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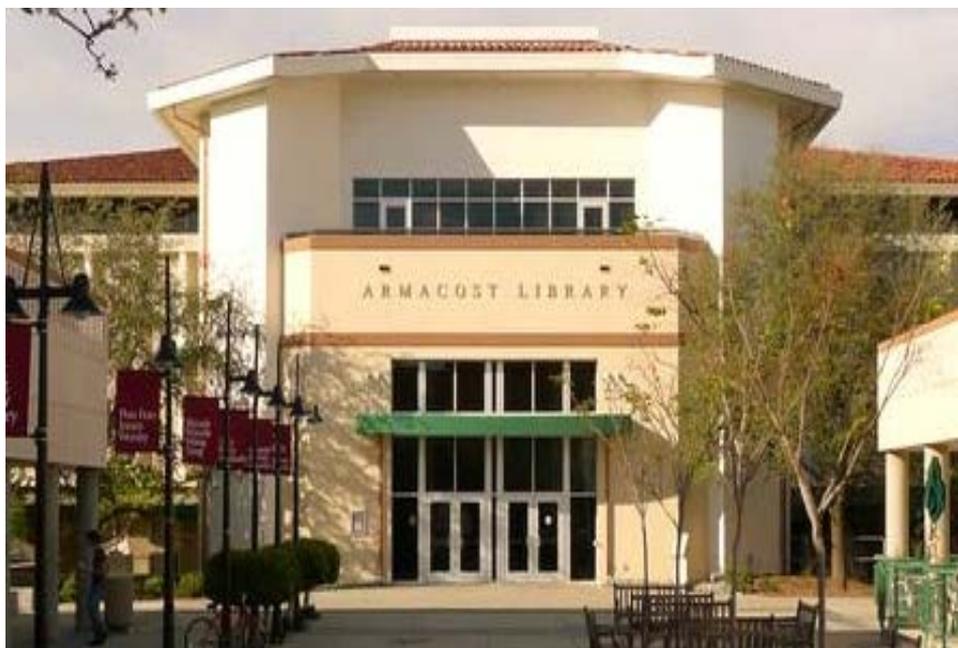
A Year
In Review

UNIVERSITY OF
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from the director

It is my great pleasure to share with you some of the highlights of the 2014-2015 academic year in the Armacost Library. Many of our accomplishments are noted in this report and yet much of what we do is not evident in these pages. We highlight our role in teaching and learning, in renovating our spaces to become more welcoming and inclusive, and in leveraging technology to provide better access to our collections.

We don't want to overlook the people who do all the work. The library invested in professional development this year with webinars, tutorials, and on-site training. Of particular importance, the library invested in training for staff on the use of our interlibrary loan system called ILLiad. An ILLiad trainer was on campus two full days to help us better utilize the technology, as well as streamline our procedures for making ILLiad faster and more efficient.

We appreciate our student workers as well, who are indispensable. Many of our student workers stay with us their entire college career, and a few even longer! We have several alums on staff.

When you visit the library and walk around a bit you will undoubtedly notice some empty shelving. This is the result of a concerted effort to make space for student scholars by removing the print journals that have duplicated the online journals and to replace reference materials with their online equivalents. In the "building for success" section of this annual report you will read a bit more about this goal.

We have much to celebrate, many accomplishments, and new endeavors to look forward to. Thank you for supporting us.

Gabriela Sonntag
Director, Armacost Library

Student Success is our Goal!

books + more

Collection

The library holds

438,667

Volumes

Interlibrary Loan Transactions

2,292

E-Books

Armacost Library users have over 457,185 eBooks available to them.

people

Annual Gate Count

162,262

By the Numbers

Library Website Searches

156,176

Database searches

1,027,230

7:47

Average visit duration

WE ARE BLOGGING
YOU ARE READING

We had a total of 1,297 visits to our blog in 2014-15

Noteworthy Database Acquisitions

LINGUISTICS AND LANGUAGE BEHAVIOR ABSTRACTS (LLBA) Index to linguistics and language science research published as books, articles, dissertations and conference papers from 1973 to present.

ART FULL TEXT provides full text articles from various art publications throughout the world.

MERGENT INTELLECT Profiles and financial information for over 100 million public and private companies worldwide.

CQ RESEARCHER + ARCHIVE. Authoritative background information and analysis of current issues. Archive gives us coverage back to 1923.

JSTOR collections in Education, Business/Economics, Political Science, and Science/Technology providing deeper access to the scholarly record in these disciplines.

MARKET SHARE REPORTER provides comparative business statistics.

KEY BUSINESS RATIOS provides business ratios for public and private companies based on data collected by Dun & Bradstreet.

teaching & learning

The library faculty at University of Redlands continues their own action research project related to acquisition of information literacy skills and practices. Findings thus far have focused on library instruction in first-year seminars. Results suggest that library instruction enables first-year students to better understand the characteristics of peer-reviewed literature, to identify more efficient, subject-specific search strategies, and recognize a primary source. With recursive information literacy instruction, students do even better.

Identify best description of a peer-reviewed journal

3-4 sessions	
One-shot	
None	

0% 20% 40% 60% 80%
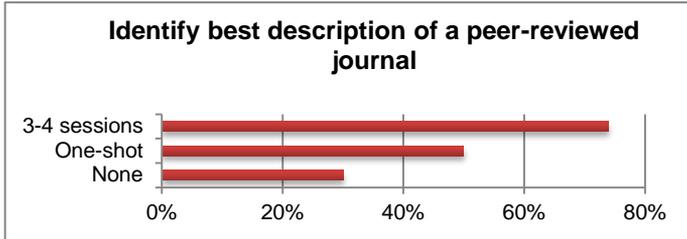
Percentage of students able to identify best description of a peer-reviewed journal by number of library instruction workshops students attended.

During 2013-2015, University of Redlands participated in Project Information Literacy's Lifelong Learning Study, a large-scale quantitative study investigating how a sample of "relatively recent" college graduates from ten U.S. colleges and universities find, evaluate, and use information for learning once they leave campus. Key trends for University of Redlands alumni included:

-University of Redlands alumni "were more avid public library users than the total pool of graduates in [the] study sample."

-University of Redlands alumni far outpaced the rest of the sample in their reporting of making use of critical thinking skills learned in college used for finding and using information.

InSPIRe@Redlands
Institutional Scholarly Publication and Information Repository

Meant to inspire creativity and scholarship, InSPIRe@Redlands collects and shares intellectual artifacts from the University of Redlands community. InSPIRe is a project of the Armacost Library in support of our institutional mission to foster a community of scholars through the sharing of ideas.

Papers to date

484

That's an 80% increase in content since last year

That's a 176% increase since last year!

Full text downloads

25,492

Library Exhibits

The library relies on the philanthropic generosity of alumni and other friends. This year we are especially grateful to the family of Dr. Ralph E. Hone, Professor Emeritus in English, who donated his important collection of literature and religion books.

A new exhibit in the third-floor display cabinets honors other donors from years past. Armacost Library is proud to house the following:

- CHARLES WALLACE COLLECTION OF TV AND MOTION PICTURE SCRIPTS.
- EDITH M. ABBOTT'S UNIQUE ART OBJECTS.
- KUM PUI LAI ('33) EARLY DONOR TO THE HAWAII PACIFIC COLLECTION.
- MARJORIE CALL'S EXTENSIVE MUSIC COLLECTION.

20 Number of STUDENT WORKERS employed by the library

The library hires many student workers to help with the day-to-day operations of the library. Some work at the circulation desk helping check out books, answer questions, and help patrons find what they are looking for, among other things. Some work in the technical services and acquisitions areas helping with cataloging and processing newly purchased books and other materials for the library.

Our student workers are knowledgeable, courteous and willing to assist wherever they can. They make our jobs easier and we couldn't run the library without them.

Student art from various classes was displayed in the library exhibit areas this past year. Our own student worker, Zack Schrimpf, created this colorful design for an assignment in Reneé Azenaro's 2D Art class. Bravo Zack!

BUILDING FOR SUCCESS

The library repurposed former residence hall furniture to create more soft seating for our patrons who like to study and relax on the 3rd Floor.

We were lucky to have a therapy dog in the Jasper's Corner after-school program this past year – Redman provided comfort and reassurance to our young learners in the library. Thank you Redman and handler Ryan Sweet!

This year the library welcomed the Writing Studio! In this space, students and writing staff hold daily conversations about writing and best practice in a comfortable and open space.

staff spotlight

Presentations & Publications

Gregory, L., & Higgins, S., Lowe, S., Miller, R., & Theiss, D. (2015, March). "*We've only just begun": Determining the value of information literacy in the first year.* Presentation for the Association of College and Research Libraries, Portland, OR.

Gregory, L., & Higgins, S. (2014, October). *Information literacy and first-year students: What do they know, what do they learn, and what do we learn?* Presentation for the European Conference on Information Literacy, Dubrovnik, Croatia. [Peer-reviewed]

Gregory, L., & Higgins, S. (2014, July). Invited speakers. *Information literacy and social justice: Revisiting our professional core values.* Opening presentation for the 4th Annual Summer Teaching Retreat at Chapman University's Leatherby Libraries, Orange, CA. [Invited]

Congratulations to our Web Team: The Armacost Library website was noted as exemplary in academic libraries for their use of the SpringShare LibGuides Content Management System in designing their website.

Lua Gregory and Shana Higgins were noted as "very clever and dedicated librarians" in a Chronicle of Higher Education blog post. See "From Teaching to Consulting: Librarians as Information Literacy Designers. An Interview with Carrie Donovan."

We've upgraded our web platform to provide patrons with a responsive website that adapts to any computer/mobile device without having to choose between the full desktop version and a lean mobile version of the website.

university involvement

Committee

Trisha Aurelio
URSAA Executive Board

URSAA Prof Development Committee Chair

Wellness Program Advisory Committee Member

Les Canterbury
Faculty Athletic Committee

Mentoring Committee

Lua Gregory
CAS Curriculum Committee

LAF Assessment Task Force

Phi Beta Kappa Selection Committee

Shana Higgins
Faculty Review Committee

Sanjeet Mann
Faculty Senate Budget and Planning Committee

University Council

Phi Beta Kappa selection committee

Academic Technology User Group

Gabriela Sonntag
URSAA Personnel Committee

administration, staff, & library faculty

Administration

Gabriela Sonntag
Director, Social Sciences Librarian

Debbie Alban
Administrative Assistant

Staff

Lori Alaniz
Student Supervisor

Trisha Aurelio ('90)
Technical Services Supervisor

Rebecca Clayton ('14)
Acquisitions/Cataloging Assistant

Gerry Collins
Night Supervisor

Emily Croft
Acquisitions/Government Documents Assistant

Susan Larose
Electronic Resources Assistant

Sandi Richey
Circulation Supervisor

Jessica Scarpelli
Reserves Assistant

Librarians

Les Canterbury
Natural Sciences Librarian

Lua Gregory ('05)
Humanities and Education Librarian

Shana Higgins
Education and Interdisciplinary & Area Studies Librarian

Janelle Julagay
Business & Online Learning Librarian

Bill Kennedy ('76)
Humanities Librarian

Paige Mann ('95)
Physical Sciences Librarian

Sanjeet Mann
Arts Librarian

For information about the Armacost Library or to become a supporter, please contact:

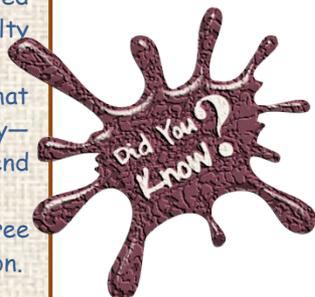**Gabriela Sonntag**
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ACADEMIC LIBRARY FACTS**

• There were 584 students enrolled for every librarian in two and four-year colleges and universities in 2010 in the U.S. as compared with 14 students for each teaching faculty member.

• Academic librarians provide information that serves more than 44 million students yearly—reaching almost 12 million more than attend college basketball games.

• College libraries receive just less than three cents of every dollar spent on higher education.

**Taken from *Quotable Facts About America's Libraries*, ALA, 2012

Did You Know?