A MESSAGE from the DEAN

Fall is always a beautiful time on the Butler University campus, and the perfect time to express appreciation for the support Butler University Libraries receive from the University administration, faculty, staff, students, alumni, supporters, and community partners. I am pleased to present Butler University Libraries: A Year in Review 2015–2016, highlights from the third year of the Butler Libraries’ 2013–2016 strategic plan. We took several steps closer to making the vision of Butler University Libraries—physical and virtual—places where knowledge inspires transformation. Areas of focus included:

» Enhancing student learning through library instruction, experiential learning through the Information Commons program, and improved learning spaces

» Increasing access to Butler research, scholarly, and creative works through the Digital Commons institution repository, and through publication of e-journals such as BU Well and the Butler Journal of Undergraduate Research

» Improving access to information through a revised web page, improved usage data for electronic resources, and archival digitization projects

» Reaching out to library users and area schools and collaboration with organizational partners such as the Center for Academic Technology and the Private Academic Library Network of Indiana to improve library and information services

Here are some of the highlights. Please contact me if you have comments or questions.

With warm regard,

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YOUR LIBRARIES
BY THE NUMBERS

- Electronic Holdings (all formats)
- Views of Electronic Holdings (44% viewed)
- Online Catalog Searches
- Tangible Holdings (e.g., print books, journal titles, DVDs, etc.)
- Interlibrary Loan Transactions
  an increase of 39% from FY14-15
- Library Materials loaned to Other Libraries
- Butler Students and Community Participants attended 242 library instruction sessions
- Information/Research Transactions
  at the Irwin Library Information Commons Desk, an increase of 83% from FY14–15
- Library Materials Borrowed from Other Libraries
- Check-outs of Equipment
  (laptops, iPads, cameras, tripods, etc.)
- Bibliographic Records Added or Updated
- Staff-to-Client and Information Commons Student-to-Client consultations in the Center for Academic Technology
- Course-integrated library instruction sessions
- Library Instruction Sessions assisted by Information Commons Students (peer learning)
The Center for Academic Technology relocated to the renovated Third Floor NW Quad of Irwin Library in January 2016.

Butler Journal of Undergraduate Research faculty and student groups.

E-JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Journal of Hindu-Christian Studies

DIGITAL COMMONS

272,652
DOWNLOADS IN FY15-16

1,500,000+
DOWNLOADS SINCE 2008

13,735
DIGITAL OBJECTS HELD

216
COUNTRIES
locations of researchers downloading Butler works

E-JOURNAL PUBLICATIONS

Booth
Butler Journal of Undergraduate Research
Butler University Botanical Studies (archive)
BU Well
Journal of Hindu-Christian Studies
Manuscripts (archive to present)
Word Ways

BUTLER LIBRARIES FUNDING FY15-16

SOURCES

- Operating Budget $2,320,393
- Capital Budget $216,985
- Endowment (interest) $98,863
- Gifts and Unrestricted Funds $23,928

ALLOCATIONS

- Labor $1,562,231
- Collections $1,389,262
- Operations $278,800

PROVIDING ACCESS to INFORMATION

- The Libraries piloted a user-driven acquisitions process that enables library users to request the purchase of electronic library materials (e-books and streaming video) directly through the library website.
- The Libraries subscribed to Kanopy, a cost-effective streaming video platform that makes it easy for faculty to integrate video into the classroom and charges the library based on usage rather than per title.
- Library Associate Sarah Damery implemented the Article Exchange platform to streamline article borrowing requests, dropping the average turnaround time from 24.1 hours in 2014–2015 to 16.4 hours in 2015–2016.
- Library Associate Laina Ridenour implemented the PALShare consortial borrowing program, making it possible for Butler Library users to directly request any circulating materials from the 22 other libraries of the Private Academic Library Network of Indiana (PALND).
- Library Faculty Josh Petrusa and Amanda Starkel and Library Associate LJ Aucker redesigned the Libraries’ web pages using the Drupal platform, improving discoverability of library resources and services.
- E-Resources Librarian Vanessa French implemented a system for collecting and analyzing e-resource usage data, facilitate data-driven databases, and e-journal renewal decisions.
- Collections and Digital Services staff also implemented an online process for electronic thesis submission, digitization, and personal copy orders.

OUTREACH and EVENTS

- Irwin Library was the host site for several University events, including the Welcome Week library open house, Founder’s Day presentations, student poster sessions at the annual Undergraduate Research Conference, the Celebration of Innovation in Teaching event, and the Phi Beta Kappa initiation.
- During Family Weekend in fall 2015, Irwin Library hosted a family Duck Drop event. Approximately 60 people participated in throwing rubber ducks from the third floor into target rings in the library fountain on the main floor. A good time was had by all!
- Butler Libraries hosted 44 Sycamore Middle School sixth graders completing their National History Day projects (January 2016), and 25 Park Tudor High School Global Scholars for an intensive day of research (February 2016).
- Coordinated by Information Commons Librarian Amanda Starkel, library faculty and IC students visited Shortridge High School to work with approximately 80 juniors (March 2016).