

Veterinary Medicine Library

FY14 Annual Report

UNIT NARRATIVE

Highlights

Facility—The University Library, in partnership with the College of Veterinary Medicine, received an award from the Campus Facilities Matching Funds Program to renovate the space currently assigned to the Vet Med Library. The renovation will reconfigure the existing footprint of the library for collaborative learning so needed by the college, while still providing service spaces for library needs. No timeline for the project had been set at the time this report was completed.

Collections—the librarian worked with Library Acquisitions to identify any journal titles that could be flipped from print to an online only subscription. A total of twelve titles were successfully flipped to online only.

Assessment—beginning with the Fall 2013 semester, the librarian instituted Vet Med Library's continuous use of Desk Tracker to capture reference statistics. Previously, these statistics were only captured during Sweeps Week.

Challenges

Facility—the aging space and furniture in the library generated several complaints from students over the course of the year; specifically the complaints were that the space is not welcoming and the furniture is uncomfortable. These complaints will hopefully be addressed in the near future by the planned renovation. There was a separate complaint about the entrance to the library not being handicapped accessible. The librarian contacted Library Facilities and requested a motorized door-opener, but it has yet to be installed.

Staffing—after several years of changes to staffing levels and membership, these things finally stabilized. The unit still experienced challenges during the year, however, as staff members adjusted to new duties, expectations, and schedules.

Changes

Staffing—only one significant change was made to personnel and services during the year. Beginning with the Fall 2013 semester, staff member Cindy Nakea split her time between Vet Med Library and Funk ACES Library. Her schedule was somewhat irregular as both units worked out coverage needs and identified potential new duties and responsibilities for Cindy. It is expected that Cindy will continue to split her time during the following year but with a more regular schedule.

Contributions

The librarian made a number of presentations to various groups of College of Veterinary Medicine students:

- Weekly presentations during the fall on best practices for searching the veterinary literature to VM 601 Clinical Practice I and VM 606 Clinical Practice II students; focused on library resources.
- A presentation to VM 617 Professional Development students on best practices in searching the literature; emphasized ways to search the literature and find information after leaving the university.
- A library orientation session for the latest cohort of CVM Island Students; these students come to campus for one year to participate in clinical rotations in order to fulfill requirements to obtain a degree from their home institution.
- A presentation to a group of students in PATH 513 Biomedical Grant Proposal Writing; this group included students from a several different departments.

The librarian participated as a co-instructor for two HUB training presentations:

- Cited Reference Searching
- Resources in the Life Sciences

Staff member Margo Robinson created two new libguides:

- Veterinary Medicine Course Reserves
- Veterinary Medicine eBooks

Review of FY13 Unit Annual Goals

- Update existing Vet Med Library website and libguides **DONE**
- Clear out equipment left in storage room **DONE**
- Improve student worker hiring and training system **ONGOING**
- Identify opportunities to provide data services support to CVM **ONGOING**
- Explore possibility of digitizing CVM dissertations **DONE**

Unit Annual Goals for FY14

- Continue to improve student worker higher and training process
- Identify opportunities to provide data services support to CVM
- Work with Digital Content Creation to digitize older print issues of Veterinary Report, the newsletter for the College of Veterinary Medicine
- Work with Scholarly Commons to have all issues of Veterinary Report deposited in IDEALS and coordinate with CVM to deposit future issues
- Participate in several outreach events—Vet Med Open House and CVM Fall Conference

STATISTICAL PROFILE

Facilities

Total user seating:

- At tables = 68
- At carrels = 46
- At library public work stations = 6
- In group study rooms = 6
- Informal = 12

Total hours open to public per week:

- Summer II 2013 = 42.5
- Fall 2013 = 75.5
- Spring 2014 = 75.5
- Summer I 2014 = 42.5

Personnel

Erin Kerby (Faculty) (100%, July 2013 – June 2014)

Margo Robinson (Civil Service Staff) (100%, July 2013 – June 2014)

Cindy Nakea (Civil Service Staff) (100%, July – August 2013) (50%, August 2013 – June 2014)

User Services

- Gate Count = 57,408 (continuous)
- Circulation
 - Initial = 1,199
 - Renewal = 1,199
- Reference interactions = 382
- Presentations
 - Number of presentations to groups = 17
 - Number of participants in group presentations = 261