UNE Library Services Report to the Board of Trustees Mar 2015

Part I: Unit Strategic Initiatives

1. Promote research and transformative use of primary source materials in UNE Special Collections

UNE Library Services continues to create and foster new opportunities for the community to engage with unique research materials in its Special Collections. The **'Write Again Soon: Letters from World War II'** exhibit at the Biddeford Campus UNE Art Gallery was designed and installed by students enrolled in a UNE undergraduate history class: War Letters (HIS 290.) This exhibit of images and letters from World War II features interpretive text researched and written by students using the Randall J. Cushing Collection, a collection of more than 2,000 original letters from both World Wars.

The Portland Campus UNE Art Gallery exhibit, **'A Gateless Garden: Quotes by Maine Women Writers'** features 53 quotations by Maine women writers, edited by Liza Bakewell, paired with black and white images by Maine photographer Kerry Michaels. The exhibit is based on their book by the same title, which includes quotes from over 100 Maine women writers. Bakewell and her assistant editor relied extensively on materials held in the Maine Women Writers Collection for their research, spending over a year working with the staff to research the quotes.



White Peonies by Kerry Michaels

Challenges: Our goal is to match art and cultural collections and exhibits with aspects of the UNE curricula.

Proposed Timeline: Ongoing and yearly.

Supports Strategic Initiatives #2 & #3 – UNE will have a culture and infrastructure that support students and faculty in research and scholarship; UNE will have a learning-centered environment for active involvement in campus life and community engagement.

2. Add exceptional artwork to the UNE Permanent Art Collection

As part of an initiative to enhance the experience of UNE students and community with thought-provoking and beautiful works of artistic merit, UNE will commission a work of art by Maine artist Kim Bernard for the glass-enclosed atrium of the new, award-winning Art Gallery in the Ketchum Library on the Biddeford Campus. Bernard's work represents an intersection of physics and art: work in her series *Wave Phenomena* captures sound waves and imprints them beautifully on fabric discs.



From Kim Bernard's Wave Phenomena Series

In addition, UNE will purchase a work of photographic art by noted Deer Isle, Maine artist Jeffery Becton, and will receive a second Becton piece as a gift.



Becton uses the tools of digital photography to compose ambiguous spaces in which landscapes and interiors exist as one.

Challenges: Our goal is to match art collections with aspects of the UNE curricula. We have steadily made progress on this initiative as budget allows.

Proposed Timeline: These major acquisitions will be completed in Academic Year 2015/16.

Supports Strategic Initiative #1 – UNE will establish educational programs that bridge traditional academic boundaries to create transformative experiences for students.

3. Expand and support the global reach of library resources and services for the UNE community around the world

UNE Library Resources is growing its collection of online resources that students and faculty can access 24/7. With three physical campuses and students and faculty around the globe, online access to resources is imperative. Currently we have more than 630,000 ebooks, 90,000 ejournals, and 200 databases available to the UNE community around the world. Starting February 2015, our new subscription to a streaming video collection called *Kanopy* provides us access to over 4,000 films, documentaries and training videos to support the entire curriculum.

Professor Steve Zeeman recently sent this note from Indonesia where he is on sabbatical:

> *"I just have to gush about how useful the library has been during my sabbatical in Indonesia. It is just beyond the halfway mark for my Fulbright Fellowship, and I have had to do a number of seminars and workshops (and more to come) at various universities and even government agencies. The electronic resources of the UNE Library have been amazing. They have truly saved the day for me. I have been able to get current literature and even whole ebooks as sources for my talks. I was even able to find a rather obscure article for one of the Associate Deans. I just want to express my gratitude to Library Services for the wonderful job they are doing. "*

Susan Mosher, an EdD. student in North Carolina, said this after getting help from a UNE Librarian:

> *"Thank you again. I have been bragging on UNE to everyone who will listen, your helpful and detailed response is an example of why I am so impressed with this program."*

Challenges: Increasing costs of electronic resources, vendor licensing restrictions.

Proposed Timeline: Ongoing.

Supports Strategic Initiatives #2 & #4 – UNE will have a culture and infrastructure that support students and faculty in research and scholarship; UNE will optimize university resources and support ethical, effective, efficient, and responsible decision-making.

Part II: Unit Updates

On January 15, 2015, Anna Eleanor Roosevelt visited the Biddeford Campus Art Gallery war letters exhibit. The granddaughter of former president Franklin Delano Roosevelt and first lady Eleanor Roosevelt spoke with some of the students who created the exhibit.
"It was a privilege to meet Ms. Roosevelt and an honor to have her take such an interest in the…exhibit," said Professor Elizabeth De Wolfe. "She asked great questions and shared wonderful insights about her grandmother. I am so pleased that my students had the opportunity to share their work with such a distinguished guest."



Anna Roosevelt listens to a student who helped create the exhibit

- UNE Library Services staff is proud of their 100% participation rate in the UNE Moving Forward Campaign, the first unit to achieve this goal.
- Library Services updated the automated library system to "Sierra" to coordinate with the Maine State Library System and the larger academic and public libraries in Maine. The group purchase with these other libraries allowed us to take advantage of significantly discounted group pricing.
- Reference & Instruction Librarian Cadence Atchinson participated in a panel presentation "Preparing Students for Success in College" at Windham High School on February 4, 2015.
- Reference & Instruction Librarian Elizabeth Dyer was accepted into the Georgia Biomedical Informatics course, a fully-funded National Library of Medicine training course to be held April 12-18, 2015. This training will help the Library support new initiatives in health informatics education at UNE.