculty, staff will be able to choose to read any of nine human books whose stories speak to the College of Arts & Sciences 2015 Theme, Exploring Gender. Watch St. Ambrose University Library's Facebook page for more about the event which has been scheduled during National Library Week.

2015 Iowa ACRL Public Relations/Marketing Award

The Iowa Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries announces the 2015 Public Relations/Marketing Award.

This award is intended to support creating and implementing a public relations or marketing program in an academic or research library in Iowa. The Award provides a cash grant of \$500 to support implementation of the proposed project.

Winners have 12 months to spend the grant monies, and are requested to write an article describing the implementation of the project for the Iowa ACRL Newsletter. In addition, the winner is encouraged to submit a presentation proposal for the Iowa ACRL Spring conference detailing the project following implementation.

No library may receive the award more than once within 10 years.

The proposal must be submitted by a member of the Iowa ACRL chapter. Submissions due July 31, 2015. Questions regarding the application process may be sent to Dan Chibnall, Awards committee chair, at dchibnall@grandview.edu.

Announcement of the winner will occur at the ILA/ACRL business meeting during the ILA Annual Conference.

Please visit the awards website to submit your idea: <http://bit.ly/marketingaward2015>