

## **CCDO Report: Texas A&M University Libraries**

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### **Leadership & Organizational Changes**

TAMU Libraries recently filled the position for Associate Dean for User Services; an internal candidate was selected. The search for an Associate Dean for Information Resources has been extended. The search for an Associate Dean for Faculty Services is ongoing; several candidates will be participating in on-campus interviews in July. A search is underway for the Director of Digital Services & Scholarly Communications.

The library has filled several new faculty and clinical track positions, including Collection Development Librarian, Digital Repository Librarian, and Coordinator of Learning and Outreach Librarian and the William and Susan Ouren Preservation Librarian. The Preservation Librarian position is the first hire as part of the Libraries' new clinical track.

The Evaluation Taskforce has finalized its recommendations for improving the Libraries' faculty evaluation process. An external consultant will assist library administration with some aspects of the revised evaluation process.

The University Libraries finalized a Diversity Plan. This plan acknowledged three key areas of concern: climate, equity, and accountability. The plan also recommended the creation of the Diversity Advancement Committee. This new committee will analyze data and monitor the progress of diversity initiatives and recommend areas of focus. The Committee membership will include representation from faculty, non-academic professionals, classified staff, Faculty Services, Employee Resources and the Libraries' representative to the University's Council on Climate and Diversity.

### **Collections Budget**

The materials budget will likely see a modest increase in FY 2014 due to the University's decision to return recurring funds back to the Libraries.

The Libraries' Scholarly Communications unit in collaboration with Collections Development Operations & Acquisitions Services (CDOAS) is currently developing guidelines to fund author's fees for open access publications.

## **Storage**

The new [Joint Library Facility](#) (Riverside facility) officially opened with a ribbon cutting ceremony on May 24, 2013. This is a joint library facility for the Texas A&M University System and the University of Texas System will store over a million books from libraries in both systems.

## **Texas A&M System Library Consortium**

TAMU Libraries along with members from the Texas A&M System Libraries has requested support from the Texas A&M University System to fund dedicated personnel to manage cooperative agreements.

## **Cushing Library**

Fans of fantasy author George R. R. Martin turned out in great numbers for the *Deeper Than Swords* exhibit, book signing, donor dinner and author's presentation on Mar. 21 and 22, 2013 at Texas A&M. Cushing Memorial Library and Archives is the home of Martin's manuscripts, drafts, books and collectibles. The award-winning HBO series *Game of Thrones* is based on Martin's work. Over 2000 fans from throughout the country packed Rudder Auditorium for Martin's informal "conversation between curator and author" moderated by Cushing Curator of Rare Books and Manuscripts, Todd Samuelson. The audience also viewed an advanced screening of *Game of Thrones*, Season 3, Episode 1, "Valar Dohaeris" introduced by Martin. The event received extensive media coverage in newspapers, blogs, television and radio.

## **Texas A&M University Press**

The Texas A&M University received two major awards from the Texas Institute of Letters. "River of Contrasts: The Texas Colorado," by Margie Crisp, received the 2013 Carr P. Collins Award for Best Book of Non-Fiction and "Captain James A. Baker of Houston, 1857-1941," by Kate Sayen Kirkland, received the 2013 TIL Award for Most Significant Scholarly Book.

## **University**

GlaxoSmithKine and the Texas A&M University System announced in late March that the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services approved the establishment of a \$91 million influenza-vaccines manufacturing facility as the anchor of the Center for Innovation in Advanced Development & Manufacturing in Bryan-College Station, Texas.

The [Texas A&M Health Science Center](#) will be under the administration of Texas A&M University effective July, 2013.