

Annual Report, 2014-15
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The Library Committee is pleased to report that the Paul Meek Library continues to be a valuable resource for the teaching/learning community at UT Martin.

Major accomplishments during the 2014-15 academic year included:

A. Personnel

- Pat Sanders, Manager of Media Services, began employment on April 14, 2014
- Jennifer Head, began employment as temporary faculty lecturer on August 11, 2014
- Lisa Hoskins, Administrative Support in Directors office, began employment August 18, 2014
- Current Open Positions Posted – Manager, User Services and Government Resources and Public Services Librarian

B. Building/Environmental Progress

- Reference and Circulation functions were combined into a common Information Desk
- Seven new study rooms were added on the second floor
- Portable white boards were added throughout the building to create informal learning spaces
- Smart Board was installed in Second Floor study room
- Information Technology Services Help Desk staff were relocated to the second floor of the library
- Speakers were installed on second floor in all rooms for maximum coverage of building announcements

C. Maximum Information Literacy Excellence (MILE) Program

- Video modules were created with additional resources, quizzes – GENS 101 faculty were encouraged to include MILE activities as a component of the course grade
- Librarians worked with PEP Leaders and GENS 101 faculty to provide concise PowerPoint presentations
- Planning began to integrate MILE content into English 112 courses and ultimately in specifically-identified disciplinary coursework
- Initial work began on planning for the GENS 212 1 hour online course

D. Library Webpage Revisions

- Revised webpage (more user friendly) went live in early August
- Trial databases featured on webpage (including dates of trials)
- Online order form created for library stakeholders to suggest purchase requests

E. Museum Activities and Library Exhibits

- Works of Edna Hibbel on display from April 21, 2014 – August 31, 2014
- “Becoming the Volunteer: Tennessee in the War of 1812” on display from August 22, 2014 – October 31, 2014 featured a lecture by Dr. David Coffey – “More than Volunteers: Tennessee and the War of 1812” on September 18, 2014
- “The Other Freedom Summer: Fayette County Tennessee Summer 1964” on display from February 24, 2015 – May 31, 2015. This exhibit was created by PML staff and has potential to become a traveling exhibit.

F. Meek Literary Legacy Speakers Program – February 3-5, 2015

- Shonda Buchanan – “Evidence of Smoke: Using Poetry to Explore Black Indian Heritage and Inheritance” – February 5, 2015
- Outreach to Martin Middle School Students and Martin Housing Authority After School Program participants was successful

G. Outreach to Special Populations

- Hosted Martin Philharmonic Music Guild in Museum reading room of Special Collections - twice
- Hosted Rotary Club of Martin in North Window area
- Tom Hendrix Book Signing Event – January 22, 2015
- Near-peer Mentoring Program on January 29, 2015 included the library and a fun activity on their tour
- Local homeschoolers invited to program featuring Library resources (textbook collection, online databases, Media Center resources) November 6, 2014
- Art exhibit – Professor Etsuo Tsukamoto visiting from Hirosaki University – March 18, 2015
- Featured Faculty Scholar exhibits were created and presentations were held
- Hosted Judge Tommy Moore and Weakley County Drug Court Program Committee

H. Weeding/Updating Library Collection

- Continued emphasis will be on building digital resources
- Collection analysis/weeding activities will continue throughout the collection
- Government documents withdrawal disposition project (FDLP and Tennessee policies) will continue
- Repurposing building space after materials are withdrawn and disposed will be a priority

I. Updating Periodical Holdings

- Survey sent to faculty in March to get input on whether to keep, discard or replace current print periodical holdings
- Other surveys will be sent to get faculty input on specific categories of library holdings

J. Inclement Weather Closing Policy

- Effective April 7, 2014 UT Martin Academic Affairs adopted a new PML Inclement Weather Operating Schedule for Paul Meek Library
- Was implemented several times during the year

K. Library Budget

- Initial reductions planned for the 2015-16 budget – 4-5%
- Adjustments will be made to student labor allocations
- Expenditure of departmental allocations was encouraged throughout the year

L. Media Center

- Laptops (which circulate in the Library) were replaced
- TI-83 calculators added to circulating items and well-received by students
- Classrooms opened up to scheduling/use by students when not needed for instruction
- SmartBoard usage increased by students (not restricted to class presentations)

