



Report to the University Library Advisory Council

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BUDGET

The University Library presented its budget to the University Budget Committee on Thursday November 2. The Library is projecting to finish 2017/18 in a balanced position - thanks in large part to \$650K in salary savings (see "Retirement Tsunami"). In 2018/19, the Library is projecting to finish with an in-year deficit of \$1.14M - much of it due to journal inflation. The Library has requested a combination of one-time and ongoing funding to cover the majority of this deficit. Any remaining shortfall would be covered by a combination of salary savings and small reductions to the book and print journal budgets.

THE RETIREMENT TSUNAMI

12 library staff (out of a total of 90) are retiring in 2017. The Library's leadership team is taking the opportunity to close or reshape some positions in favour of mission-critical functions.

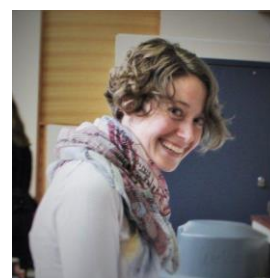
OUR AMAZING NEW HIRES



Sarah Cairns
Library Assistant (Thode)



Rebecca Fera
Events



Christine Homuth
Spatial Information Specialist



Mary Hotson
Administrative Assistant



Karen Purnell
Library Assistant (Mills)



Abeer Siddiqui
Learning Support Librarian



Mariya Yurukova, Development Manager

GOVERNANCE

We have replaced our Managers' Group with three new groups: a Supervisors' Group which meets three times per year to discuss issues relating to direct supervision of continuing staff; a Librarians & Managers Group which meets four times per year to discuss issues of strategic importance to the University Library; and an Expanded Librarians & Managers Group which meets twice a year to discuss issues of shared importance to the University Library and the Health Sciences Library.

CELEBRATING BERTRAND RUSSELL

In 2018, McMaster will be celebrating the 50th anniversary of the Library's most prominent collection – the papers of 20th century philosopher, mathematician and peace activist Bertrand Russell. Many events are planned to recognize this significant cultural event including the relocation of both the archival collection and the Bertrand Russell Research Centre to a new property at the entrance to campus. The Library is also working on the acquisition of a new collection of Russell materials, the publication of a commonplace poetry book, a joint exhibit

with the McMaster Museum of Art and the arrival of both the Bertrand Russell Society and the Analytical Philosophers' Society for their annual meetings in 2018.

CELEBRATING STUART McLEAN



The Library is thrilled to announce that beloved Canadian storyteller and radio host Stuart McLean donated his archives to McMaster shortly before his death. The vast collection of notebooks, photographs, letters and other materials will be used by literary scholars from around the world. An event recognizing this extraordinary donation will be held in spring 2018.



CELEBRATING MISS LOU & JAMAICA

The Library was honoured to be visited by the First Lady of Jamaica, the Most Honourable Mrs. Juliet Holness, in October. Mrs. Holness and her delegation toured the Miss Lou collection and met with both the President and the V.P. International Affairs. See:

<http://dailynews.mcmaster.ca/article/jamaicas-first-lady-tours-mcmaster-librarys-miss-lou-archives/>



McMASTER EXPERTS: SHOWCASING UNIVERSITY RESEARCH

The Library is partnering with Research & High Performance Computing to introduce a new online platform for showcasing McMaster researchers and their work. The bibliographic content (the citations to all your articles and other works) is being piped in automatically (and on a regular cycle) from a set of authoritative sources including Web of Science, PubMed and CrossRef. Plans to support ORCID ID (unique identifiers for distinguishing researchers with common names) are being bundled into this project.

GRADUATE RESIDENCY

The Sherman Centre for Digital Scholarship announced a new residency program for graduate students interested in developing digital scholarship as a component of their research. For details, see: <http://library.mcmaster.ca/news/42799>

LIBRARY RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

The Library welcomed Dr. Hazel Hall (Edinburgh Napier University), Mike Ridley (Guelph) and Dr. Brian Detlor (McMaster) as keynotes at the 2nd Library Research Symposium. Several library staff reported on their work as part of the Symposium. https://hazelhall.org/2017/09/04/mcmaster-library-research-symposium-2017-lib_research17/



MAKERSPACE

The Library opened the new MakerSpace in the Lower Level of the Thode Library. Construction of the roughly 2,500 square foot space was funded jointly with the Faculty of Engineering. The new space was used heavily this past summer for camps and other campus events. The space opened for student use this fall – and has been packed ever since. As just one example, check out the “Build Toys with Purpose” event described at: <http://library.mcmaster.ca/news/46444>

CATALOGUE:

After a very busy summer of preparations, McMaster launched its new public catalogue on August 16. For details, see: <https://library.mcmaster.ca/news/42819>

LIBRARY CARNIVAL

The Library hosted its 2nd annual carnival day on September 26. Approximately 2,000 students stopped by one of the many tents set up by individual library departments outside Mills Library. They answered skill testing questions, learned about new services and enjoyed free root beer and popcorn. Hamilton Public Library was there - signing up McMaster students for public library cards.

