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Personnel

Acquisitions Unit Staff & Faculty

As of the end of FY16, the Acquisitions Unit was comprised of the following members: Andrée Rathemacher (Professor / Head, Acquisitions), Michael Cerbo (Assistant Professor / Bibliographic Access & Resource Management Librarian), Sarah Bannister (Information Services Technician (IST II / Acquisitions Unit Supervisor), Patricia Gardiner (IST I), Sandra Steele (IST I), Jennifer Stich (IST I), and Lisa Zinser (IST I).

Pauline Contois retired on February 26, 2016, after 29 years at the university.

Stich started work on June 13, 2016 on a limited, one-year appointment.

Acquisitions Unit staff worked 192 hours of overtime over 16 weeks to cover Contois' work before Stich was hired.

Student workers

During 2015/16, the following students worked for the Acquisitions Unit:

- Nicholas Dacosta
- Rebecca Giguere
- Nida Islam
- Areeba Siddiqui

Total student hours worked during the year were **840.06**, which averages about **15.6 hrs./wk.** This is down 39.8% from 1,396.08 hours for FY15. The reason for the decrease is that in FY16 there were no special projects that Acquisitions students helped out with.

Total Acquisitions Unit student expenditures for FY16 amounted to **\$9,555.65** of a total allocation of \$10,500, down 14.1% from \$11,125.89 in FY15.

Ex Libris Implementation

2015-2016 was the unit's first year with the Ex Libris Alma library management system. Throughout the year, Acquisitions staff continued to learn the new system and gain functional knowledge.

Work of the Unit

Binding

The amount of binding decreased by about 62% in FY16, after having increased by 67% in FY15 due to the need to bind Government Publications materials being relocated to the Mezzanine.

Total binding expenditures were **\$7,543.85**. Total volumes bound for the library were **658** (including Pell). Cost per volume averaged **\$11.46**.

The State of Rhode Island's Master Price Agreement with AcmeBinding of Charlestown, Massachusetts expired June 30, 2015 with the option of two one-year renewal options.

Monograph weeding

Weeding of the monographic collection by Collection Management Officer Burkhardt continued. As a result, the Acquisitions Unit withdrew **876** volumes in FY16, down 65% from FY15.

Inventory

Inventory continued in FY16, with each Acquisitions staff member expected to spend one hour each week in the stacks, as workload allowed. Students also assisted with inventory. Over the course of the year **26,802** items were searched. As a result:

- 474 corrections were made to library database
- 48 missing items were recovered
- 32 volumes were found with no barcode
- 575 volumes were found with no item record
- 277 search cards for missing items were sent to Circulation
- 367 new labels were created

Staff development activities

Staff were involved in the following training and professional development activities during FY16:

- Gardiner and Steele attended an ALA online workshop "Makerspaces: The Library's Legal Answers" (March 23, 2016)

Staff service

Staff did not serve on any committees in FY16.

Technology

No unit technology was upgraded in FY16.

Miscellaneous items of note

N/A

E-Resource Acquisitions

Journal subscriptions

In FY16, online periodical expenditures were approximately \$2,396,362 (97% of total).
Print and microform periodical expenditures were approximately \$71,230 (3% of total).

These expenditures comprise approximately:

- 15,120 online titles through journal packages large and small
- 113 individual online journal subscriptions
- 265 print subscriptions (EBSCO only; including legal subscriptions and other direct subscriptions would increase this number slightly)

New titles

No new journals were subscribed to for 2016.

Cancelled titles

Approximately 53 individual periodical subscriptions were canceled for the 2016 subscription year.

- 29 became part of packages from Cambridge, Chicago, Project Muse, Sage, Taylor & Francis, and Wiley
- 7 were available in aggregator databases
- 2 converted to Open Access or were available free online
- 2 ceased publishing in print and the online versions were unaffordable
- 3 were low-priority print
- 10 were delayed publication / suspended / ceased / EBSCO cannot locate publisher

Format conversions

No titles were converted from print only to online-only format for 2016.

New e-journal packages

Both the University of California Press and the University of Chicago Press pulled their journals out of the JSTOR Current Scholarship Program for 2016. As a result, we subscribed to the removed titles in two new packages:

- Complete Chicago Package (71 titles)
- University of California Press Journals Package (59 titles)

One-time purchases of journal backfiles

- Bloomberg Businessweek Archive 1929-2000 (EBSCO)
- Cambridge Journals Digital Archive Add-on Titles 2016
- Elsevier Environmental Science Backfile Package 2016
- JSTOR Arts & Sciences XIII Archive Collection
- JSTOR Arts & Sciences XIV Archive Collection
- JSTOR Arts & Sciences XV Archive Collection
- JSTOR Business IV Archive Collection
- Nutrition Science Legacy Archive (American Society for Nutrition)
- Oxford Journals Archive 2016 Complete Top Up
- Sage Deep Backfile Upgrade Package 2016
- Wiley Journal Backfile Upgrade 2016
- Women's Wear Daily Archive, 1910-present

TOTAL: \$326,668 one-time purchase / \$494 annual fees

E-journals accessible

According Alma Analytics, the total number of unique e-journal titles accessible at URI stood at **98,451** at the end of FY16. This number includes freely-available journals.

E-books

We continued to purchase e-books in FY16, so long as they met our criteria of one-time purchase, perpetual access, no DRM (digital rights management), unlimited simultaneous users, and no platform hosting fees.

In November 2011, LYRASIS signed an agreement with the Association of Research Libraries (ARL) to negotiate licenses on behalf of ARL libraries. ARL has a strong set of minimum standards for all e-book licenses, including best practices with regard to fair use rights, archival rights, scholarly sharing, and interlibrary loan. Given the strength of these licenses, we seek out ARL licensed e-book content through LYRASIS whenever possible.

In FY16 we purchased 14 e-book packages totaling approximately 5,014 titles for a cost of \$285,428. This averages about \$57 per book. Discounts on packages ranged from 10%-53%.

In addition, 22 individual e-books were purchased at a total of \$19,708. (Two were expensive encyclopedias.)

Total e-books purchased were approximately **5,036** at a cost of **\$305,137**.

We purchased the following e-book packages:

UPCC (University Press Content Consortium) Book Collections on Project Muse

- Project Muse 2016 Complete Collection

University Press Scholarship Online (UPSO) collections

- Columbia University Press e-books – 2016 Uploads Collection
- Oxford University Press e-books – 2016 Uploads Collection
- Stanford University Press e-books – 2016 Uploads Collections
- University of Chicago Press e-books – 2016 Uploads Collection
- Yale University Press e-books – 2016 Uploads Collections

DeGruyter Online collections

- Harvard University Press e-books – 2016 Publication Year Collection
- Harvard University Press e-books – Backlist 2005-2013

Sage Knowledge

- Sage Knowledge Reference Complete 2015
- Sage Knowledge Reference Complete 2016

Morgan & Claypool

- Synthesis Collection 7

IEEE

- IEEE-Wiley eBooks Library 1974-2016
- MIT Press eBooks Library – Computing & Engineering 1943-2016

Knowledge Unlatched

- Knowledge Unlatched Round 2 Collection (OA)

Reference database changes

Changes for FY16 are listed below.

New subscriptions

- American Medical Association Manual of Style
- Credo Reference Academic Core Collection
- Ut per litteras apostolicas / Papal Letters Online
- World Shakespeare Bibliography Online

TOTAL: \$20,268

One-time purchases

- CQ Researcher Archive 1923-2014
- ProQuest Congressional Hearings Digital Collection Historical Archive Part A, 1824-1979 (ProQuest)
- ProQuest Congressional Research Digital Collection Historical Archive Part A, 1830-2003 (ProQuest)
- ProQuest Statistical Abstract of the United States 1878-1928 (ProQuest)
- ProQuest Statistical Abstract of the United States 1929-1969 (ProQuest)

TOTAL: \$102,196 one-time purchase / \$4,071 annual fees

Platform changes

- EconLit moved from EBSCOhost to ProQuest
- PsycINFO moved from EBSCOhost to ProQuest
- PsycARTICLES moved from EBSCOhost to ProQuest
- INSPEC moved from EBSCOhost to Engineering Village

Canceled or defunct databases

OCLC had scheduled the FirstSearch platform to be discontinued in December 2015 (though this did not happen on that time schedule). They would no longer sell us a subscription to the “FirstSearch Base Package,” instead requiring us to subscribe to WorldCat Discovery Service. As a result, FirstSearch databases were canceled as of 7/1/2015. These included:

- ArticleFirst
- Clase and Periódica
- Electronic Books
- Electronic Collections Online
- ERIC
- GPO Monthly Catalog
- MEDLINE
- OAlster
- PapersFirst
- ProceedingsFirst
- WorldAlmanacs
- WorldCat (The OCLC Online Union Catalog)
- WorldCat Dissertations and Theses

In addition:

- CAMIO (OCLC) was discontinued.
- Guide to Reference (ALA) was discontinued effective 1/31/2016.
- Providence Journal (ProQuest) was canceled because Readex / Newsbank obtained the exclusive rights to the newspaper and did not offer a single-title subscription.

TOTAL SAVINGS: \$13,242

Primary source product purchases

We purchased the following online archival products in FY16:

- American History, 1493-1945, Module 1: Settlement, Commerce, Revolution and Reform: 1493-1859 (Adam Matthew)
- American History, 1493-1945, Module 2: Civil War, Reconstruction and the Modern Era: 1860-1945 (Adam Matthew)
- American Theological Library Association (ATLA) Historical Monographs Collection: Series 1 (EBSCO)
- American Theological Library Association (ATLA) Historical Monographs Collection: Series 2 (EBSCO)

- China: Culture and Society (Adam Matthew)
- China: Trade, Politics and Culture, 1793-1980 (Adam Matthew)
- Colonial America, Module 1: Early Settlement, Expansion and Rivalries (Adam Matthew)
- Colonial America, Module 2: Towards Revolution (Adam Matthew)
- Everyday Life & Women in America, c1800-1920 (Adam Matthew)
- London Low Life (Adam Matthew)
- Meiji Japan (Adam Matthew)
- Perdita Manuscripts, 1500-1700 (Adam Matthew)
- Popular Medicine in America, 1800-1900 (Adam Matthew)
- Victorian Popular Culture (Adam Matthew)

TOTAL: \$198,935 one-time purchase / \$198 annual fees

Monograph acquisitions

Trends, print vs. electronic

In FY16, we purchased **4,573** volumes of print books, down 7.5% from FY15.

Total expenditures for print monographs were approximately **\$166,419**.

By contrast, **\$305,137** was spent on e-books, with a total of approximately **5,036** titles purchased.

According to these figures, of the total number of monographic titles purchased, approximately **48%** were print and **52%** were electronic.

While it would not be advisable this year to calculate an average cost per book for print versus online formats (due to incomplete expenditures by format data as a result of the Sierra-to-Alma migration), it is clear that the average cost of an e-book is significantly more than for print (even given e-book package discounts).

Acquisition method

Of the 4,573 print monograph volumes purchased:

- 72% (3,290) were firm orders
- 24% (1,081) were Strand approval plan
- 4% (202) were standing orders

Total expenditure breakdowns

Format

- Online: \$3,746,119 (93.2%)
- Physical: \$258,128 (6.4%)
- Other: \$14,410 (0.4%)

Subscriptions vs. one-time

- Subscriptions: \$3,127,912 (72%)
- One-time purchases: \$1,217,955 (28%)

Budget source

- State budget: \$4,281,345 (98.5%)
- URI Foundation and external funds: \$64,522 (1.5%)

Vendor Meetings

Head of Acquisitions Rathemacher met with the following vendors during 2015/16:

- August 14, 2015: Laura Zusman (Senior Collection Development Manager), YBP, re: approval plan profiles, Alma API, WorldCat records (with Burkhardt)
- September 2, 2015: Patrick Moriarty (Director, Institutional Sales and Strategic Partnerships, Northeast Region), JSTOR, re: A&S collections XIII-XV, future discipline-based packages.
- September 25, 2015: Will Edgar (Regional Account Manager Academic Market, IP and Science), Thomson Reuters, re: Scopus vs. Web of Science, upcoming integrated platform, Emerging Sources Citation Index, measuring usage inside Web of Science, EndNote journal recommendations, harvesting data in support of URI OA Policy, all-inclusive pricing model.
- October 8, 2015: Jason Chabak (Senior Library Sales Manager), SAGE, re: Sage journal package, CQ Researcher archive, reference book packages.
- November 17, 2015: Jim Walsh (Government Information and History Specialist) and Bruce Daley (Senior Account Manager), ProQuest, re: historical Statistical Abstracts, magazine archives, TDM data delivery, governmental offerings, University Publications of America digitized microfilm collections, upcoming new e-book platform (with Izenstark, Mongeau)
- November 22, 2015: Theresa Danks (Account Executive), Readex, re: available collections.
- December 2, 2015: Amy Thurlow (Regional Sales Manager, Academic Libraries), EBSCO, re: archival databases, database upgrade options, EBSCO integration with Primo, Flipster.

- December 3, 2015: Bruce Daley (Senior Account Manager), ProQuest, re: pricing of one-time purchase possibilities.
- January 25, 2016: Terry Walsh (Regional Sales Manager, Serials) and Susan O’Leary (Account Services Manager), EBSCO, re: subscription services, e-journal packages, EBSCO SmartLinks, EBSCO Full Text Finder.
- March 1, 2016: Lenny Rogers (Senior Library Sales Manager), Adam Matthew, re: archival collections, pricing, and licensing (with Gallagher, Izenstark, Kinnie)
- March 28, 2016: Chris Ataide (Regional Account Manager Academic Market, IP & Science), Thomson Reuters, re: Manuscript Matcher, item-level usage counts, Emerging Sources Citation Index, searching funding data on Web of Science.

Additional statistics

A detailed statistical report on serials and total library expenditures is available in the “Acquisitions Unit Annual Report 2015-2016 statistical supplement” spreadsheet.