Annual Report
2016
Promoting learning, inspiring discovery, and connecting with our communities
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New Leadership

From the Director

As the recently appointed Senior Director of the UT Health San Antonio Libraries, it’s my pleasure to present the 2016 Annual Report. It has been a productive year in support of the library’s mission to promote learning, inspire discovery, and connect with our communities. Major initiatives completed this year include implementing a new discovery tool to enhance access to our collection of resources, identifying and relocating thousands of older research journals to the Joint Library Facility in Bryan, TX, and reorganizing library units to be better positioned to design and deploy new services.

In an effort to create a more welcoming environment, we removed obsolete security barriers at the library entrance and improved lighting throughout the foyer. We also completed a space renovation project to create a dynamic technology space, now officially called The Hub. The space features some of the newest technology supporting health science education. The newly created library liaison program made significant strides in connecting users to library services and collections.

Over the course of the past months, I gained a deep appreciation for the many individuals who contributed to the creation of this dynamic, user-centered library organization. I look forward to working with our staff and community to build on this achievement by continually enhancing our space, services, and collections.

Libraries

Dolph Briscoe Jr. Library
7703 Floyd Curl Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78229
(210) 567-2440

P.I. Nixon Medical Historical Library
7703 Floyd Curl Dr.
San Antonio, TX 78229
(210) 567-2403

Jesse H. Jones Comprehensive Research Library
15355 Lambda Drive
San Antonio, TX 78245
(210) 567-2450

Laredo Regional Campus Library
1937 E. Bustamante St.
Laredo, TX 78041
(956) 523-7404
The Hub

Partially funded by a Student Service Fee Award, the Briscoe Library created a new interactive workspace incorporating some of the latest technology to enhance education and research at UT Health San Antonio. Students voted to name the area The Hub, which features a 3D printer and computers for working with the latest 3D visualization and virtual technology software.

Comfortable seating, desks, and a large worktable have been installed along with a 75-inch monitor available for use by students and faculty. The technology includes an Oculus Rift virtual reality headset allowing users to interact with anatomy in two new, immersive ways: The Body VR and 3-D Organon VR Anatomy. The Body VR allows the user to travel through the bloodstream to discover how blood cells function and how organelles work together to fight viruses. The 3-D Organon VR Anatomy is described by Oculus as “the world’s first fully-featured virtual reality anatomy atlas.”

The Hub also features BodyViz - an interactive three-dimensional software that renders MRI and CT data to allow exploration of the human anatomy, along with a multimedia station complete with Photoshop, Illustrator, InDesign, Premier, and more. The development of The Hub will allow both students and faculty to further explore advances in education and research.
3D printing has quickly become one of The Hub’s most popular features. With over 500 3D print jobs to date, students are able to use the 3D printer for class assignments and research projects.

Master of Science in Cell Systems and Anatomy student, Laura Solis, used The Hub’s 3D printer to help students understand anatomy of the pelvis and perineum regions. Solis explains, “By printing the bony pelvis in 3D, I was able to build the inside of the pelvis and the perineum layer by layer. Most importantly, this model showed important spatial relationships that students have difficulty grasping during their first exposure to the anatomy.”
Fostering Key Partnerships

School Liaisons

The new liaison program is an integral tool for librarians to partner with and support each of UT Health San Antonio’s five schools. The program allows librarians to work more directly and in-depth with students, faculty, and researchers.

Liaison services include:

- Consultation services, including assistance with literature search strategies and bibliographic management
- Curriculum-integrated classes on evidence-based practice and information literacy
- Collaboration on systematic reviews and meta-analyses

With the introduction of the liaisons, the library better understands the needs of students and faculty, providing greater support for the entire university.

Jonquil Feldman
Liaison to the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences

Christy Tyson
Liaison to the School of Dentistry

Emme Lopez
Liaison to the School of Nursing

Karen Barton
Liaison to the School of Health Professions

Chris Gaspard
Liaison to the School of Medicine
Facts and Figures

Total Budget: $3.5 Million

- Collections: $2.2 Million
- Personnel: $1.2 Million
- Other: $194,000

Usage Statistics

- 339,403 Library Visitors
- 933,116 Website Views
- 7,144 Interlibrary Loans
- 1,910 Reference Consultations

Collections

- 34,308 Electronic Books
- 7,511 Electronic Journals
- 123 Databases

Employees

- 12 Librarians
- 15 Staff
New Members

Karen Barton
Liaison to the School of Health Professions and Community Engagement Librarian, Briscoe Library

Diane Fotinos
Simulation and Emerging Technology Associate, Briscoe Library

Kirsten Lorenzen
Outreach and Community Engagement Librarian, Briscoe Library

Cindy Carrillo
Library Assistant, Laredo Regional Campus Library

Emme Lopez
Liaison to the School of Nursing, Briscoe Library

Christy Tyson
Liaison to the School of Dentistry, Briscoe Library

Roberta Johnson
Library Assistant, Briscoe Library

Sharon Leach
Senior Administrative Assistant, Briscoe Library

Visit library.uthscsa.edu for a complete list of our faculty and staff.
Notable Highlights

- Briscoe Library received a grant award of $6,052 from the South Central region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. The award allowed for the purchase of a 3D scanner, iMac, and Adobe Create Cloud software for The Hub. Assistant Library Director Jonquil Feldman served as Principal Investigator.

- The newly formed Simulation and Immersion Technology Team received a $25,000 student resource fee grant award. This grant, applied for by John Weed, was used to fund the creation and development of The Hub.

- John Weed and Andrea N. Schorr served on the Texas Library Association Local Arrangements Committee. The Texas Library Association Annual Conference will be held in San Antonio, Texas in the spring of 2017.

- The 46th Annual Friends of the P.I. Nixon Historical Library Dinner was held on November 2, 2016. Speaker Kirsten Gardner, PhD presented “The History of Diabetes Since the Discovery of Insulin.”

- Andrea N. Schorr attended the 2016 TALL Texans Leadership Development Institute in Lake Dallas. This is a competitive award that provides advanced leadership and management education to successful applicants.

- Peg Seger and Karen Barton served on the San Antonio Health Literacy Initiative’s (SAHLI) planning committee for the 12th Annual Texas Health Literacy Conference. They also represented UT Health San Antonio Libraries at the event with an information table.

- Karen Barton and Jonquil Feldman had a table at the UT Health San Antonio Science EXPO where an estimated 1,500 high school students were in attendance. Briscoe Library promoted medical librarianship and health information resources at the event.


- Jonquil Feldman was appointed as Co-Chair of the Local Arrangements Committee for SCC/MLA 2018. The South Central Chapter of the Medical Library Association will hold their annual meeting in San Antonio in 2018.
From Our Users

“I just wanted to tell you how much we appreciated you researching/preparing [articles] for us. They were extremely helpful – the info contained within each article provided us with the essential support we needed to verify our proposal.”

—Steven “Tony” Skaggs, MPAS, PA-C, Asst. Professor, Associate Program Director and Associate Chair, Physician Assistant Studies

“The library has been an invaluable resource to the School of Dentistry for our teaching of Evidence Based Decision making. In year 1, small groups of students are provided with a customized orientation to prepare them for searching the literature effectively and efficiently. This session also provides the students with a contact for future assignments in all 4 years. Faculty also know that the library is available to them for their needs… Thank you for the wonderful job that is done by all the staff.”

—Birgit Junfin Glass, DDS, MS, Professor and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, School of Dentistry

“A treasure trove of medical and surgical history, the special collection of the UTHSCSA medical library is the repository of hundreds of years of wisdom. The library role in sustaining the History of Medicine Society endeavors is crucial to the Medical school. Its contribution to the numerous medical exhibits throughout the year is exemplary. I am proud to be associated with that wonderful library and its many activities.”

—Daniel Rosenthal, MD, FACS, FASCPR, DMCC, Col. MC (Ret.), The Michael E. DeBakey International Professor of Surgery (Emeritus)

“I have been working with [a librarian] on creating a PA-specific evidence-based medicine web page on the Libraries website… She has really taken the initiative and done a spectacular job helping us create a portal for our students. She has been very responsive and has exceeded our expectations for what is possible.”

—Paul B. Allen, Sr., DSc, MPAS, PA-C, FAAPA, Asst. Professor, Program Director, and Chair, PA Studies

"Since I have been teaching at the campus, I have found that our library is consistently supportive to all, including students, faculty, staff and the community… As past Library Committee Chair, I became aware of all the community outreach that the library does and its want to make lives better. I applaud their mission and will always be supportive of their good work.”

—Adelita G. Cantu, PhD, RN, Associate Professor, School of Nursing