

Circulation

- Use of the libraries increased by more than 200,000
- Circulation, reference and use statistics, both in-house and online increased
- Instituted a new process for registering Community Borrowers
- Completed seven major exhibits in the libraries
- Planned for the New Wing opening and the Kersey Library move to Ekstrom Library

Information Literacy

- U of L Libraries faculty this year taught more than 650 information literacy sessions to more than 10,000 students
- Hosted the 33<sup>rd</sup> national LOEX Conference on information literacy attended by 270 people from the U.S., Canada and France
- Adapted the Texas Information Literacy tutorial for General Education classes
- Taught citation management software use in Ekstrom and Kornhauser Libraries

Technology

- Upgraded Voyager and related system software
- Provided regular computer training sessions
- Implemented SFX software to link electronic resources
- Continued planning for the implementation of the Robotic Book Retrieval System



Mission

As an essential partner in the University of Louisville's mission to become a premier, nationally-recognized, metropolitan university, the Libraries have a special obligation to serve the information and research needs of a diverse population.

Goals

The University Libraries are the academic heart of the University – a place for discovery and learning outside the classroom and laboratory. To accomplish this, we seek to:

- Create a physical environment that encourages creativity and exploration: a place where people choose to work, interact with scholars of the past and present, rediscover old ideas and form new ones.
- Build an atmosphere of trust, support and encouragement among all members of the university community, supporting intellectual freedom and each individual's right to privacy.
- Identify, evaluate, and select materials in a variety of formats to develop collections that meet the needs of our users.
- Apply technology, research and instructional innovations to enhance services and access to our traditional and electronic collections.
- Participate as active and integral partners in meaningful learning, outstanding teaching and effective research by instructing users on the availability and use of information, and by tailoring services and resources according to varying needs.



UofLibraries 

# A Year of Progress

## 2004 - 2005

Dean's Summary

This has been another exciting year for the U of L Libraries as we reached our goal for a 2 million-volume collection. Everyone worked very hard to accomplish this impressive goal. Our annual progress report highlights the many accomplishments of the libraries. We have added many items to the collections both in print and electronic formats. Digitization of our very unique special and archival collections has begun thanks to some cooperative grants.

As the metropolitan research library in the state of Kentucky we are proud that more than two million people a year use our facilities and diverse collections. We have made major efforts to become more diverse in staffing and in the collections with the Granville A. Bunton African American Literature Collection and the Barbara S. Miller Multi-Cultural Children's Collection.

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This year we hosted the 33<sup>rd</sup> national LOEX Conference on information literacy attended by 270 people from many states, Canada and France. This highlighted our many accomplishments in teaching our students important information and technology skills throughout the curricula to prepare them for the workforce environment.

It is also noteworthy that we have joined three other institutions (Georgia State, Georgia Tech and the University of Kentucky) to list our Educational Theses and Dissertations (ETDs) as our first institutional repository. Repositories are defined as being scholarly, cumulative and perpetual, and they are open to the world. U of L's ETD collection contains 84 titles that are listed online at <http://etd.louisville.edu>.

We anticipate another eventful year with the completion of the Ekstrom Library's new wing at the end of 2005.

U of L Libraries are fortunate to have a very dedicated and energetic staff and thanks to their excellent performances this year's achievements were indeed phenomenal.

## Accomplishments 2004-2005

- 2.2 million persons used the Libraries
- 75,706 persons used the Metropolitan College Computer Lab
- The Libraries' 33 laptop computers were borrowed 13,158 times, a seventeen percent increase
- The book collection was increased by 76,216 volumes for a total of over 2 million volumes
- The print and electronic journal collection includes a total of 16,048 subscriptions
- The Libraries continued to be a net lender of interlibrary loan materials in Kentucky
- Library users accessed the online catalog and the Libraries' Web pages more than 14 million times
- 602,683 items were circulated, a 2% increase
- Librarians taught 980 information skills classes to 11,460 students
- Surveys of students, faculty, donors and others indicated high satisfaction with the Libraries' services
- Librarian-faculty partnerships were increased and strengthened through an effective librarian liaison team
- Donations to the Libraries totaled \$306,295



Arrival of the Libraries' 2 millionth volume.

### Ekstrom Library

- Distance Learning Library Services (DLLS) provided support to 24 University of Louisville distance education and off-site international academic programs ranging in location from Fort Knox, Ky., to Athens, Greece and Cairo, Egypt
- Use of the media collection at Ekstrom Library increased by 20 percent thanks to a collection of feature films— including 1600 in DVD format—provided by the Student Government Association
- Media and current periodicals initiated a pilot project using streaming videos for online classes
- Designated Educational Theses and Dissertations (ETDs) as our first institutional repository, the ETD collection contains 84 titles that are listed online at <http://etd.louisville.edu>
- Construction for the new addition began in August 2004 with a completion date of Fall 2005



The first page of the Libraries' rare first edition copy of *Moby-Dick*, with its famous opening line, "Call me Ishmael."

### Art Library

- The library kept art faculty, M.A. and Ph.D. students informed of new materials, policies and services through *Note from the Art Library*
- The Hite Art Institute mounted an exhibit of 64 of the library's artist's books—the first time they have been displayed
- Information Literacy instruction was provided to 361 students in sixteen art and art history classes and three English classes, a 128% increase in number of classes and a 94% increase in number of students reached

### Kersey Library

- With the increasing availability of scholarly resources in electronic format, many materials previously held in print were transferred to online access only
- The news page of the Kersey Web site was converted to blog format

### Kornhauser Library

- The library reached its goal of 250,000 volumes
- Kornhauser renewed its contract with the University Hospital Library
- Worked on the grant getCare providing a health information website for case managers with resources for patient education
- Researchers from "Mythbusters" TV show referenced library material



One of U of L's catalogs from the 1870s list a janitor, Simon Kracht but his job description included more than cleaning. He also made forays with spade and sack to local cemeteries to get cadavers for use in Anatomy Lab.

### Music Library

- The music library added Naxos online listening service, which has more than 85,000 tracks covering classical music, jazz, world, folk and Chinese music and is available through the Music Library's homepage [library.louisville.edu/music](http://library.louisville.edu/music)
- The online catalog for all Grawemeyer Award for Music Composition entries was upgraded and can be searched in multiple new ways

### University Archives & Records Center

- Accessioned 525 linear feet of University records
- Administered the University's handling of requests to inspect records under the Kentucky Open Records Act
- Added 43 accessions totaling 287 linear feet of University records including records from the University's administrative offices for permanent retention

### Assessment

- Participated in Association of Research Libraries (ARL) assessment projects
- Prepared for the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools (SACS) re-accreditation review

### Collection Access & Management

- Processed more than 65,000 print volumes
- Collected use statistics of current periodicals
- Cataloged numerous special collection items and theses
- Continued reclassification of government documents
- Found 428 lost books
- Increased the Barbara S. Miller Multicultural Children's Collection by 85%

### Collection Development

- Added more than 75,000 volumes to the library collections bringing the collection to a total of 2,026,000 volumes
- Increased electronic resources to more than 20,000
- Increased serial subscriptions to more than 16,000