

# Seattle Pacific University: Library Annual Report, 2004-5

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I write this report as I complete six months of service as Interim Director, succeeding University Librarian J. Ray Doerksen, who left the university at the end of January to take another position. Since I am not a professional librarian (although I was one of the library's most enthusiastic patrons as Professor of English and Dean of Arts and Sciences), I had much to learn. The library staff was extraordinarily supportive and helpful during the interim period, continuing their often unheralded and unseen service to the university.

## Highlights

This report will therefore be much briefer than previous reports. However, next year's report from the new University Librarian will undoubtedly be more substantive. Dr. Bryce Nelson assumed the position of University Librarian in August. Dr. Nelson comes to SPU following a long and successful career leading all libraries for the Seattle Public Schools and most recently as a Research Project Director at the Information School at the University of Washington.

Under Gary Fick's leadership, the library participated in beta testing a national survey of information literacy skills (SAILS: Standard Assessment of Information Literacy Skills). Seniors enrolled in capstone seminars took the survey, results of which will be used by the library to determine if this survey should be incorporated into assessment of the library's information literacy program.

Public events at the library included an open house celebrating faculty scholarship and a workshop for faculty and staff on using internet search engines.

## Personnel

Aileen Maddox, learning consultant for business and social sciences, left her post in June. She will be working with Dr. Randy Maddox at Duke University on the Wesley Works Editorial Project. Librarians who will be serving as learning consultants for business and social sciences may be found at [http://www.spu.edu/depts/library/about\\_library/main/learning\\_consultants.htm](http://www.spu.edu/depts/library/about_library/main/learning_consultants.htm).

## Collections

Cataloged titles held:	170,258
Cataloged volumes:	199,279
Current paper/microfilm journal subscriptions:	1,207
New titles added:	7,755
New volumes added:	8,154

(Please see the 2003-4 report for historical comparisons.)

In Special Collections, 1,068 titles and 1,703 volumes were processed.

We were pleased to receive a donation of curriculum materials, primarily in the sciences (79 titles and 344 volumes), from Quality Schools, International, which holds a summer conference in the SPU library every year.

### **Electronic Resources**

The addition of Serial Solutions E-Journal Portal and Article Linker products has markedly improved access to the content of full text online journals regardless of vendor.

In 2004-05, SPU library users conducted 346,370 searches for information in electronic databases, a substantial increase from the 257,445 in 2003-04. A complete list of databases and usage can be found in Appendix 1.

### **Library Services**

Results from the 2004 LibQual survey show that SPU students and faculty were most positive about the quality of personal service and library facilities. Usage numbers can only hint at the breadth and depth of service provided by the librarians and other staff in carrying out the university's mission.

Building Use:	230,933
Circulation*:	68,164
In-Library Use:	24,350
Reference Queries:	7,323
Interlibrary Loans	2,210
Interlibrary Loan Borrows:	4,955

\*Includes Reserve and Summit items

## **Appendix 1**

	<b>Database:</b>	<b>Searches:</b>
1	Academic Search Premier	77098
2	PsycINFO	39979
3	ProQuest Newspapers	26135
4	Research Library Complete	24765
5	ERIC	19298
6	MEDLINE	14723
7	ABI/Inform Research	14488
8	ABI/inform Trade & industry	14349
9	CINAHL	12434
10	PsycArticles	11799
11	Atla	9097
12	Philosopher's Index	8226
13	Psych and Behavior Sci Col.	6906

14	WorldCat	6680
15	JSTOR	4613
16	Health Source: Nur/Acad Ed.	4183
17	MLA International	3885
18	Religion and Philosophy Col.	3342
19	Business Source Premier	2727
20	Professional Development Col.	2725
21	Mental Measurements YB	2722
22	Health Source: Consumer Ed.	2388
23	LRC	2266
24	Alt Health Watch	1914
25	Education Index	1709
26	Physical Education Index	1641
27	LLBA	1530
28	Basic Biosis	1476
29	Sociological Abstracts	1447
30	Primary Search	1386
31	Topic Search	1196
32	R. Encyc. of Philosophy	1159
33	Newspaper Source	985
34	LitFinder	928
35	MAS Ultra - School Edition	915
36	PreCINAHL	831
37	Middle Search Plus	806
38	Dissertation Abs	771
39	MasterFile Premier	738
40	Bus&Ind	717
41	BusManagement	680
42	Biology Digest	655
43	Military & Government Col.	590
44	Clinical Pharmacology	586
45	American Humanities Index	577
46	Com. & Mass Media Complete	507
47	MAS Ultra - Pulic Library Ed	465
48	Legal Collection	457
49	Vocational and Career Col.	424
50	Art Index	417
51	Union Lists	348
52	MLA Directory of Periodicals	341
53	F&W New World Encyc.	339
54	RILM	338
55	Social Service Abstracts	327
56	ArticleFirst	324
57	Regional Business News	323
58	Agricola	299
59	CQ Researcher	263
60	Computer Science Index	254
61	FactSearch	252
62	Alt Press Index	239
63	Computer Source	237

64	MAS Online	232
65	PAIS International	213
66	Econlit	209
67	Newspaper Abs	173
68	Cochrane Databases	164
69	Fuente Academica	162
70	Medic Latina	149
71	GEOBASE	132
72	Business Dateline	115
73	Contemp Women's Issues	107
74	EBSCO Animals	101
75	World Almanac	93
76	ECO	75
77	Image Collection	55
78	GPO	53
79	Wilson Select Plus	50
80	PAIS Archives	25
81	PapersFirst	17
82	Alt Press Index Archives	11
83	Proceedings First	7
84	Electronic Books	7
85	Media Review Digest	1