Budget

As this report is being written, we have received word that the overall Library base budget will be reduced for FY 2011/12 by $500,000 (approximately 3%). Allocation within the library and the impact on collections allocations are yet to be determined.

A grant of one-time institutional funding late last spring enabled purchase of some e-book packages and journal backfiles, including The Economist Historical Archive; all remaining available JSTOR collections (Arts & Science, V, VI, & VIII, and Life Sciences), Sage Reference Online Handbook Collection, and Synthesis Digital Library.

“New” Virgo

Our new online catalog interface (still called VIRGO: http://search.lib.virginia.edu/) was released on July 15, 2010. It offers greatly improved relevancy and searching, deeper and richer use of metadata, combined digital collections repository and traditional catalog materials in one discovery tool, "Views" or "Lenses" for specialized or highlighted collections and a fresh, contemporary look-and-feel.

“New” Virgo is an implementation of Blacklight, an open source Ruby on Rails discovery interface that uses Solr indexing for its search engine.

Policy Development

“New” VIRGO increases options for what can be discovered through the catalog interface. The Collections Steering Group has begun addressing questions of what to include, who should make final decisions, and workflow. The group also updated the textbook purchasing policy, to make it clearer to the general user.

Ivy Stacks Progress

The University has funded a major project for the Ivy Stacks off-site shelving facility: a $4.9 million renovation that will double the building’s capacity and make it possible to review and re-shelve by size the 800,000 items contained there. It also makes room for growth. The project began in July 2010 and includes emptying the building, reviewing and re-boxing all items, then installing high-density, movable shelving. The end result will be more space, enhanced stewardship, more complete catalog records, and progress toward the Library’s preservation goals. The estimated date of completion is early 2012.

Libra

In February 2010 UVa’s Faculty Senate requested that the Library create an institutional repository for open access materials, datasets, and electronic theses and dissertations. The Hydra project, on which
UVa has been collaborating with Stanford University and the University of Hull, will provide the technology for the new institutional repository, called Libra. The functionality for depositing open access materials into Libra will be in production at the end of January 2011.

**HathiTrust**
The University of Virginia Library officially joined HathiTrust (http://www.hathitrust.org/) in 2010 and we are in the process of providing access to these titles in our new Virgo discovery tool.

**Gift for new UVA President**
Teresa A. Sullivan became the University’s eighth president in August 2010. To welcome her, the University of Virginia Library presented a facsimile of the first volume of the institution’s Board of Visitors minutes. Library Digitization Services created the digital copies, Bridgeport Bindery printed the facsimile, and Conservator for University Collections Eliza Gilligan sewed the signatures and bound the volume.

**AV Stewardship Initiatives**
UVa Libraries’ Audiovisual Stewardship Task Force has completed a report outlining recommendations and resources needed to properly steward audiovisual materials at the University of Virginia Libraries. The top recommendation, the hiring of a permanent audiovisual specialist to coordinate these efforts, was reinforced as one of the top recommendations by Tom Clareson, Senior Consultant for New Initiatives at Lyrasis, who did an assessment of preservation activities at the University of Virginia Libraries in August. Other recommendations include the creation of audio and video preservation reformatting labs (in progress) as well as the development of policies, workflows and procedures.

**Successful Internship**
Preservation Services and Special Collections hosted an intern this summer to perform a broad survey of the rare books in Special Collections as well as a detailed assessment of the Garnett Collection, a 19th Century plantation library. As a result of the survey, many items in the Garnett Collection were fitted with protective enclosures.

**OCLC Reclamation Project**
This project was completed during fall semester with the exception of some cleanup work with a small subset of Special Collections records and reconciling of OCLC’s report for records to be deleted from WorldCat. We expect the remainder of the cleanup to be finished in early January 2011.

**Staff Changes**
In November 2010, Carol Hunter left her position as Associate University Librarian for Public Services and Collections to become the AUL for Collections and Services at UNC-Chapel Hill. Rather than immediately advertising for an Associate University Librarian position, we have determined that this change creates the opportunity to explore how we might best organize the library for the future and determine if we are structured in the best way to achieve our priorities and carry out day-to-day operations.
Broad discussions among library staff began informally in December, and structured discussions among library managers and staff are underway, starting in January 2011. We expect to spend two to three months in intensive discussion, alignment, and planning before implementing changes.

In the interim, Diane Parr Walker, Deputy University Librarian, is overseeing Public Services and Collections.

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