Patron Driven Acquisitions (PDA)

PDA is a new means of acquiring electronic books. We have loaded records for over 200,000 electronic books in our catalog. Each time a patron reads one of these books, it triggers a loan of that book for a 24 hour period. The loan cost is roughly one tenth of the list price. After the 4th time a patron reads a book, a purchase is triggered and UNE owns that book. This allows us to give our patrons access to a large quantity of electronic books, but only purchase what is actually being used on a regular basis.

Ketchum Library Project
Improving the Biddeford Campus Library

Phase I of the Ketchum Library Project has been completed. This phase upgraded student study spaces, relocated four library staff offices, constructed five new group study rooms, plus increased and improved the seating space in the Library lower level and the Windward Café. Phase II will begin later in the spring semester and will convert the main entrance of the Ketchum Library to include a new art gallery space and to completely reconfigure the Library entryway.

Highlights from Special Collections

Special Collections staff coordinated the I Have a Dream Martin Luther King, Jr. exhibit in Leonard Hall.

Images, photographs, and film footage of Saint Francis, Westbrook, and UNE were provided to create a lively media show for the March 13th Capital Campaign Launch.

Maine Women Writers Collection’s album of 19th century Portland author Margaret Jane Mussey Sweat is now available in DUNE.

UNE Art Gallery hosted a UNE Art Department Faculty Exhibition February 5-23, 2014.

Abplanalp Library Student Amenities

Students love to be in the Library so much that they don’t even want to leave to eat! They asked for a refrigerator to store their meals, and it was delivered last week, courtesy of the Graduate & Professional Student Association. Students also have access to a microwave and vending machines at Abplanalp Library.

Center for Excellence in Teaching & Learning (CETL)

Reference & Instruction Librarian Cadence Atchinson is the library liaison to the new CETL. She is working with the CETL Task Force to frame the mission, vision and guiding principles for the CETL at UNE. She is also supporting Barbara Walvoord’s Teacher Scholar Seminar by assisting 22 faculty with semester-long research projects related to their own teaching and scholarship.