Libraries Materials Budget FY10 - Update
BY BETH McNEIL

As you all know from the dean's email to Liball, the Libraries have started the process of reviewing all library materials expenditures in order to determine which can be cancelled so that we can balance our FY10 budget. Since the initial announcement, there have been two Information Resources Forums to discuss the process and impact, as well as an article in the Libraries faculty e-newsletter that was sent to all faculty. For those who did not attend the Information Resources Forums, I'd like to offer here a summary of where the Libraries are in this process.

We know that we will likely need to find $1.2 million to cut from our current expenditures. The dean has advised the Information Resources Council (IRC) to address this issue by looking at the necessary cuts and cancellations on a continuum, or through $200,000 levels or tiers, and to think about the impacts of the particular cuts and cancellations at each tier level. While this will be effective at conveying the impact of the cuts at each level, it will also be helpful if any additional one-time funding becomes available. We can use the tier information to determine where to apply the additional funding.

IRC has made decisions based on these first two "tiers" of cuts, and with the dedicated work of Resource Review Committee members, has been able to determine almost enough funding to meet the $400,000 level. The next tiers will be decided at the library unit/division level. Although initial decisions have almost reached $400,000 we still need to cut approximately 9.2% of current ongoing expenditures for serials and databases.

IRC has also posted information on their intranet page including narrative information and frequently asked questions, as well as reports from EBSCO and usage statistics. Information is also available to the campus at large on the Scholarly Communication Web site, http://scholarly.lib.purdue.edu/materials_budget/fy10.html

Dean Lingley has been working with Diana Grove and other ITRS staff to create reports that show where we have been spending our materials budget (i.e. what we pay for specific journals, databases, and bundles). These reports have a great deal of information that will be useful to staff who are meeting with faculty and determining what items to cancel. The Excel spreadsheets can be viewed at /pedro/departments/reports. Please save a copy to your own computer to make any edits or customize the report to meet your needs. If you have any questions about what is covered in the report or how to use them, please contact an IRC member.

There will be more information about the overall process given at the All-Staff meetings next week, and at future Information Resources Forums. Please direct your questions to me or to any IRC member, or feel free to submit your question anonymously through the intranet for the All-Staff meeting.

Scott Brandt named Provost Fellow

Provost Randy Woodson recently announced the appointment of Scott Brandt, professor of library science and associate dean for research, as a Provost Fellow. Scott was chosen for this inaugural program along with Steven R. Abel, assistant dean for clinical programs and head of the department of pharmacy practice; Stephen P. Beaudoin, associate head of the School of Chemical Engineering; and Melba Crawford, assistant dean for interdisciplinary research in the College of Agriculture, interim dean for research in the College of Engineering, professor of agronomy and civil engineering, and director of the Purdue Laboratory for Applications of Remote Sensing.

Each of the four Provost Fellows will spend a semester or longer working on projects consistent with the New Synergies strategic plan. The fellowship program is open to faculty members who have an interest in and have demonstrated potential for university administration. Fellows will spend approximately ten hours per week helping to design and manage their projects while...
spending time with senior administrators and becoming familiar with Purdue’s administrative structure and processes.

Scott will be working on research integrity and compliance issues with the Office of the Vice President for Research. “I want to gain more understanding and insight into the inner workings of the university in the research office, and I also want to see where, if at all, the Libraries investigations about changing research communication, practices, and data can contribute,” says Scott.

Scott is working .25FTE and will move his time up to .50FTE for two months during the summer. He is working directly with Peter Dunn, associate vice president for research, who oversees a range of research issues, including conflict of interest, export control, and research integrity. His shared office is located on the third floor of Hovde.

Left to right: Beverly Davenport Sypher (associate Provost), Scott Brandt (fellow, professor of Library Science), Randy Woodson (Provost), Steven P. Beaudoin (fellow, professor of Chemical Engineering), Melba Crawford (fellow, professor of Agriculture/Engineering), Steven R. Abel (fellow, professor of Pharmacy Practice).

MEL's Learn Lab already booking classes for Fall 2009

One of MEL’s renovation projects, the Learn Lab, is set to be completed at the end of May and is already scheduling classes for fall 2009. Tomalee Doan is pleased to announce that three classes have already reserved the lab: MGMT 290, MGMT 382, and GS 175H.

“We are collaborating with instructors and representatives of the academic curriculum to arrange for classroom space to fit their specific needs,” says Tomalee. “These relationships allow us to work with instructors to develop curriculum and teach classes that will enhance student learning using library resources.”

The GS 175H class, Information Strategies for Hospitality & Tourism Management Students, is designed and will be team-taught by Kelly Evans and Hal Kirkwood.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All Staff Meetings
Thursday, February 26, 2009
2:30 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.
UGRL B848
or
Friday, February 27, 2009
9:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.
UGRL B848

CSSAC Presentation
February 20, 2009
11:00 a.m. - Noon
UGRL B848

Contact Elaine Bahler with questions

Sabbatical Seminar
"Who's got the most Annual Reports to Shareholders? Harvard or Stanford? How does Purdue compare?"
Presented by Judy Nixon
10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
UGRL B848

Libraries Distinguished Lecture
Nobel Laureate Robert Laughlin
Tuesday, March 31, 2009
Fowler Hall
7:30 p.m.

Libraries and Special Collections
"Artifacts of Tradition"
Monday - Friday
9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
through March 31, 2009

LIBRARIES STAFF A - Z

RYAN BEALL
ITRS
Computer Systems Administrator

Q. What do you enjoy most about your job and why?
A. I just like working with computers.
Working in the Libraries IT department allows me to help others, which I also enjoy.

Q. How long have you worked in the Libraries and at Purdue?
A. 3 years.

Q. What is one unforgettable experience that has happened to you or your coworkers while working in the library?
A. One of our student techs got stuck half way between floors in the 80+
The Learn Lab will offer a new design for classroom instruction. Tables will be arranged in an “x” design, there will be three “walk and talk” projectors around the room, and a movable instructor’s podium. The concept was designed by Steelcase with the goal of eliminating any “bad seat in the house.”

“We are excited to be able to offer this state-of-the-art space to the Krannert School of Management, Department of Agricultural Economics, and College of Consumer and Family Sciences. We are also continuing to work with other Purdue departments to form more partnerships for education.”

Collaborative Workshop for Purdue's Career Wiki

The Purdue University Career Wiki is a collaborative effort between the Libraries and various career service offices around campus. The initial group formed in June 2007 and consisted of four departments: MEL, Center for Career Opportunities, Krannert Graduate Career Services, and Krannert Undergraduate Career Services Office. Over the last two years the group has grown to include ten departments.

Through collaborative development of the wiki and meetings the group informs more people about and take advantage of this service which will add value to their publications and other works of scholarship,” said Mark.

Mark encourages all Purdue librarians to have a look at the new site (http://career.lib.purdue.edu), ask questions, and think about ways to introduce this service to the range of faculty who could benefit through participation:

- Faculty early in their careers whose ideas might reach wider audiences through e-Pubs
- Established faculty looking to build vitas with links to freely accessible versions of their papers
- Late-career faculty interested in preserving their publishing legacy and ensuring its ongoing accessibility with the Purdue libraries

“Extending the e-Pubs service to our faculty is also a great way to broach topics like authors' publication rights and access to research, which are two of the big scholarly communication areas in which the libraries hope to increase awareness,” said Mark.

e-Pubs Web site gets a new look

Berkeley Electronic Press (bepress) recently initiated a redesign of the Libraries’ e-Pubs repository in order to bring it up-to-date with the other Digital Commons sites they host. Mark Newton, digital collections librarian and assistant professor, began working with bepress on the updates last August. Now that the upgrades are complete, e-Pubs will benefit from several product upgrades, such as OpenURL links generation and document embargo support.

The changes also affected Purdue University Press electronic journals. Katherine Purple, editorial associate at the Press, worked with the editors to manage the successful design transition.

“I’m looking forward to continuing work with our librarians to help the Purdue community learn about and take advantage of this service which will add value to their publications and other works of scholarship,” said Mark.

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Q. What’s your favorite book, Web site, movie, or database?
A. My favorite movie has to be Airplane!

Q. Have you been in all the Purdue Libraries?
A. Every one that I know of.

Q. Coffee, tea, water, or soft drink?
A. Coffee, then soft drinks.

Q. What do you like to do for fun?
A. Believe it or not, working with computers. I also like to canoe, camp, ride bikes, and listen to music.

Q. What Library do you work in?
A. Engineering

Q. Where is your hometown?
A. Appleton, Wisconsin

Q. What do you like about the Purdue Libraries?
A. I like that there are so many different libraries and that you can find what you are looking for in the different libraries.

Q. What’s your favorite book, Web site, movie, or database?
A. My favorite book is Camilla by Madeline L’engle.

Q. If you could add a class to Purdue’s curriculum, what would it be?
A. A literature class about Young Adult Novels.

Q. What’s the best birthday present you’ve received?
A. My grandparents got me a black lab puppy, Cubby, for my 5th birthday.

Q. Do you use Facebook or MySpace?
A. I have both of them; however I only really use Facebook.

Q. Who would like to meet and have dinner with?
A. I would like to have dinner with Churchill. History shows that he has said a lot of wise things and he led his...
Dear Green Tambourine,

Do you have any tips for recycling or disposing of used batteries? I have heard that you should not just throw them in the trash. --Patsy in Portage

Dear Patsy,

You are right that batteries can be harmful to the environment by leaking heavy metals like mercury and lead that proceed to contaminate the water supply and beyond. Locally, used car batteries can be disposed of at the West Lafayette Street Department recycling center on South River Road, or the Wildcat Creek Waste District on North Ninth Street. Wildcat Creek also accepts rechargeable batteries (nicad, nihydride, lithium), but slates non-rechargeable household dry cell batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, etc.) for the trash. The best thing to do with used dry cell batteries is to store them in a heavy plastic container that has a lid (e.g., a used kitty litter container), and keep the container in a dry, cool place.

Of course a good alternative to disposable dry cell batteries is investing in rechargeable batteries. The technology of rechargeable batteries has improved over the years, and there are some affordable alternatives on the market. And look for items that don’t require batteries, such as solar powered calculators or kinetic watches.

A company called Battery Solutions claims to recycle dry cell batteries and offers a mail-in recycling program for dry cell batteries, which include your garden variety household batteries. It’s not cheap—a recycling kit for up to twelve pounds of batteries costs $35—but it would be a great way to show your commitment to saving the environment.

Continue to send your green tips for the office or home to Jane Kinkus at jkinkus@purdue.edu.

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Library Award Nominations Due 2/27/09

Please take the time to consider nominating a coworker for one of the Libraries awards. The deadline for nominations is Friday, February 27th. Criteria and nomination forms are available at http://intranet.lib.purdue.edu/display/liboff/Awards.

The awards will be presented at the Staff Awards Luncheon on Thursday, April 16, 2009, in the South Ballroom of the Union. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. with the award presentations beginning at 12:30 p.m.

Awards to be presented include the Joseph M. Dagnese, John H. Moriarty, and the Dean’s Awards. The student PULSE Awards and the Dorothy Newby McCaw and Albert Viton scholarships will also be presented.

This is an opportunity to recognize a coworker who you feel not only does their job but takes extra steps to further the Libraries goal of achieving preeminence in education and helping to make your job enjoyable and rewarding.

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THANK YOU

I am a grateful graduate student in the College of Liberal Arts. As such, I have spent much time in the HSSE Library. I want to thank and commend you for the new 4th floor study space. It is a pleasant and quiet place to work, well-designed, and well-executed.

Thank you for your work,
Jonathan Dunn

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WHAT'S COOKING?

Sea Scallops with Lemon-Butter Sauce

Visit the Libraries Intranet site for directions on how to make this entree posted by Teresa Brown.
Last year’s winners were honored to be recognized by their coworkers:

- “When I realized I was receiving the Dagnese award, I felt very blessed. I was taught, do for others what you would like them to do for you; I try to do this in Auxiliary Services. I was very honored to receive this award.” — Dale L. White

- “Considering the Purdue Libraries has many well-deserving employees eligible for the Joseph M. Dagnese Award, it is very humbling and an honor to be chosen as a recipient. While my goal has always been to provide the best possible service, it is very rewarding to be recognized for my efforts. However, I would be remiss if I did not credit my supervisors and co-workers for contributing to my success. The Purdue Libraries is a wonderful place to work and I look forward to giving many more years of service.” — Elaine Bahler

- “I was very touched to receive the Moriarty award. It was meaningful to me, as a librarian relatively new to this profession, to have public recognition that my work was approved by my peers. I was also thrilled because I knew that my mentor into the profession, the retired librarian from my high school, would also be excited for me. The best part was taking the award plaque to her house and showing it to her, she was beaming” — Megan Sapp Nelson

- "Innovation comes with a risk of failure; for example, I've written grant proposals for projects that were not awarded. To me, this award recognizes not only the successes, but it also acknowledges a necessary process of taking risks, failing, and learning, which is the process that made the successes possible in the first place. I appreciate the award, but more importantly I appreciate working in an environment that encourages and supports risk-taking.” — Michael Witt, Dean's Award for advancing a strategic initiative

- “I was surprised, but it did make me feel like my work had value and was noticed and appreciated by my supervisors.” — Cindy Smith, Deans Award for significant advancement of a Libraries strategic initiative

Send completed nominations to Jane Taylor at taylor63@purdue.edu