

# ANNUAL REPORT TO THE FACULTY SENATE

## Committee: University Libraries Committee

Year 2008-2009

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<b>Committee Charge</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Advise on policy regarding the growth of the resources and services the University Libraries provide;</li><li>b. Advise on policies regarding the assignment of facilities within the libraries and the availability of services which render the libraries more useful to members of the University community and the public;</li><li>c. Advise on the coordination of the branch libraries and their services and resources with those of the Main Library and the Hardin Library for the Health Sciences;</li><li>d. Advise on the use and development of library facilities including the Main Library, the Branch Libraries, and off-site storage.</li></ol>

<b>Meeting Dates</b>	<p>September 19, 2008  October 31, 2008  February 6, 2009  March 6, 2009  April 3, 2009</p>
<b>Activities</b>	<p>Several discussions occurred during the year on the impact of the summer 2008 flood and challenges facing the libraries due to the budget situation. See issues of concern for further information.</p> <p>The revised committee charge (review begun at the 9/8/06 meeting) has finally been approved and will be incorporated into the Operations Manual.</p> <p>The availability of enhanced content began during the year and there are now links to Google and Amazon in the catalog. The book delivery to campus addresses also began in January 2009.</p> <p>Due to patron requests, the Libraries began making loan history available for users. An individual would have the ability to see up to 100 items they have checked. The Libraries' privacy policy determines how long circulation records are held, and each year user identification information is removed from circulation records for confidentiality.</p> <p>The Libraries and Law Library will be celebrating the 5 millionth volume this year, and, along with the UI Press celebrating their 40th anniversary, scheduled an event during summer 2009. The event included a book festival held in conjunction with the Iowa City Summer of the Arts program.</p> <p>Conversations continued with other University offices on plans for the Main Library as a "Place to Come." The summer flood affected progress on changes to the IMU but planning continues to enhance offerings at the Main Library, the Iowa Memorial Union, and the new Wellness Center.</p>
<b>Issues of concern</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Impact of summer 2008 flood  This was a continuing theme for discussion during the academic year. Both the Main and branch libraries were affected by the event, with an array of responses instituted to address immediate and lingering concerns.</li> <li>2. Office delivery option.  Library staff began a new service, office delivery, in response to consumer demand and availability of campus mail services.</li> <li>3. High Density Archival Facility  The High Density Archival Facility remained at the center of discussion throughout the year, as progress was slowed by last summer's flood. The University Librarian kept the committee updated on the facility. Committee members express concern that the lack of progress will affect other priorities within the library system.</li> <li>4. Impact of budget crisis</li> </ol>

	Budget challenges at national and state levels were discussed at spring semester meetings.
<b><i>Recommendations, if any, to the Faculty Senate</i></b>	Recommend that the issues raised above be monitored.