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The SPU Library

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Friends of the Library Newsletter

Autumn 2012



Retrospect and Prospect

The mission of the SPU Library is to provide collections, instruction, tools, spaces, and personnel to advance teaching, learning, and scholarship at Seattle Pacific University. The [Library's Annual Report](#) for 2011-12, available from the Library website, is a record of the Library's work to fulfill this mission during the last fiscal year. Highlights include:

- Positive assessment of Library resources, services, and space.
- Enhancement of the Library's educational role.
- Increased access to and use of the [University Archives](#).
- New training, technologies, and learning spaces facilitated through the [Tech Desk](#).
- Successful public programming.

Changes in communication technologies are transforming libraries in significant ways. (University Librarian Michael Paulus shared some reflections on "[The End of the Book](#)" in the spring issue of SPU's *Response* magazine.) But transformation includes both continuity and change, and the Library's Annual Report demonstrates how, through a combination of tradition and innovation, the Library remains central to the discovery, creation, and sharing of knowledge at SPU.

Teaching in the Library

One of the key findings of the Library's spring survey is that faculty perceptions of the Library's instructional services and physical space exceed expectations. The Library integrates services into spaces and it is a strategic priority for the Library to continue to provide distinctive teaching and learning spaces that support current pedagogical approaches and technologies.



This last summer, the Library Classroom was updated with new furniture, technology, and paint to create an active and flexible learning space. The updated classroom uses a new wireless projection system, supports the use of laptop instead of desktop computers, and is furnished with tables that can be arranged in various ways. These changes will enable library instruction to become more active and mobile.

Friends of the SPU Library

Friends of the Seattle Pacific University Library perform a vital role in enhancing both the quantity and quality of the resources that the Library makes available to students and scholars at SPU. To become a member or renew your membership, please visit the Friends of the Library [giving site](#).

SPU Library Numbers

In academic year 2011-12:

232,988
people entered the Library.

57,893
books were checked out.

214
information literacy classes were taught by librarians.

7,401
reference questions were answered.

Orbis Cascade Alliance Numbers

There are **37** colleges and universities in the Orbis Cascade Alliance.

Combined, there are over **30 million** items in Alliance libraries.

SPU patrons checked out **6,049** items from other Alliance libraries.

The SPU Library shipped **13,300** items to other Alliance libraries.



Reconfiguration of Library facilities, to accommodate changes in the delivery of resources and services as well as study and research needs, is an ongoing process. To orient users to how the Library is changing as a physical place, and to make connections between its virtual and physical dimensions, the Library has created a new virtual tour. Visit spu.edu/library/online-tutorials/library-tour and see how the Library as a place is changing.

Archives Online

In July 2012, the Library successfully completed its participation in the Northwest Digital Archives (NWDA) Emerging Archives Program, an initiative funded by the National Historical Publications and Records Commission. One of the grant outcomes was the creation of 20 archival finding aids or collection guides. These guides are now available through the NDWA database at nwda.orbiscascade.org/.



The archival materials described in these guides date from the founding of SPU in 1891 to the present and include personal papers, institutional records and publications, photographs, audio and video recordings, and artifacts.

Connect

- Friends of the Library are individuals who contribute to the Library's endowed fund. If you are not already a member, or have not yet renewed your annual membership, please visit the Friends of the Library [giving site](#). Friends of the Library receive [alumni library borrowing privileges](#).
- The Library hosts a lunchtime series, [Thursday Food for Thought](#), in which members of the SPU community read from recently published or about-to-be published works. The series, which runs during the school year, is open to the public.
- Explore the Library's website, and the resource and services available through it, by visiting spu.edu/library.



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