

2016

DREXEL UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES AT A GLANCE

A NOTE FROM THE DEAN

2016 marks a milestone for the Libraries' 2012 - 2017 Strategic Plan. The four strategic directions we articulated five years ago have continued to guide staff focus for service improvements, innovative partnerships and new space designs. This abbreviated summary highlights what the Libraries accomplished in 2015 - 2016, illustrating the directions we have pursued as we end the year and start to refresh our Strategic Plan to address current changes and foreseeable challenges.

The Libraries continues to value its core responsibility to ensure access to authoritative information. This year we took measures to increase access to sources of data beyond published information. In January 2016, we opened the Data Visualization Zone in the W. W. Hagerty Library, giving students, faculty and other experts a space to discover, retrieve and analyze data and to enable stimulating experiences for students to create new insights and knowledge. Realigning staff and recruiting a director for the new division of Data and Digital Stewardship further illustrated a major commitment the senior library leadership successfully made for the Libraries' future.

Library assistants continue to help students and faculty search and locate identified information resources, while librarians help them identify, evaluate and discover information and data relevant to their inquiries.

Libraries staff apply their expertise in information science, bibliographic tools and publishing industry practices to strengthen metadata descriptions and upgrade information technology tools to improve Drexel connections with scholarship.

This year the Libraries has also intentionally created stimulating library spaces for students to become self-directed, life-long learners. We have more widely engaged with others on campus to improve support for research through designing and guiding best practices for research data management. We are increasingly connecting Drexel researchers to global scholarship not only as consumers of published research but also as creators whose work will help shape new research as uniquely created Drexel assets become available.

Thank you for your continued support of the Drexel University Libraries, and I hope you enjoy reading about our progress this past year.

Sincerely,

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Ensuring ACCESS to authoritative information

OUR COLLECTIONS

271,572
Electronic Volumes

424,142
Print Volumes

24,198
Other Collections

2,739
Linear Feet of
Archive Collections

CATALOGING

160,726
New Metadata Tags Added

INTERLIBRARY LOAN TRANSACTIONS

17,045
For Drexel

14,902
For Others

ITEMS ACCESSED

4,059,209
Online Searches

2,070,999
Online Full-Text Articles

104,983
Total Reserves Used

22,149
General Circulation

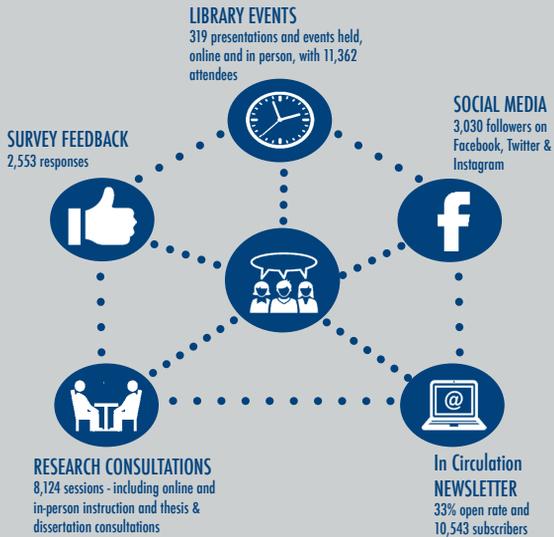
33,955
Equipment Loaned

Updating & Creating ENVIRONMENTS

- » 790,014 visitors at physical sites
- » 745,399 online website visits
- » 98,390 square feet
- » 5,524 average hours open per year
- » 1,413 seats
- » 43 study rooms
- » 4 physical libraries
- » Addition of Data Management Planning Tool (DMPTool) to Libraries' online toolkit
- » New Data Visualization Zone opened January 2016
- » Renovated 24/7 study space at Hahnemann Library

Making new CONNECTIONS

- » Authors Event celebrating 72 Drexel faculty and students who published or edited books in 2015
- » Celebration of the 100th anniversary of former Drexel president William Walsh Hagerty's birth
- » 300 instructional sessions to help support research data management, information literacy and more
- » Participant in the Digital Library Federation (DLF) eResearch Network
- » Quarterly ScholarSip events with 167 attendees



Building a model ORGANIZATION

- » 12 new staff hired and 3 current staff promoted
- » "Expand Your Skills" program launched to strengthen collective knowledge of Libraries staff
- » Engaged Library Advisory Group of students and faculty
- » New Director for Data & Digital Stewardship Division hired in March 2016

49%
OF LIBRARIES BUDGET
SPENT ON COLLECTIONS

59
FULL-TIME
LIBRARY STAFF

44
STAFF PRESENTATIONS,
PUBLICATIONS & AWARDS

288
DONATIONS TO
THE LIBRARIES



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