



Grinnell College Libraries Annual Report, 2014-2015

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Over the past year, Grinnell College has made deep commitments to strengthening technology in service of liberal arts learning and faculty research. The Libraries are well positioned to support this commitment, with rich collections of primary evidence and scholarly literature in digital and analog formats, robust digital platforms, and skilled professional librarians and staff.

1. Learning from Primary Sources and the Digital Liberal Arts

This year the Libraries received two notable donations of primary sources. In February, David M. Cook donated the George Washington Cook Letters, a collection of 27 letters written by GW Cook from Grinnell to family members in Connecticut between 1857 and 1860. The collection offers exceptionally early testimony to life in a new town on the prairie, and the only letters, other than those written by JB Grinnell, that record daily life during the town of Grinnell's earliest years. Digitization of this collection for release through Digital Grinnell is well under way.

November of 2014 saw another installment of the ongoing bequest from Peter Jordan, a private book collector who has made annual gifts from his collection of 16th and 17th century European books since 2009. Of particular note in November's gift was Thomas Fuller's *The History of the Worthies of England*, printed in 1662, which includes the first printed biographical information about William Shakespeare. This volume and other resources from Special Collections were heavily used by ENG 121, Introduction to Shakespeare, during the Spring 2015 semester.

Already Doing it (Minnesota 2015) in April. Each of these events helped make visible the strong connection between the Libraries' role as archive and as workshop for the creation of new scholarship.

These author readings also helped to highlight the need for a larger events space in Burling. A declining need for space to shelve current issues of print journals allowed us to remove two ranges of periodical shelving adjacent to Burling Lounge, increasing the size of the lounge by 50% and allowing for additional seating in the lounge area, which is also a popular study space when it is not being used for events.

Additional areas for study and peer mentoring were created on the northeast side of Burling, with the launch last August of the Burling Peer Mentoring space. The original design for the space featured two semi-enclosed tutoring spaces and two open tables, featuring both fixed and rolling whiteboards. This summer, we added a standing-height "laptop bar" along the north and east walls of the space, accommodating requests from students for standing desks in Burling.

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met for the first time ever to identify ways to work together for mutual benefit; Grinnell librarians have contributed leadership in this effort.

In fall 2014, we introduced "demand-driven acquisitions" (DDA) for print books to complement the DDA service for ebooks begun in fall 2013. As with DDA for ebooks, records for the print books are added to the library catalog, library users identify the book(s) they need, and then the Libraries acquire the print book(s) as quickly as possible. This helps ensure that the books we buy are the right ones for our community.

The Libraries also continued to work with the campus community to ensure that we are at the most useful format of journals and other serials and using the shelf space occupied by our print journals in the most effective manner. The result has been a further shift toward journals in electronic format and a move of print journals that are not browsed to the fourth floor of Burling. We also worked with the faculty to consider the withdrawal of legacy print journal volumes in favor of print access, when needed, through regional repositories. All of the titles considered for withdrawal are currently received in digital form only. Consultation started during the winter of 2015, and eckl ny.

Appendix I: New Information Resources

- 17th/18th Century Burney Collection Newspapers- A digital collection of the newspapers, pamphlets, and books gathered by the Reverend Charles Burney (1751-1815) and now held at the British Library, representing the largest and most comprehensive collection of early English news media.
- Springer Ebook Collection: Digital access to all books published by Springer in 2015 (approximately 6,750 titles)
- Springer Online Journals Archive: Digital access from the first issue through 1996 for over 1,000 Springer journals in all subject areas.
- Sage Journal Backfiles: Digital access from the first issue through 1998 for 375 Sage journals in the humanities and social sciences.
- Additional modules from JSTOR (908 titles) and Early American Newspapers (130 titles)

Appendix II: Events and Exhibitions

Hosted Events

May 11: Purvi Shah, "Public Writing, Public Libraries." Poet Purvi Shah read from her work and talked about her career and writing process in conjunction with the GrinCity installation of her poem in Burling Lounge.

April 17: Book celebration for Michael Gill, Assistant Professor of Gender, Women's and Sexuality Studies, *Already Doing it: Intellectual Disability and Sexual Agency*

shot down over the English Channel. Jimmy Ley was highly decorated for his bravery during the war, and was awarded with the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with three Oak Clusters, and the Purple Heart.

We are grateful to Nancy Hall Rutgers and the late Conrad Hall for the donation of their father's papers and to Jimmy Ley's family, who recently donated this collection to the College and provided generous support for processing and digitizing the collection.

[Amana and Grinnell: Creating Community on the Iowa Prairie in 1854](#), curated by Chris Jones, Allison Haack, and Jon Andelson.

A celebration of the 160th anniversary of the establishment of the Amana Colonies in Iowa and the founding of the town of Grinnell. The exhibition explores the shared intentionality, prairie location, and religious motivations of the Congregationalists who founded Grinnell College and settled Grinnell and the Inspirationists who established the Amana Society. Materials displayed in the collection came from the Grinnell College Libraries Special Collections and Archives, the private collection of Anthropology professor Jon Andelson, and the Amana Heritage Society.

The Community of True Inspiration, also known as the Amana Society, was a theocratic community that settled in Iowa in 1854. Property was owned communally and all members worked for community owned businesses, such as the woolen mill and flour mill. Members of the Society rejected ordained clergy, but instead followed church elders and those they called "instruments" who they believed to be divinely inspired.

Iowa College – later renamed Grinnell College – was established in 1846 by eleven Congregational ministers who formed under the name the Iowa Band. The college was originally located in Davenport, Iowa, but at the urging of J.B. Grinnell moved to the new town of Grinnell. J.B. Grinnell was a Congregationalist minister and capitalist entrepreneur who helped found the town of Grinnell. He hoped to establish a religious and educational community and set about preparing for the formation of an institution

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Co-Convener of OBE Group Library Employees at IUG 2015 in Minneapolis

Community Service:

St. Mary's Church, Grinnell, Capital Campaign Fundraising Committee

Sharon Clayton

College Service:

Secretary to the Faculty

Staff Council member

Community Service:

Happy Tales Ranch and Feline Rescue (Colfax, Iowa): Board Member and Volunteer

QuickFit Gym: Instructor

Continuing Education:

Studies completed for B.S. in Library and Information Science, University of ~~Maigesta~~ ~~Maigesta~~

Kevin Engel

Professional Service:

IPAL (Iowa Private Academic Libraries) Purchasing Coordinator

College Service:

Fringe Benefits Committee

Science Division Personnel Committee

Richard Fyffe

Publications

Fyffe, Richard. "The Value of Information: Normativity, Epistemology, and LIS in Luciano Floridi." portal: Libraries and the Academy, Volume 15, Number 2, April 2015, pp. 207-26.

Professional Service:

Center for Research Libraries:

Chair, Board of Directors

Member, Global Resources STE Steering Committee (Center for Research Libraries and Linda Hall Library of Science, Engineering, and Technology)

Iowa Academic Libraries Summit:

Chair, Governance Task Force

Chair, Coordinated Print Retention Task Force

Editorial Board:

Publications:

Major contributor, <http://www.iowaconserveandpreserve.org> March 10, 2015; Iowa's Treasured Destinations: Pella

Publicity notice on website about Preservation Destination in Pella held on August 4, 2014

Community Service:

Lynnville Women's Club –

Presentations:

Jones, P., Kang, J., & Knight, C. (2014). "Taming Dragons! Institutional Repository Promotion Catching Fire through Successful Collaboration". Iowa Chapter of the Association of College and Research Libraries Spring Conference, Ankeny, Iowa.

College Service:

Assessment Committee (Fall 2014): Member

Community Service:

United Church of Christ Congregational (UCC), Grinnell, Iowa: Moderator (Lay Leader)

Randy Jones

Publications:

Jones, Randy. The Spirituals Database launched 21 March 2015. Website. Accessed 6 July 2015.
<<http://www.spiritualsdatabase.com>>

Presentations/Performances:

Opera Talk Metropolitan Opera "Live in HD"
November 22, 2014, Harris Center Cinema, Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa

Community Service:

Chaperone for Davis Elementary School's trip to the Des Moines YMCA camp ("Camp")

Mark McFate

College Service:

Participated in the second year of OISA's FIS (Friends of International Students) program.

Professional Service:

Active Member of the Iowa Drupal User Group

Community Service:

American Councils for International Education program, Host Family.

South Tama Co. Community School District Board of Education

South Tama Rec Trail Board of Directors, Tama, IA

Teacher Leadership and Compensation System Facilities Planning Committee's Vice President and Board Advisor

Wieting Theatre Guild, Toledo, IA: Vice President and Systems Admin

Jean Reavis

Community Service:

Jewel Box Quilt Guild member

Parks & Recreation Board, City of Grinnell: Board Member.

Becky Yoose

Publications:

Yoose, B., Knight, C., & Fyffe, R. (in press, 2015) Clusters: A Study of a Nontraditional Academic Library Organizational Model.

Yoose, B. (in press, 2015) Technology anxiety in academic professional and paraprofessional library staff, The Psychology of Librarianship.

Presentations

Yoose, B. Your code does not exist in a vacuum. Code4Lib Annual Conference, Portland, Oregon.

Professional Service:

Organizer, Code4Lib Annual Conference

Task Force Chair, Code4libcon Documentation Project

Islandora Documentation Interest Group

Chair, Iowa Innovative Users Group
Mashcat Round 2

Co-organizer, CatCode/LibCodeYear

Co-founder, LibTechWomen Professional Workshop
Reviewed
2014-2015: Innovative Users Group Annual Conference, Minneapolis, Minnesota (International).
Sierra SQL

Bootcamp (full day)

College Service

Co-chair, Early Career Faculty

Grinnell Prize Advisory Committee

Mentor, Women in Computing Group

Staff and Librarians, 2014-2015

Julia Bauder, Associate Librarian of the College / Social Studies and Data Services Librarian

Michele Behounek, Manager of Access Services

Sheryl Bissen, Library Systems Support Specialist

Gail Bonath, Senior Faculty

Amy Brown, Library Assistant III (Access Services)

Sharon Clayton, Administrative Assistant to the Librarian of the College

Kevin Engel, Science Librarian

Richard Fyffe, Samuel R. and Malice Rosenthal Librarian of the College

Leslie Gardner, Library Assistant III (Interlibrary Services Coordinator)

Chris Gaunt, Library Assistant III (Access Services)

Kim Gilbert, Library Assistant III (Acquisitions & Serials)

Allison Haack, Library Assistant IV (Special Collections)

Donna Hoeksema, Library Assistant III (Cataloging & Processing)

Christopher Jones, Special Collections Librarian and Archivist of the College (beginning August 2014)

Phil Jones, Humanities Librarian and Coordinator of Research Services

Randy Jones, Library Assistant IV (Burling Media Room)

Jieun Kang, Humanities Librarian (resigned June 2015)

R. Cecilia Knight, Acquisitions and Discovery Librarian

Karla Landers, Library Assistant III (Acquisitions and Serials)

Tony Lewis, Electronic Resources Management Specialist

Mark McFate, Digital Library Applications Developer

Jean Reavis, Library Assistant IV (Cataloging)

Catherine Rod, Senior Faculty (beginning January 2015)

Betty Santema, Library Assistant III (Access Services)

Shealey Sieck, Library Assistant IV (Cataloging)

Chelsea Soderblom, Library Assistant III (Access Services)

Becky Yoose, Discovery and Integrated Systems Librarian

V. Statistics (2012-2013 and 2013-2014)

NOTE: Annual statistics are prepared in the fall for the preceding fiscal year.
This report covers FY2013-2014 and 2012-2013.

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Library Use:

Gate count (typical week)