

Report 2017

Van Pelt and Opie Library

Today

- Progress with access to scholarly and scientific literature
- Growth in instruction and learning
- Access and preservation of the scholarly record
- Stewardship of the history of university and Copper Country
- Building changes optimized for students (not to be addressed)

Access to scholarly and scientific literature

- 2014 – 2015
 - Cancellations of two large packages
 - Senate Ad-hoc Committee/recommendations
 - Faculty identification of essential journals and intensive, continuous data analysis
 - Modest changes in journal portfolio

Access to scholarly and scientific literature

- 2016 – 2017 forward
 - Increase to budget from Provost
 - Renegotiation of major packages including some relief from Elsevier and improvements from Wiley, Nature, Cell Press, Sage, McGraw Hill
 - Further additions from the faculty essentials list and use data; borrowing and faculty rush service

Access to scholarly and scientific literature

- Additionally:
 - Revival of book acquisition (e- and p-)
 - Analysis of book collections with withdrawals from print government documents and never-circulated and available in Michigan/US (math, social sciences, 19th c. exempted)

For Senate Consideration

- Recommendations from the Senate Ad-hoc committee (annual report and faculty involvement – done)
- Liaison model not adopted: does the Senate want that operated by the library or prefer an advisory committee?

Key focus of next phase

- If no major changes (i.e., changes in exchange rates or significantly new research areas without concomitant decreases), the library will have enough buying power for four more years.
- There are areas where the cost/per use ratio does not, on the surface warrant subscriptions.
 - Guidelines for alternative solutions

Growth of instruction and learning

- Librarians delivering instruction within formal courses
 - Correlation between instruction, other information literacy interventions and use of the literature
- Workshops – many well attended but those designed for faculty (i.e., EndNote and Digital Measures – not)
- Please let colleagues know to make their needs known.

Access and preservation of the Michigan Tech Scholarly Record



10,969
DECEMBER
DOWNLOADS

68
NEW
WORKS

MOST
DOWNLOADED
PAPER

Kacy Mackenzey

Access and Preservation

- Digital Commons is the university's campus repository
- Theses, dissertations and master's reports
- Early adopter faculty and colleges
- The library does the work of rights checking

For Senate Consideration

- Most universities now have open access policies
- Federal agencies require open access for publications and, often, data
 - Digital Commons requires no work on your part
 - Consider developing a policy to enable opt-in for us to draw from Digital Measures

Access and Preservation

- Keweenaw Digital Archives is now Copper Country Historical Images
- A new platform optimized for images of all types
- Your own, important scholarly/scientific images can have their own space, user interface, standard metadata, and rights checking
- <https://cchi.mtu.edu>

Stewardship

- New and additional archivists, Lindsay Hiltunen, University Archives; Allison Nealy, Archivist; Resident Archivist; and Digital and Repositories Coordinator, Annelise Doll
- Copper Country history has received four grants in the past two years
- NEH grant for map and other flat file analysis
- Reinvigorated look at the library's current and historical maps in consort with faculty

For Senate Consideration

- Library newsletter "IN/FOCUS" aimed only for faculty <50% "open rate"
- How best to reach faculty?
- Liaisons, advisory committee or both?