



**University of Detroit Mercy
2008 Annual Activities Report**

Number of Libraries/Branches: 2

Staff Numbers					
	Librarians	Administrators	Clerical	Technical	Non-Technical
Full Time	12	5	14	1	
Part Time		1		1	
Number of Student Assistants:			16		

Library Total budget: \$3,350,800

Total Resource (library materials) Expenditures: \$908,981

% Print Expenditures: 49

% Media Expenditures: 1

% Electronic Expenditures: 50

Amount of resource budget spent per FTE student: 246

ILL requests filled for Michigan academic/public libraries: 855

Door count (typical week): 3476

Average Service Hours/Week: 89

MeLCat Participant: No

MichiCard Participant: Yes

Services to the Public:

Open to the general public - Yes

Access to computers for general public - Yes

Automation System - Sirsi/Dynix Horizon

Friends Group - No

Special Public Services:

Digital Cameras are available for circulation to students, staff and faculty.

The McNichols Campus Library was open for extended hours during final exams in the fall and winter semesters.

The popular viewing dvd collection grew by 339 titles.

A printing program was developed and installed on computer work stations, allowing students to print up to 400 pages per academic year at no cost. Print cards were available for purchase at the Circulation Desk for students who exceeded their 400 page limit.

New Services:

None

Grants Received:

None.

Major library issues:

The Interim Assistant Director of Design was appointed Director and Senior Designer of the Instructional Design Studio.

The Interim Assistant Director for IDS Business Services was named Assistant Director for IDS Business Services.

The nursing and health science librarian was named as Interim Director of the School of Dentistry Library.

The new fourth Instructional Designer position was filled.

Institutional Changes:

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost's Interim status has been removed.

Dean of the College of Health Professions and McAuley School of Nursing became the Executive Vice President at Saint Anselm College in New Hampshire.

The Dean of the School of Dentistry retired whereby the Executive Associate Dean of the College was named Dean.

The Dean of the College of Business Administration left the university to concentrate on his consulting firm.

The University reinstated the position of Director of Sponsored Research Activities.

The University Human Resources and Finance Operations converted to the Banner Enterprise System.

New degrees/programs:

A new 5-year Bachelors-MBA will be an option next year for high achieving high school graduates.

The University has returned to offering minors for undergraduates. Approval has been given for minors in History, Political Science, Theatre, English, Mathematics, and Digital Media Studies.

Other significant academic changes:

None.

Library Facilities:

Sixty year old metal stack carrels and hard chairs were replaced with custom made oiled cherry desks and upholstered soft chairs.

Public service computer tables were replaced with new tables.

All reference department tables were replaced.

Addressing the changing reading/studying patterns of students, rocking chair / gliders with ottomans were purchased for the quiet reading area.

The University's Black Abolitionist Archives and the Carney Latin American Archives moved from the responsibility of the College of Liberal Arts and Education to the Libraries/IDS University Archives.

A media creation room for recording, editing, streaming, etc. was created.

Additional lighting was installed in the library stack areas.

Library Digital Projects:

Architecture theses from 2007 and 2008 have been loaded as the first phase of the Libraries/IDS institutional repository.

The Instructional Design Studio purchased a new server which will be used as a platform to provide the UDM community, and faculty in particular, with streamlined access to tips, tricks and best practices for developing online content for their courses. Faculty will be able to subscribe to these updates and collect them online.

A large ATIZ Innovation book scanner was installed, allowing for a significant increase in digitization work being completed and eliminating unbinding for digital preservation.

All the University student yearbooks have been digitized and a website is being developed for them.

University commencement booklets from 1950-2008 have been digitized and will be placed on a website.

Honorary degree recipients citations &/or bio's have been scanned, digitized and added to the institutional repository.

Wimba was brought to the campuses and faculty were instructed in how to use it.

The Instructional Design Studio and University IT work together to maintain the knowledge course server and train faculty on all aspects of Blackboard and Wimba.

The Libraries/IDS Re:Search portal front page is being used as a marketing tool for specific databases, new books received, library events, etc.

The Fr. Charles Coughlin Collection went live.

UDM faculty publications have been listed in the Special Collections site for Faculty Authors on the Libraries/IDS Re:Search portal.

Miscellaneous:

A new access road was built around the perimeter of the campus, simplifying on-campus navigation.

The Libraries/IDS Gaming Night highlighted the connection between learning and entertainment and provided a different look at what the library is.

The instructional designers launched biweekly tutorial videos for faculty. The short, narrated video screen recordings explicitly show faculty how to perform useful tasks in Blackboard, walking them step-by-step through the process, showing each button-click, menu and loading-screen along the way.

Half the State of Michigan documents housed in the libraries have been reviewed for de-selection.