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Rod Library Annual Report 2016

University of Northern Iowa

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2015-2016 AT-A-GLANCE

783,450  Print book titles

180+  Databases to full-text journal collections, newspapers, images, statistics and indexes/abstracts

Access to more than 250,000 e-books

542,616  Gate count (an increase of 52,293 patrons)

10,718  Reference interactions

67,381  Total checkouts with 12,047 renewals

754  Instruction hours with 7,851 students

14,080  Group Study Rooms Reserved

80  Student assistants

33,303  Student hours worked

44  Employees

824  Years of experience

$10,000  Grants

$904,648  Gifts

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ANGIE COX was hired as Instruction and Liaison Librarian for Rod Library in the fall of 2015. Her role here at Rod Library and UNI is to teach library instruction and serve as a liaison between UNI faculty/classes and services of Rod Library.

Angie has been employed at Rod Library for 13 years. She began as a student assistant and worked her way to become a full-time employee in January of 2009. Angie recently completed her Masters in Library Science degree from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee and currently is in her second year as a faculty librarian. Angie is passionate about helping people succeed and the role libraries play in academic success, which is reflected in her research interest of recruitment, retention and academic achievement.

When asked what she loves most about her role at Rod Library and UNI, she said, “I love connecting with students and faculty on a one-on-one level where I can get to know them, and help them get through areas when they are stuck.” Getting to see students have “aha” moments in their learning is especially among Angie’s favorite moments.

Angie’s hard work and dedication to Rod Library and UNI is another great example of dedicated staff and faculty members committed to making UNI a success.

MYLE DUONG plans to graduate in May of 2017 with a degree in Global Business and a minor in International Business. This is her fourth year working in the library. She works as a building monitor in Access Services and previously worked with the Student Technology Fee and Public Relations Committees.

In response to being asked why she loves working here, she said, “I love the atmosphere of this library and the people I work with; they are one of the reasons I love coming to work every day. It feels like home to me.”

Myle is a great example of student success here at the Rod Library and UNI. Myle hopes to get a job at a university to recruit higher education or business administration.
ACHIEVEMENT

Rod Library encourages staff, students and faculty to excel in their fields.

- Gale Cengage Learning Financial Development Award (American Library Association) for Surface Hub crowdfunding campaign
- Engaged community to create a diversity art exhibit, “Diversity Means”
- Collaborative initiatives with CVLC, Regents, CI-CCI, and Iowa Academic Library Alliance
- Latino Americans: 500 Years of History Grant, from American Library Association = $10,000 - for a year-long diversity programming series
- UNI Museum membership in the Association of Science and Technology
- Collaborated with Iowa Regents to develop shared institutional repository portal “Iowa Research Commons”
- Implemented new library system, Ex-Libris
- UNI Servant Leadership Award- Diksha Ojha (Student Assistant)
- Panther First Award- Robyn Bredvick (IT/Library staff)
- Library outdoor sculpture provided by Mukais, Phil Simpson and the UNI Art and Architecture Committee.

GROWTH

NEW SPACES
- Makerspace
- ScholarSpace
- Surface Hub Room
- The Nook (meeting space)
- Projection/Whiteboard Wall

UNI SCHOLARWORKS
- UNI ScholarWorks has reached a milestone of over 50,000 downloads in the past year from all over the world
- Joined Open Textbook Network

UNI MUSEUM
- New museum website (8,000+ views each month)
- Record number of patrons visited since 2012

USER INCREASE
- Learning Commons and Digital Media Hub featured more than 30 events, more than 40 guest speakers, and hosted more than 300 meetings.
- Met with 706 students for research consultations
- Gate count - 542,616 patrons walked through the doors, an increase of 52,293 patrons
Matt Library strives to be a leader on campus, within the state of Iowa and throughout the country.

- Beyond Google library credit course teaching library literacy
- Provided 660 in-class library instruction sessions (10,739 students)
- Library hosted “Human Relations” as an open-concept classroom

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN

What an amazing year! We opened the new Makerspace and ScholarSpace funded by external grants. Our instruction sessions and research consultations were at an all-time high. Rod Library joined the Open Textbook Network, supporting the development of free online textbooks to reduce student debt. We moved to Alma, a new system which will allow us to work more collaboratively with Iowa and Iowa State and improve library workflows and patron information discovery. And we were the winner of the 2016 Gale Cengage Learning Financial Development Award for our successful crowdfunding campaign which resulted in the purchase of a Microsoft Surface Hub.

How do you top that? Well, as always, we listen to our users and work to continue to meet the challenges and embrace the opportunities presented to us. We hope that this will be the year we get the go ahead to begin planning a renovation of the Rod Library building. We’ve made many improvements to the building over the last five years, but the mechanical systems are in desperate need of replacement. We’ll be hiring new faculty – a new Business Librarian and Special Collections Coordinator and University Archivist. We’ll continue to strengthen our commitment to diversity and inclusion, working to diversify our staff and our collections, and guaranteeing the library is a welcoming place for everyone. We’ll begin the process to align our current strategic plan with that of the University’s and develop metrics to ensure that we are accomplishing the goals we have committed to. Finally, we are developing initiatives to better document how we contribute to the University’s goals through analysis of library use as it correlates to student recruitment, retention, and success.

Here’s to another great year!

Chris Cox, Dean | Rod Library

LEARNING

Rod Library strives to be a leader on campus, within the state of Iowa and throughout the country.
MISSION
Rod Library empowers and inspires our community to discover, imagine, create and innovate.

VISION
Rod Library aspires to be the best comprehensive university library in the country.
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