# Inviting Engagement: Connecting Libraries to Endusers for Outreach & Education

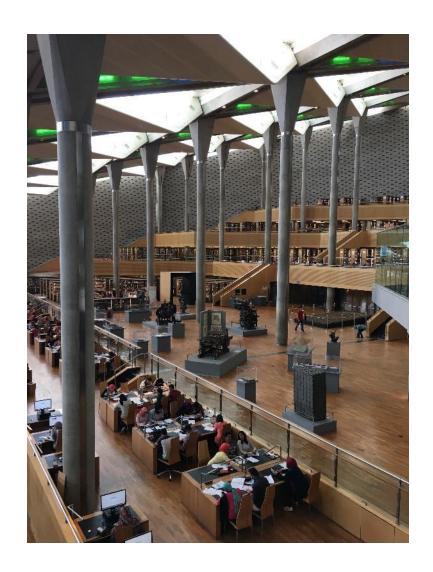
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**CONCERT Conference November 2017** 



# **Agenda**

- The problem of low awareness
- Why is enduser engagement so important?
- Examples of successful engagements
- Communicating value and measuring success





# Problem #1: Library awareness among both users and nonusers is low

Many people are unaware of the array of services libraries offer, including their website material

... it's more important than ever to communicate the value of libraries to users

libraries.pewinternet.org

# Problem #2: The classic stereotype of library & librarian is still alive

- Multiple studies suggest that information professionals need to aggressively promote their services
- Outreach must be an on-going effort, not a project
- Successful outreach is specific about what you can do for your community for success



Fanny Kuter librarian circa 1950 at the Ladies Free Library. http://www.paintedhills.org/STEUBEN/Rogersville/RogersvilleHistory.html



## There is hope. People are changing

Lee Rainie, director of Internet, Science and Technology research at the Pew Research Center, presented at the *Computers in Libraries 2017* conference in March.

He presented new findings about how people are changing:

- People are shifting to a mindset of lifelong learners
- People's attitude towards information and knowledge shapes how they use library resources
- People are more engaged AND more cautious about information sources





## Where does the library fit in?

- Studies, such as Pew, show that students struggle to find trustworthy information
- To stay relevant in work and have enriching lives, successful people need to be "lifelong learners"
- Databases = efficiency and authoritative content
- Not everything is delivered on the open web
- Students need to develop solid research skills



## People... Place....Platform

#### Librarians

- Pathfinders to trusted information
- Curators of trusted information
- Tech and data experts
- Teachers in the age of lifelong learning
- Specialists in information organization



## People... Place....Platform

- The library must embrace multidisciplinary learning
- Make the library a collaborative and flexible space
  - Allow your community to use the space in innovative ways
  - Offer distraction-free silent spaces
- Offer programs that no other departments can
- Cafés are proven.



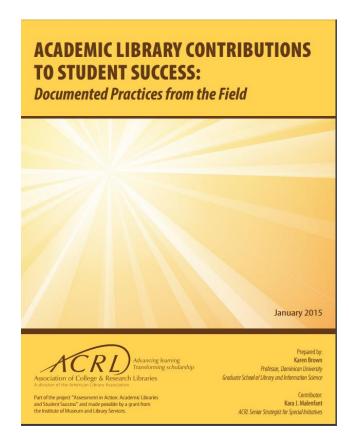
## People... Place....Platform

- A niche service. Unique.
- Trusted top-of-mind institution for learning
- One-on-one consultations and personalized service
- Split face-to-face and online services
  - Run each as totally different operations who share the same resources



## Why should we care?

- How do librarians contribute to their institutional success and the success of their students?
- Over 70 universities across North America completed assessments during a 3 year project
- Two major findings were revealed



http://www.ala.org/acrl/sites/ala.org.acrl/files/content/issues/value/contributions\_report.pdf



# 1. Research shows that library instruction and outreach equals more successful students

- Library instruction builds students' confidence with the research process
- Library instruction contributes to retention and persistence, particularly for students in first-year experience courses and programs.
- Students who receive library instruction as part of their courses achieve higher grades and demonstrate better information literacy competencies than students who do not receive course-related library instruction.
- A library's research and study space builds social and academic community among students.



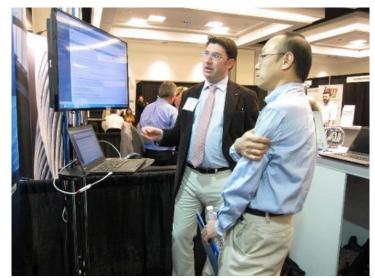
# 2. Creative library outreach promotes better communities

- Library instructional games engage students, enhance information literacy skills, and increase positive attitudes toward the library and its staff.
- The library's use of social media promotes awareness of the library and builds academic community among students.
- Library instruction activities in connection with a course are more effective than one-shot instruction sessions.
- Multidisciplinary and collaborative instructional activities and services between the library and other campus units (e.g., writing center, study skills and tutoring services) promote student learning and success.



Library marketing & outreach is my team's expertise

We, a team of 11 international librarians, visit about **900** libraries a year and speak to thousands of librarians – assisting them with marketing/training







# And we collect stories that reinforce library messages

IEEE librarians produced a video about why researchers search IEEE Xplore directly (versus Google)







# ENGAGING YOUR COMMUNITY BY GETTING OUT OF YOUR OFFICE





**Case study at Drexel University** 



# At Drexel, *Embedding* promotes ongoing, informal "needs assessment"

- Understanding faculty and student needs is crucial
  - What are their needs? We probably won't find out by staying in the library building
- Drexel University librarians use an embedding strategy
  - Takes librarians out of their offices and places them in the locations on campus that allow close coordination with faculty and students



# **Embedding increases awareness in an ever-changing environment**

- Evolving emerging technologies
- New research initiatives
- Enhanced interdisciplinary requirements
- Increased need for effective collaborations
- Students enrollment increasing
- Keeping current is crucial for researchers and students



## Integration in the classroom



#### Week 2 - Topic selection and abstract writing

Enabled: Adaptive Release



#### Week 3 & 4 - Technical & Business Writing

Enabled: Adaptive Release



#### Week 5 - Intro to literature search at Drexel Libraries

Enabled: Adaptive Release



Jay Bhatt is responsible for building library collections in engineering subject areas, outreach to faculty and students, and teaching information and research skills to faculty and students in Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, and related subject areas. He provides individual and small group consultations to students, instructional sessions to specific classes, online research support in both face to face and distance learning programs, and workshops for specialized research areas.

In this lesson, you will find:

- An Introduction
- Lecture Objectives
- Required Reading
- Library Research Assignment One



#### Week 6 - Literature search specifics and procedures, patents and plagiarism

Enabled: Adaptive Release



## **Integration online**



# Did you know that Drexel librarians are an incredible resource for information?

Jay Bhatt, Liaison Librarian of Engineering can assist you with:

- EndNote and Refworks assistance
- Faculty Portfolios
- Patent searching
- Locating standards
- Thesis related

- Effective sources, articles & literature review
- Additional web resources
- Advice
- → FAQs
- ♦ And much more!

#### Where can you find Jay?

Tuesdays 3:30pm-5:30pm School of Biomedical Engineering Science and Health Systems Lounge

Wednesdays 12pm-2pm

Fridays 10am-12pm CoE, Lebow Engineering Center Speitel Conference Room 231

\* Except on May 7th & June 13th

Thursdays 1:30pm-3:30pm

Materials Science and Engineering Lounge

You can schedule an informal consultation with Jay or just visit him during his office hours



# Other ideas: Get out of the library

- Visit university deans in their offices
- Schedule 15 minutes to talk about information literacy in a class
- Connect with a student group (IEEE, ACM, etc.)
- Create "pop-up libraries" at campus events



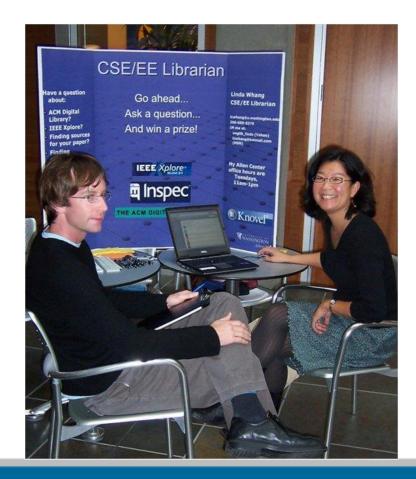
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# **Pop-up library**







# PROGRAMS AND EVENTS THAT LIBRARIES COULD (AND SHOULD) HOST



# What kind of events are the most successful?

- Publishing and career-focused workshops
- Programs that highlight research
- Networking events
- Conference collaboration
- And, of course, celebrations, games and fun





### What do students need and want?



To...
Be a better writer
Get better grades
Innovate
Invent
Win awards, etc.





### **Authorship Workshops**

In STEM, "Publish or perish" is a stressful reality. Every serious student or faculty member must continually think of how to overcome this challenge. Authorship workshops are probably the most successful events we do, in partnership with university libraries.



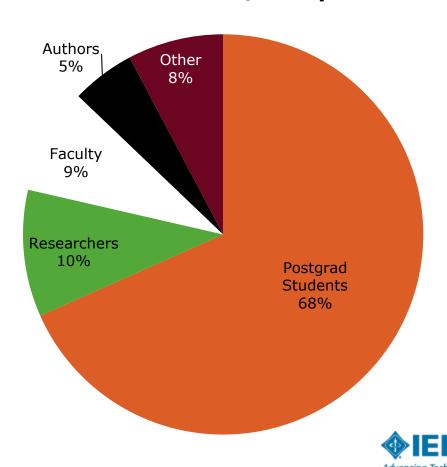


# **Author Workshop attendees demographics**

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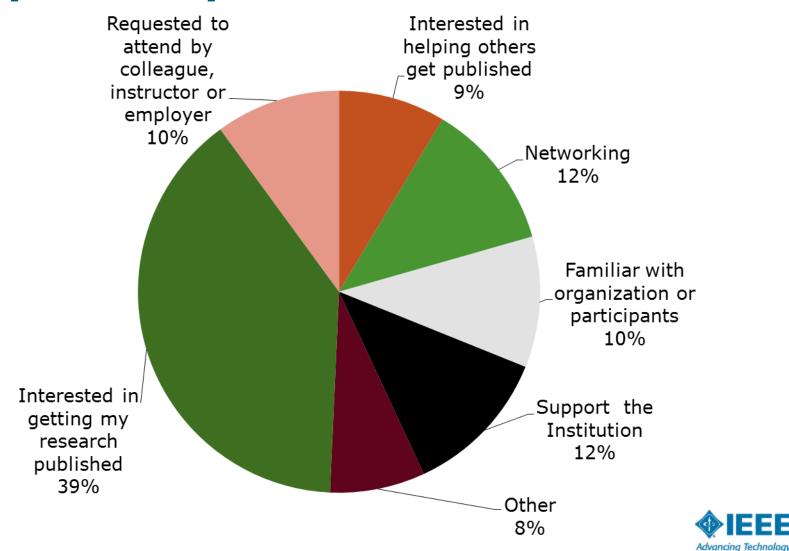
IEEE Journal Editors
IEEE Client Services Managers

#### **Attendees Roles/Occupations**



for Humanity

### Why Did They Attend?



for Humanity

# Multidisciplinary Event: Entrepreneurship & Innovation workshops

- Showcases courses & resources at your library & university
- Involves multiple departments
  - Tech Transfer Office
  - Business school faculty
  - Library
  - Engineering faculty and student groups (like IEEE)
- For even more impact, invite a local alumni entrepreneur to describe his/her personal successes and challenges
- Invite students, faculty and alumni from a variety of disciplines



#### Patents & Entrepreneurship Workshop

# Position your University's Resources as the Innovation Hub

- · Promote library services around patenting and innovation
- Increase visibility of the library
- Raise awareness of library databases and resources
- · Build relationships with other departments (Technology Transfer Office, etc.)
- · Reach a broader audience and new constituents
- Offer value-added programming beyond traditional database training

Partner with IEEE to host an entrepreneurship workshop on your campus.

It's easy—the IEEE CSM team helps you coordinate every step.



Contact an IEEE Client Services Manager at training@ieee.org.



Invite a young entrepreneur and/or alumni to attend.



Showcase campus resources, IEEE Xplore,\* and research and patent tools during the workshop. Partner with other campus resources—business school, law school, Technology Transfer Office, and student groups.



Stimulate discussion through exercise ideas and an interactive Q&A.

"I learned about courses related to entrepreneurship that I did not know before!"

-Workshop attendee

For more information on IEEE workshops that highlight and expand your library's services, contact training@ieee.org

The IEEE CSM team has the sample templates you'll need to host a workshop, including invitation flyers and evaluation forms.





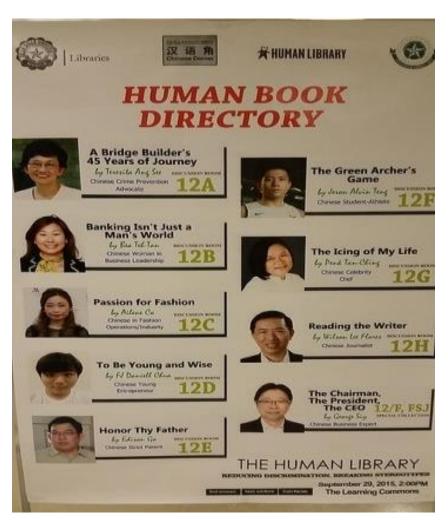
# Smaller event: Patent searching for students

- UESTC Patent Week around World Intellectual Property Day
- IEEE CSM worked with UESTC-IEEE Student Branch to present prior-art search with IEEE Xplore & InnovationQ Plus





# "The Human Library" event



- Leveraging the knowledge at your institution
- Students can talk to experts directly in casual setting
  - Careers
  - Life choices
  - Hobbies



De La Salle University, Manila

## **Celebrations & Recognitions**

- Anniversary events
- Society Named Fellows
- Campus honors for teaching, research, grants, awards, patents
- New hires & appointments
- Community partnerships schools, camps, training
- Celebrating authors



## **Example: Celebrating Drexel Authors**an annual library event

### Celebrating Drexel Authors



Join Drexel University Libraries and the Office of the Provost to celebrate Drexel's book authors and editors at this annual celebration. President Fry will kick off the celebration, joining the Dean of Libraries and Provost to recognize authors who published in the 2014 calendar year.

This event is open to all members of the campus community and authors are invited to bring guests. RSVPs are requested, but not required.

If you are Drexel faculty or staff who authored or edited a book published in 2014, please contact Jenny James Lee at jaj92@drexel.edu or 215.571.4095 with your publication information.

A display of 2013 publications is currently available in Main Building in the display case outside of the Provost's Office.

Date: Wednesday, March 11, 2015

Time: 4:00pm - 6:00pm

Location: Gerri C. LeBow Hall, Room 220

Campus: University City Campus



# **Use your network**

- Find collaborators and partners for future events, led by the library
  - Product/discipline specialists
  - Publishers
  - Faculty editors
  - Industry partners
  - Event speakers





# EDUCATION & OUTREACH WITH GAMES & COMPETITIONS



## Gaming works! "Search Smackdown"

- Turns database instruction into a game
- Students watch tutorials on a group of popular databases for 15 – 20 minutes
- Teams of students compete to answer the most questions correctly using library databases

#### Smackdown! Quick-Start Guide



- · Select the databases
- Choose the tools/platform to create your online instruction (e.g., Screencasting tools, Tildee, LessonPaths, etc.)
- · Create the database instructional videos
- Design the advance organizer to accompany/guide student video viewing
- · Write questions for each database
- . Develop relevant task cards
- Determine your scoring structure (points for organizers, game rounds, challenge question creation)
- Consider how to leverage points and team pressure to encourage completion of the flipped instruction

Library Journal, March 2013



## Library Escape Game: Huge attendance at IEEE Science & Technology Culture Week at Peking University

- Collaboration between Peking U Library, IEEE Student Branch and IEEE
  - Opening /Geek Forum: 50 attendees for a high tech startup panel
  - Library Break/Escape Game: 900+ attendees (2 days on-site)! Game follows a story line and students searched library in person and online for clues. This event won 1st prize at a China Library Innovation Competition
  - Closing/Science Fiction Forum: 150+ attendees for a talk by a sci-fi novelist
- Tips for successful implementation:
  - Close collaboration among 3 parties: Library provides space, students design & implement game, IEEE supports with resources
  - Difficult to duplicate "Library Break "without full support of a student branch
  - Simplify or implement one piece. Add fun event to an existing lecture, industry panel or job talk at the library





Line. Line. Line!



### "Fun to Search" IEEE Xplore Competition

- Two competitions- over 1500 participations
- Tips for successful implementation
  - Content should be fun!
     Questions are from interesting articles in IEEE Spectrum & related magazines
  - Lots of promotion:
    - Emails and phone calls
    - Posters
    - Campus promotion via IEEE student branches
    - Online promotion via IEEE social media and website





#### "IEEE Authorship & Scholarship Competition" @Tsinghua University Annual Library Service Month



#### **Get IEEE Members/Volunteers/Student Branches involved in your event:**

Workshops with multiple unit collaboration: IEEE Fellow/Editor talk; IEEE Xplore training; IEEE Xplore booth, social networking event, competitions, Hackathons, etc.





# NEW CHANNELS OF COMMUNICATION



## Library presence in faculty communications



#### Online Specializations Grow to Seven

This Fall, the college launches two online master's programs, bringing the total number of online graduate specializations to seven. Digital Strategy and Political Communication join specializations in Audience Analytics, Global Strategic Communication, Public Relations, Social Media and Web Design.

Digital strategy, also called digital marketing, is an umbrella term for all online engagement efforts. In the Digital Strategy program, students will master content and inbound marketing, such as how to drive people to a brand's web assets and engage them through a dazzling user experience. Students will earn Hubspot and Google certifications and build a diverse portfolio of ad copy and design, creative content such as infographics, blogs, and digital ads, as well as several executed marketing plans for actual clients.

Political communication is booming. Over the last eight years, it has skyrocketed from a \$2 million to a \$1 billion industry. The college's new program is led by Washington Communications specialist and CJC alum Patrick

In the Political Communication program, students take core courses in political communication and advertising. followed by a chosen specialization. Specializations include web design, social media, analytics, communications and email marketing.

The program focuses on careers in politics after graduation, as its advisory council features several founders, CEOs, and directors of a variety of political strategy and campaign firms, and faculty are industry experts who have worked for state-wide campaigns and prominent organizations.



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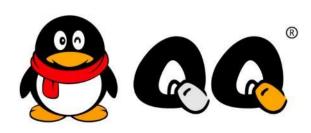
University of Florida's monthly faculty newsletter, The Path, has a monthly "Library Resource of the Month" column



### Real-time course delivery on Social Media

- IEEE courses on social media platforms hugely successful
  - Searching IEEE Xplore Effectively
  - IEEE Paper Submission Guideline & Process
  - Technical Paper Writing
  - Boosting Your Career with IEEE
  - Prior Art Searching with IEEE Xplore and More

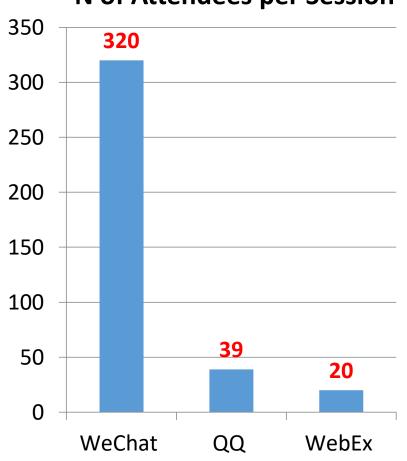


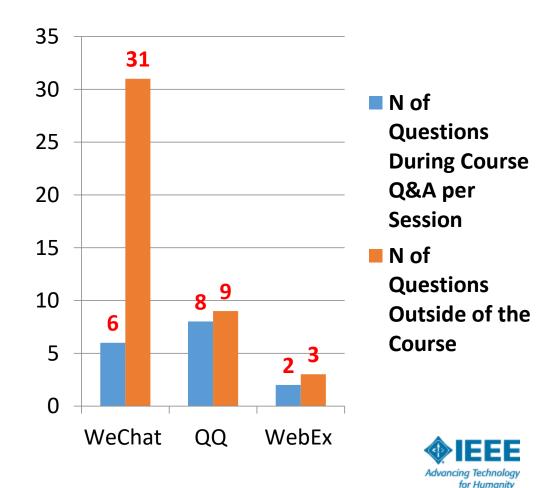




### Course attendance & attendee engagement

#### N of Attendees per Session





# LIBRARY MARKETING CAMPAIGNS



#### Create your own library marketing

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What in the world would I do...

What in the world would I do



University of Philippines

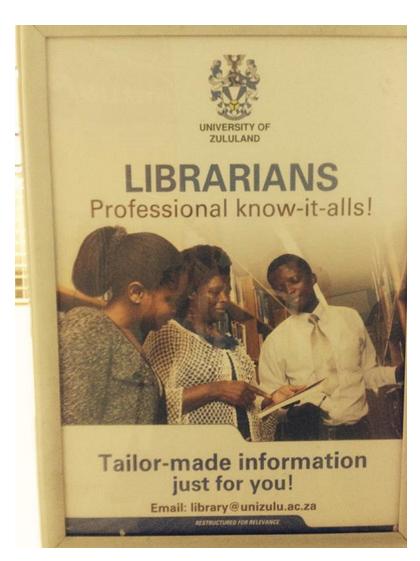
## Checking out needed items







#### Librarian models?? Yes!



University of Zululand

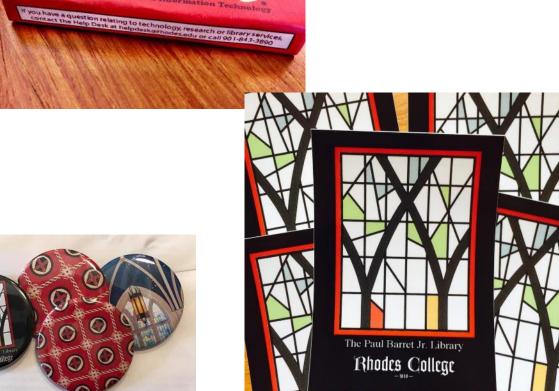


## **Branding everywhere**

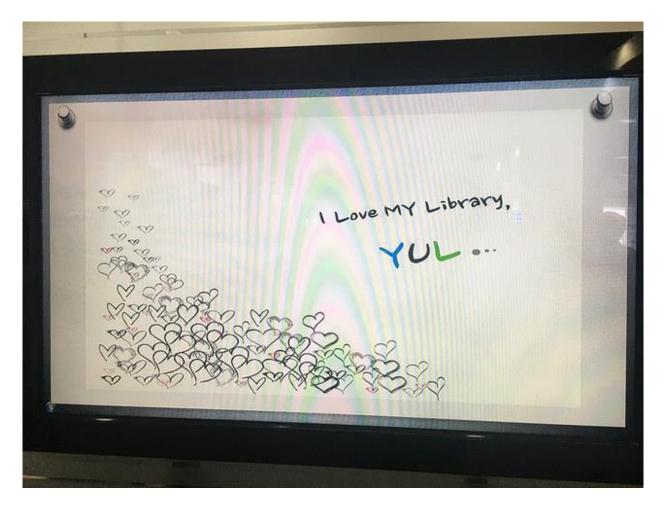


Rhodes College, Barret Library





### **Capturing hearts & minds**



Yonsei University, Seoul, Korea

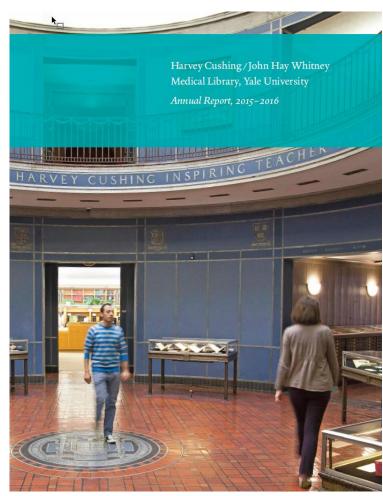


## COMMUNICATING VALUE TO YOUR STAKEHOLDERS



## **The Library Annual Report**

- Highlights library activities for past 12 months
- Professional report which can circulate to faculty, administration, donors to the university
- Includes both statistics & testimonials to give a full report





#### **Praise from stakeholders**

Institutional Animal Care and Use Committee (IACUC) process. Researchers in medicine and basic sciences at every university are familiar with federal animal welfare requirements enforced by point? Could the researchers reduce the number of animals in the experiment while maintaining statistical validity? The researchers must answer these questions themselves — but librarians help





Members of our Document Delivery team
Top: Aleta Garvey; Bottom: Velma Williams (L)
and Dorota Peglow (R)
Photos: Melanie Norton

"The USDA inspector was especially enthusiastic about the work Rolando has done establishing a formal library program to assist investigators in seeking alternative procedures. This is terrific and, in addition to being a good thing in and of itself, reflects well on Yale's dedication to the humane care and use of animals."



Rolando García-Milian Photo: JoAnne Wilcox

- Steven M. Girvin, Deputy Provost for Research





#### We asked, you answered!

#### YOU LOVE THE LIBRARY BECAUSE....

Grad school requires studying, and the group study rooms here are the best for that. Thanks!

The 24/7 room is a lifesaver!

The librarians are really great!

There are so many resources and everyone is very helpful!

Finn the dog!!

Great place to study!

It has the friendliest and most helpful librarians!

Footrests under every table!

I love the environment. It is intellectually stimulating!

It is a center for our learning community. L to R: Jo Cushing Whitney Photo: To

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#### **Statistics**



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in the exhibit

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sources necessary to understand the work of this generation of plastic surgeons. This archive will include correspondence, patient records, photographs, drawings, office records including billing material, and more.

The Historical Library also received a major gift of visual materials depicting medical practice, public health, disease, and more from the collection of Bert Hansen, Ph.D. The Hansen gift contains more than six hundred prints, including chromolithographs and wood engravings from such nineteenth-century magazines as Harper's Weekly, Frank Leslie's, Puck, and Judge. Hansen also donated twentieth-century popular magazines

#### Did you know?

CWML now opens at 7:30 a.m. so students can swing by before their 8 a.m. class.

258,258 visitors to the physical CWML

1,074,028 visitors to the CWML homepage

11,115 hours reserved in CWML study rooms

283,047 scans, photocopies, and pages printed on our public multifunction machines



12,150

reference questions, referrals, and research consultations

37 faculty members trained to create 70 videos for the flipped curriculum

94,924 views of online tutorials

366 classes and orientations provided by the library

2,618 links to library resources provided for 73 courses

7,270 articles sent to our patrons through our Scan and Deliver service

13,319 articles and books borrowed from other libraries for our patrons

12,394 articles and books lent to other libraries



## Innovative uses of the library space \_\_\_\_\_

#### New classes offered by CWML

The VERY Basics of the Unix Command Line

**Expert Googling** 

Understanding Research Impact

Managing Research Data

GIS series:

Searching Geospatial Literature
Working with Census Data for Social
Determinants of Health
Choosing the Platform for Your Project

Making Sense of Genetic Variation



Cynthia Tsay, YSM 's8, and Dr. Dennis Spencer use brains from the Cushing Center collection in their research

#### Exhibits

#### SEPTEMBER 17, 2015-JANUARY 15, 2016

Historical Illustrations of Skin Disease: Selections from the "New Sydenham Society Atlas" 1860–1884

#### OCTOBER 17, 2015-JANUARY 15, 2016

Discover the Beauty of Science

#### JANUARY 21-APRIL 1, 2016

"Contra Cocaine" and Other Works by Robbie Conal, Guerrilla Artist

Deaf: Cultures and Communication, 1600 to the Present Selections from the Medical Instruments Collection

#### APRIL 6-AUGUST 29, 2016

The Founding Collection of Prints and Drawings: Bequest of Clements C. Fry The Life of the Medical Library The Medical Library at 75

#### HIGHLIGHTS



# Staff highlights, awards and publications



LONGTIME SERVICE

50 years

Jeannette Ponzio

30 years

Vermetha Polite

25 years

Alexandra Mashkautsan

20 years

Holly Grossetta Nardini

10 years

Melissa Funaro Mary Hughes

5 years

Khadija El-Hazimy Melanie Norton

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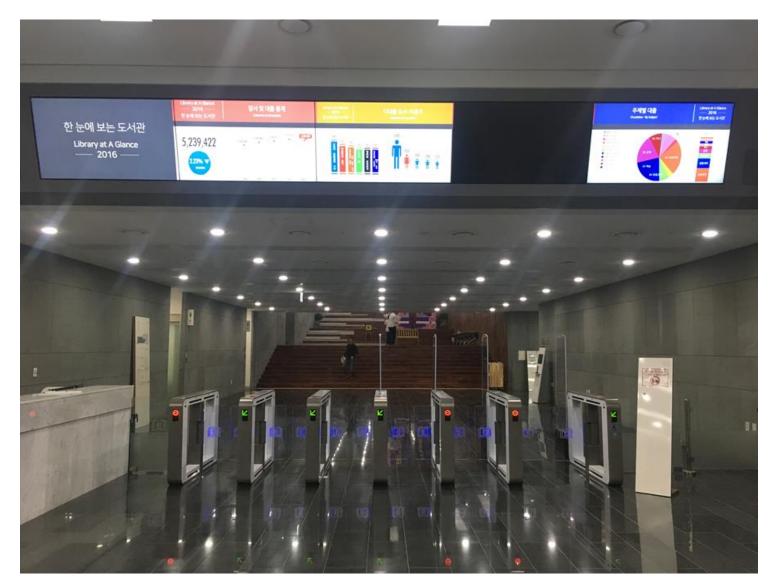
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# Tips to starting an outreach or engagement program

- Start small and get results soon
  - What works for some universities might not work at yours
  - Starting big could waste precious resources
- It's all about the connections you make
- Look beyond the library world for inspiration



## Measuring your efforts

- Has library usage gone up?
- Higher attendance at events?
- More research requests?
- Positive feedback from user and postevent surveys?
- If you don't already, start capturing metrics that back-up the achievement of these goals



"The most valuable resource of the academic library are the academic librarians. As information has become ever more ubiquitous, the value of skilled and experienced information specialists has only increased. The role of the academic librarian has become even more critical in the core higher ed work of teaching and research."

Dr. Joshua Kim, Dartmouth CollegeDirector of Digital Learning

https://www.insidehighered.com/blogs/technology-and-learning/what-would-online-first-academic-library-look



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