

Furman University Libraries Annual Report 2012-2013





A Year of Transitions

2012-2013 has been a year of exciting transitions. We hired new personnel, implemented new programs, initiated new projects, and created a new strategic plan. There were also many “firsts” including our first newsletter, our first series of faculty workshops, the first “immediate fulfillment” article service, and the single largest digitization project ever undertaken by the Furman Libraries.

This report provides highlights of the past year – and describes how the Library fulfilled its mission and made progress in achieving its vision – to *engage, enlighten and empower* the students, faculty and staff of Furman University through its resources, services and facilities.

Janis Bandelin, Director of Libraries

The Library Strategic Plan 2013-2015

The Furman University Libraries strive to *engage, enlighten and empower* our users by providing outstanding resources, services, personnel, and facilities that are essential to teaching, research and scholarship. For the next two years, this vision will be our inspiration and will guide us as we pursue the five strategic directions described below.

- 1: Improve the discovery of library resources, tools and services
- 2: Pursue new partnerships and strengthen existing collaborations
- 3: Establish a culture of data-driven decision making
- 4: Redesign Library Space
- 5: Cultivate a community of passionate learners and scholars

The complete strategic plan can be found on our [website](#).

A Truly Impressive Library!

We are proud that the Library was named in the list of “10 Tiny Colleges with Truly Impressive Libraries,” by the [Open Education Database](#). Accolades were given to our facilities and resources. Special Collections’ South Carolina Poetry Archives and the unique assortment of song books and sheet music were described as “standouts.”

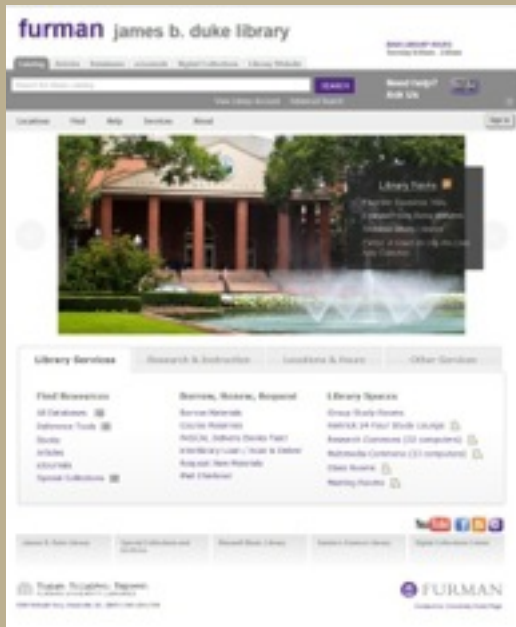




Redesigned Websites

Several websites were re-designed to enhance the discovery of resources and services including:

- [James B. Duke Library](#)
- [Digital Collections Center](#)
- [Maxwell Music Library](#)



FULCRUM

The Library's first newsletter was published in the spring and fall semesters and contained interactive news and links to our services. The name FULCRUM reflects the essential role that the library plays in the intellectual life of the university – a fulcrum for exploration, discovery and scholarship.



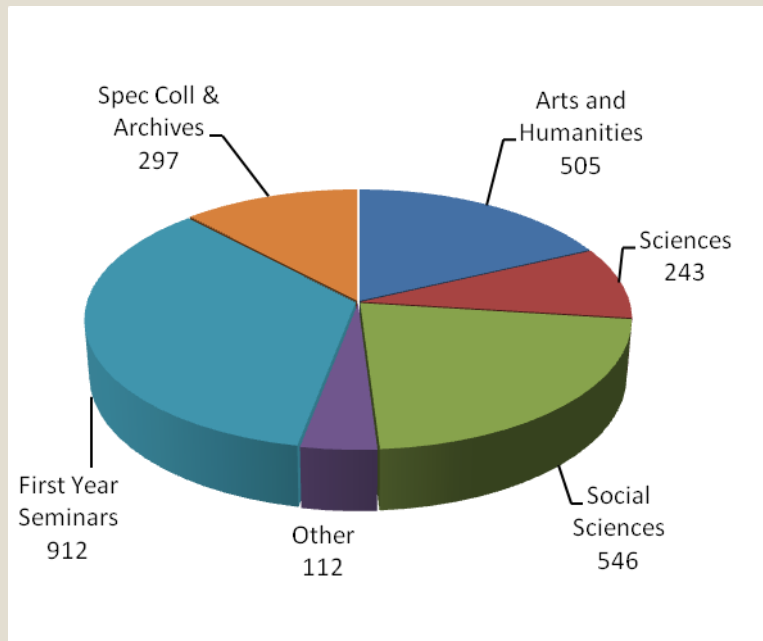
New Services

Get It Now is a new service that provides our students, faculty and staff with immediate fulfillment of full-text articles from over 2,500 journals – 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

The **Scan and Deliver** service was implemented to save time for the researcher. When you need an article from a journal or a chapter from a book which is owned by the library in print or microform formats, we will scan the article/book chapter and deliver it to you electronically through your ILLiad account.

Library Instruction for Students

2,615 Students Taught in 236 Sessions

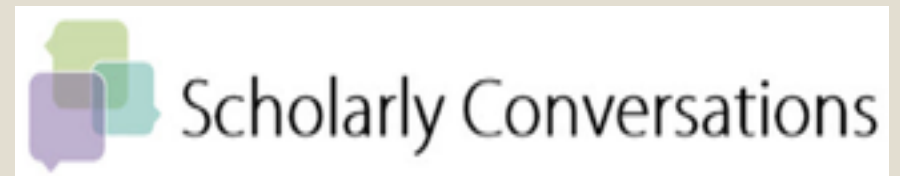


Learning Opportunities for Faculty

Work Smart Workshops



To assist faculty in their teaching and research, 14 workshops were offered throughout the year. Topics covered included "Twitter in the Classroom," "Turnitin.com," "Citation Tools," "eBooks," "Library Resources in Moodle," "Search Alerts," "Finding Impact," "Maximizing theSEARCH," and "Media Resources."



The Scholarly Conversations Series, featured experts in scholarly communications issues encompassing open access, altmetrics, and author's rights. The speakers included Lisa Spiro, Communications Officer for the Alliance of Digital Humanities Organizations; Molly Keener, Scholarly Communications Librarian, Wake Forest University; Jason Priem, co-creator of ImpactStory, a web-based service that is designed to reveal the impact of research output; and Kevin Smith, Scholarly Communications Officer, Duke University.



Dedication of the Sanders Science Library

On February 1st, a ceremony was held to dedicate the Sanders Science Library. Furman Trustee Dan Sanders and his wife, Emily Childs Sanders, loyal philanthropists of Furman and the Greenville Community, named the science library in honor of their children and grandchildren.

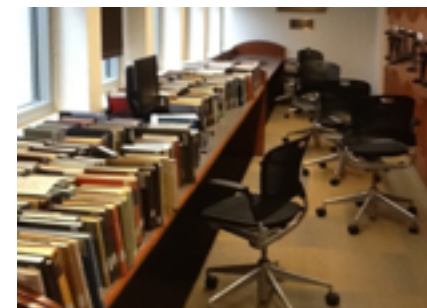


Supporting Future Librarians

The Ethel Carlisle Southern Scholarship is awarded to a current or former Furman student who plans to become a librarian. This year's recipient is Dusty Roether '12. Dusty is currently in the Master of Library Science program at the University of South Carolina.

A Rapid Response

A significant leak developed in pipes above the general collection in the Sanders Science Library. Collection Services responded quickly and most books were salvaged. However, over 130 were damaged beyond repair and were recycled.



At a Glance...

During the 2012-2013 academic year the Libraries:

- Provided access to over 600,000 volumes
- Added over 11,300 new titles to the collection
- Provided access to over 50,000 music, video, and multimedia items
- Provided access to over a half million titles in digital form (journals and books)
- Provided access to over 200 research databases
- Provided access to over 500 print journals
- Taught 236 library instruction sessions to over 2,400 students

In the 2012-2013 academic year students, faculty, and others:

- Visited the library website over 740,000 times
- Visited library facilities over 432,000 times
- Checked out over 43,000 books, DVDs and other items
- Received over 5,700 items through Interlibrary Loan and PASCAL Delivers
- Loaned over 5,200 items to other libraries
- Contacted Special Collections and Archives with over 1,470 requests
- Asked over 2,600 questions at the Research Assistance Desk

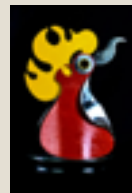
Library personnel included:

- 13 library faculty
- 15 library staff
- 81 student assistants

Digital Collections

The department formerly known as the Digicenter, is now the Digital Collections Center, and has a new manager: Rick Jones. Completed projects include Faculty Notices (2002-2012) and the Board of Trustee Minutes (1824-1990).

The Digital Collections Center began work on an ambitious digital project which will contain over 6,000 pieces of art from renowned New York theater designer, producer, and artist, Peter Wexler. When complete, the "Peter Wexler Digital Museum at Furman University" will contain digitized sculptures, sketches, 3-D models, designs, and photographs. Over 3,000 images have been digitized and processed so far, and the project is due to be completed in September of 2014. The project is being funded by a generous donation from Furman Trustee Todd Ruppert and his wife, Karen.



Want more information about last year's activities and accomplishments? Consult the annual reports from Collection Services, Discovery Services, Outreach Services, and Special Collections and Archives.



Stress Relief

To help alleviate our students' anxiety during exams, we provided fun activities during mid-terms and finals including "Pet Therapy and "Create your own stress ball."



Window Displays

Three unique window displays in the foyer of the Duke Library garnered attention and praise from Furman faculty, students, and staff.



Exhibitions, Events and Displays

Special Collections and Archives created two exhibitions and organized three Cultural Life Programs (CLPs). Papers, artifacts, and audiovisual materials from Max Heller's life were on display in an exhibit titled "Max Heller: Evidence of an Extraordinary Life." The program included remarks by former Governor Dick Riley, Trude Heller, Max's wife, and Tom Durham, the artist who created the sculpture located in downtown Greenville's Legacy Plaza, followed by a reception. During the spring, the exhibit "FU All the Time! Furman Memorabilia, 1826-2013" was on display.



The CLPs offered were "The Case for Service Learning," "Value Added: Objects for Sale and Saving." and "The Eleventh Hour: Readings for National Poetry Month." All three were standing room only!

Book Displays

Engaging book displays, located near the Research Assistance Desk in the James B. Duke Library amazed and delighted our users. Displays included: "Orange is Not the New Black", "The Books of Furman Bisher", "Blind Date with a Book", and "Pop Goes Philosophy."



Library Staff and Faculty



We said goodbye to...

- Jen Haldaman
Digital Collections Manager
- Susan Yeargin
Cataloging Assistant*
- Elizabeth Hamlett
University Collections Manager*
- Cris Ferguson
Outreach Librarian
- Celeste Brewer
Special Collections & Archives Intern*

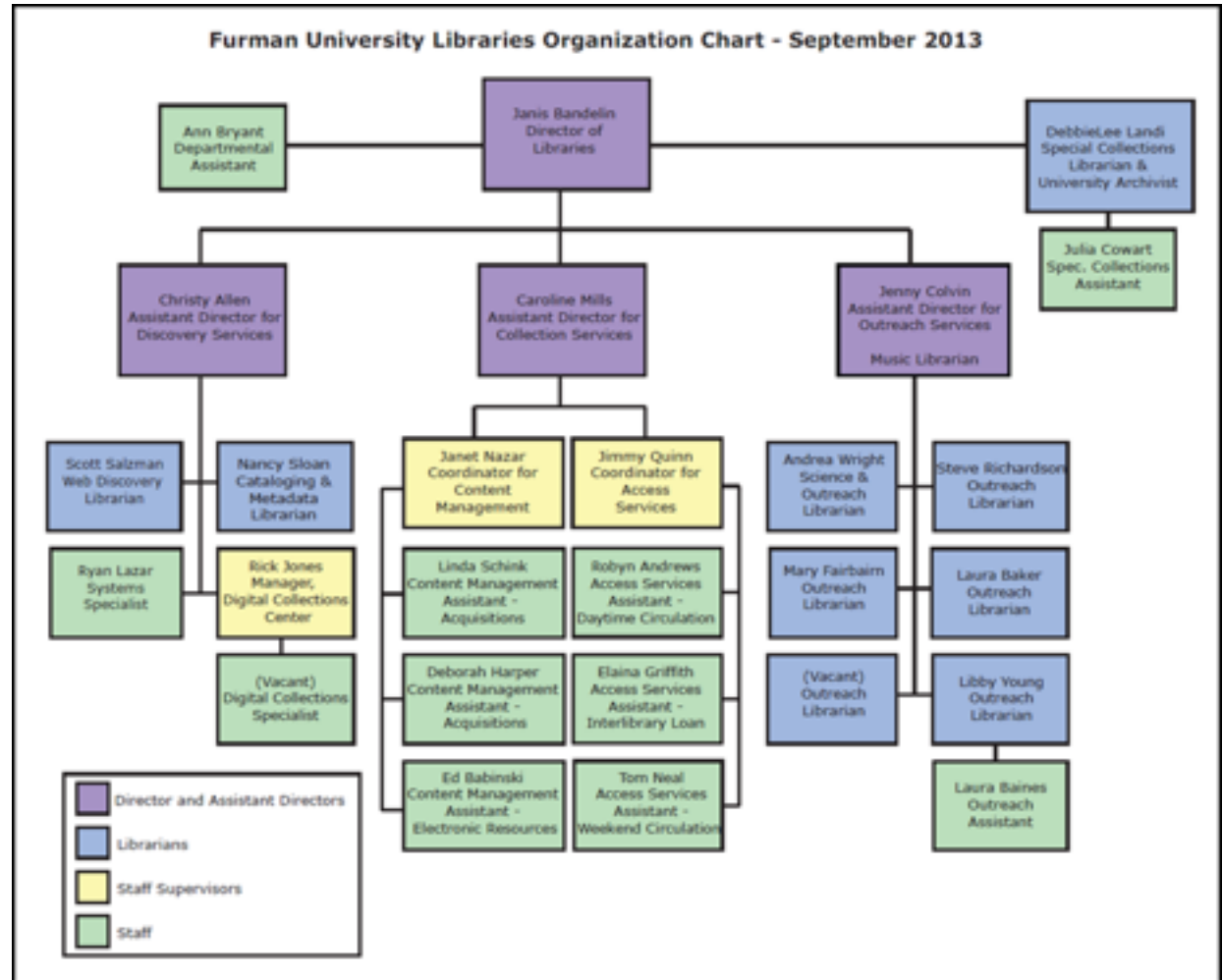
We welcomed...

- Christy Allen
Assistant Director for Discovery Services

We congratulated...

- Rick Jones on his promotion to
Digital Collections Manager

*Position Discontinued



Engage. Enlighten. Empower.

We appreciate the assistance of the Library Committee and the LSAG as we strive to *engage, enlighten and empower* the university community.

Library Committee 2012-2013

Dr. David Spear, History, Chair
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Jack Schley
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Dr. Janis Bandelin, Director of Libraries
Christy Allen, Assistant Director for Discovery Services
Jenny Colvin, Assistant Director for Outreach Services
Dr. Caroline Mills, Assistant Director for Collection Services



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