

CCDO Report: Texas A&M University Libraries

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Leadership & Organizational Changes

The University Libraries is seeking candidates to fill two key leadership roles. The Associate Dean Search Committee is currently reviewing applications for the [Associate Dean for Information Resources](#); review of applications began on January 6, 2014. The committee will review applications for the Associate Dean for Special Collections on February 24, 2014.

A new position was created to coordinate licensing on behalf of the Texas A&M System Libraries. The library is currently seeking applications and nominations for the [System Libraries Resource Development Director](#).

Dr. Bruce Herbert, Professor & holder of the Enron Oil & Gas Teaching Professorship in Geosciences was appointed as the Director of Digital Services and Scholarly Communication; his appointment began on August 15, 2013. Dr. Herbert will oversee the Libraries' institutional repository, known as the [OAK Trust](#), and services supporting scholarly activities for faculty and students.

Collections & Scholarly Communications

OAK Fund

The Texas A&M University Libraries and the Division of Research established a dedicated fund to support scholarly publication in the institutional repository. The [OAK Fund](#) will underwrite charges for scholarly journals and monographs according to guidelines and eligibility criteria. Peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and scholarly monographs are eligible for funding. For a minimum of two years, the OAK Fund will have a total allocation of \$50,000 annually. This funding is made possible by shared contributions from the University Libraries and the Division of Research. After two years, the program will be assessed for effectiveness. If successful, the program will be expanded.

The OAK Fund aims to encourage innovative models of scholarly publishing using digital and networking technologies, increase access to Texas A&M research and scholarship and assist faculty and researchers to publish in open-access (OA) venues, but may lack the funding sources to meet the OA publication charges. Each author may receive up to \$3000 per year for all open access fees. Funding for qualified projects will be made on a first come-first served basis within the academic year.

E-Reserves

The Texas A&M Libraries is piloting new electronic reserves guidelines that take advantage of the U.S. Copyright Laws' Fair Use exemption and give faculty more flexibility when using electronic materials for instructional purposes. Details are at the course reserves website at <http://tx.ag/ftu9p9>, and other resources and training are offered through the Office of Scholarly Communication at <http://tx.ag/3xb3a3>.

Big Ticket Acquisitions Program

The Library negotiated over \$2.0 million in one-time purchases during its annual Big Ticket acquisitions program. A short list of collections include *Adam Matthew Digital Collections (Slavery/Abolition, China Trade & Culture, Victorian Popular Culture, 18th Century Journals part 3-5, Popular Culture In Britain & America, 1950-1975: Part 1 & II)*, *Readex's African American Newspapers, 1827-1998 and Hispanic American Newspapers, 1808-1980*; *IEEE Archives, JSTOR Arts & Sciences Collections X- XII*; *Project Muse UPCC Content, Sage Research Methods, Springer Landolt Bornstein Database and Spring Book Archive*.

TAMU System Library Consortium

On August 7, 2013, Dr. James Hallmark, Vice Chancellor of Academic Affairs issued a memorandum addressed to the Chief Academic Officers (CAO) of the Texas A&M University System, approving two positions to create the Resource Development Office for the A&M System Libraries. These positions will be housed at Texas A&M University Libraries. This office will be dedicated to managing cooperative agreements on behalf of the A&M System Library Council.

University

Texas A&M University completed its acquisition of a Fort Worth law school. Texas A&M School of Law officially opened on August 19, 2013.

During the fall of 2013, the National Science Board authorized the National Science Foundation (NSF) to enter into a cooperative agreement under which Texas A&M University will continue managing the International Ocean Discovery Program (IODP) and operate the deep-ocean research vessel, [JOIDES Resolution](#). The five year agreement will begin on October 14, 2014. The NSF contribution for this new cooperative agreement is estimated at \$250 million with an additional contribution of \$87.5 million from the international community pending scientific priorities and availability of funds. Texas A&M University has served as the science operator for this program for 28 years receiving \$1.5 billion in funding.