General

- Ed Van Gemert will retire at the end of July as Vice Provost for Libraries and University Librarian. Lisa Carter will be our new Vice Provost for Libraries starting August 1.
- The Libraries have rolled out a new facilities master plan (https://www.library.wisc.edu/about/administration/facilities-master-plan/) that was developed in conjunction with brightspot strategy and Enberg Anderson Architects. The plan has generated vigorous discussion on campus since being released.
- Wisconsin participated in the HathiTrust Shared Print Program as one of the initial retention libraries. MARC field 583 action notes with commitment statements were added to approximately 750,000 holdings records. The Libraries have signed on to participate in phase two of the HathiTrust Shared Print Program.

Collection Development and Management

- Our Google digitization project will be drawing to a close this summer. In this second round of the project we digitized approximately 154,000 volumes of government publications and pre-1923 monographs.
- DDA pilots with JSTOR and Kanopy were ended at the end of this academic year. Both pilots were significantly more expensive than projected by the vendors. We will be looking at alternative approaches to providing access to this content that will allow for predictable and sustainable expenditures.
- We will be moving away from the ProjectMuse EBA program this year and instead acquiring their annual collection. This purchase will be through GOBI Library Solutions and will deduplicate against our approval plan. We will also be piloting the DeGruyter University Press program. At this time we will not be deduplicating those titles, which will allow us to further explore and compare the use of DRM-free print and electronic monographs.
- Significant staff resources continue to be put into the consolidation of branch libraries. In the past year the campus Textile Library and Geography Library closed, and the Business Library was transformed into a learning commons with a significantly reduced collections footprint. Work is currently underway to consolidate the Engineering Library. We are looking at the potential consolidation of additional social science and STEM libraries in 2019.
- Work continues to review all outstanding print journal subscriptions to migrate to electronic whenever possible.
- The Libraries will be implementing shelf-ready processing from GOBI Library Solutions at the start of the new fiscal year.
- New workflows for processing and reviewing gifts has started to reduce existing backlogs.
Cataloging & Metadata Services

- In May we completed our Data Sync project with OCLC, which reconciled holdings in WorldCat with our Alma database. This project was limited to our 6.5 million records for physical materials.
- A new LC Virtual Call Number Browse was introduced into our discovery layer, which integrates Library of Congress call numbers from either the holding record (if there is one) or the bibliographic record (if there is not). As a result of this feature, catalogers have begun adding LC classification to some new categories of materials that previously did not require any: e.g. new materials going directly to off-site storage and individually cataloged ebooks.
- As cataloging personnel retire from other areas of the library and are replaced with new staff performing new duties, staff from our central cataloging department have been embedded into other departments that previously performed their own metadata creation. Some catalogers are now spending some of their time in Special Collections, Digital Collections, and UW Archives.
- The BTAA recently negotiated a discount with Backstage for cataloging services, which happened to correspond with some outsourcing needs already identified anyway. As a result, we are sending backlogs of southeast Asian, Yiddish, and engineering technical reports for third party cataloging and processing.

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