

# **Reinert-Alumni Memorial Library**

**Annual Report 2015-2016**



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## Our Mission

To provide the services and resources necessary to meet the research and information needs of the Creighton University community. The Library staff augments the educational mission of the University by:

- Developing a collection of diverse and scholarly resources
- Providing the tools and technology that connect people to ideas and information
- Teaching information and research skills

## Our Vision



To provide personal service to the individual in a state-of-the-art learning environment. Everything the Library has to offer—facilities, information resources, services, and staff—will be recognized as a key component in achieving academic success.



## From the University Librarian

**Jim Bothmer**



Academic libraries are undergoing rapid changes. This past year was no exception for the Reinert-Alumni Library. We are encouraged by renewed interest on the part of faculty and the administration in making a new or renovated library a priority, but in the meantime we are not standing still.

First and foremost, a new library system was introduced and implementation begun in earnest. We made strides in supporting information literacy in the undergraduate curriculum. We expanded 3D printing and new technologies, and we engaged the campus community through our WWI lecture series and through listening tours. These are just a few of the year's highlights.

What lies ahead? In a recent study, it is evident that faculty's use of libraries for their scholarship and teaching is evolving ([www.sr.ithaka.org/publications/ithaka-sr-us-faculty-survey-2015/](http://www.sr.ithaka.org/publications/ithaka-sr-us-faculty-survey-2015/)). We will examine the implications of this report, including the feasibility of offering research data services. In addition, a number of studies point to important relationships between the library and student success ([www.ala.org/acrl/sites/ala.org.acrl/files/content/issues/value/contributions\\_report.pdf](http://www.ala.org/acrl/sites/ala.org.acrl/files/content/issues/value/contributions_report.pdf)). We will review these contributions for their relevance at Creighton.

Other major issues and broad goals for the Reinert-Alumni Library in the coming year include:

- Leverage digital collections—The digitization of information resources continues, with space and staffing implications for libraries.
- Change the scholarly publishing model—The current model is unsustainable. We will evaluate open access, moving beyond the “big deal,” and evidence-based management of our collections.
- Repurpose library space—Our goals are to identify and meet user needs, continue weeding, and lead the effort to plan a new or renovated library.
- Refresh staff skills—In addition to updating technical skills, we will evaluate the impact of embedding librarians in courses and academic committees.

The next academic year promises to be challenging, interesting, and stimulating all in one. Change occurs so quickly it is difficult to lead it, but folly to follow it. We aim to be a change master in a controlled environment. Check this space to see how well we're doing!

*Jim Bothmer*

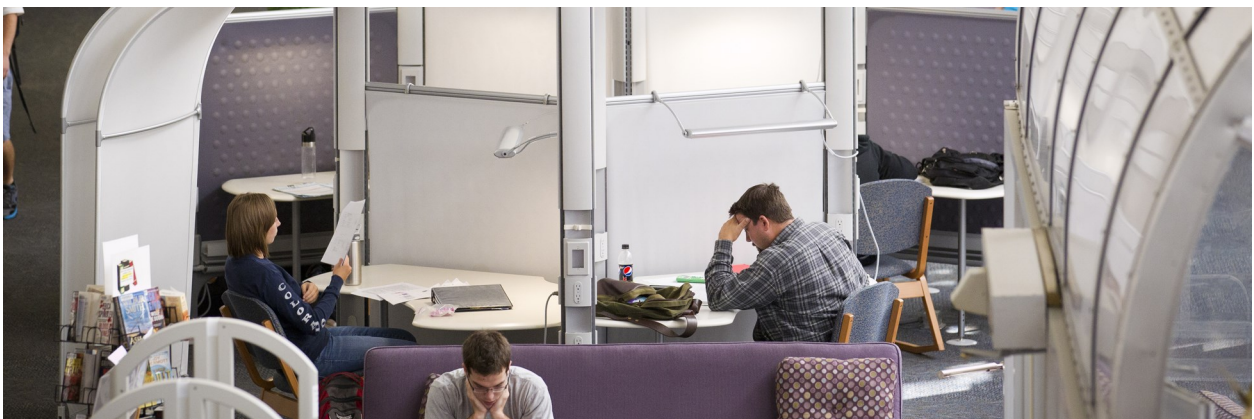
University Librarian



## Budget and Resource Statistics

| Library Budget          | 2013-14     | 2014-15     | 2015-16     |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Total                   | \$3,092,106 | \$2,835,152 | \$2,894,972 |
| Salaries                | \$1,344,838 | \$1,255,803 | \$1,248,487 |
| Operating Expenditures  | \$597,069   | \$721,722   | \$526,953   |
| Collection Expenditures | \$1,185,457 | \$1,415,990 | \$1,119,532 |
| Resources               | 2013-14     | 2014-15     |             |
| Books                   | 357,934     | 333,611     | 332,847     |
| E-Books                 | 190,247     | 208,710     | 219,271     |
| Print Journals          | 516         | 540         | 821         |
| E-Journals              | 83,605      | 86,820      | 84,886      |
| Streaming Videos        | 23,766      | 26,225      | 88,855      |
| Media Resources         | 8,430       | 7,407       | 9,779       |
| Databases               | 134         | 136         | 137         |
| Library Use             | 2013-14     | 2014-15     |             |
| E-Book Views (est.)     | 544,946     | 538,359     | 548,422     |
| Summon Searches         | 276,849     | 259,466     | 242,317**   |
| Database Searches       | 830,660     | 1,191,742   | 1,048,789   |

\*\* Does not include searches after May 16, when JaySearch was launched.





## The Year in Numbers



303,860

Total Visits

221%

Increase in  
downloads for  
**e-reserves**

### Interlibrary Loan

3,574 Lending requests

1,685 Borrowing requests

256

Research  
Guides

287,859

Research Guides  
Total Views

255

3D objects  
printed

680

Seats

1,589



Research Center  
Transactions

60%

Students who experience a library  
session on **information literacy** in  
the first year of the Magis Core



### Library Instruction

2014-15

2,009 students

2015-16

2,552 students

▲ 27%



74%

New books list  
check-out rate



## Highlights

### The Year in Review



- Completed the migration and launch of the new Ex Libris integrated library system in May with the Health Sciences and Law Libraries, a culmination of a year's preparation.

The new system is branded *JaySearch*, delivering expansive, interdisciplinary results for resources in both physical and electronic formats. Enhancements are ongoing.

- Expanded online resources with the *eBook Collection* (EBSCOhost), *Education Source*, *NAXOS Music Library*, and *NYTimes.com*, featuring global news and multimedia content.



- Received upgraded network and data wiring throughout the building, a new VOIP telephone system, and a new elevator.
- Hosted a tour of the Reinert-Alumni Library for new members of the Creighton Board of Trustees in September, in anticipation of a new or renovated building.
- Prepared to open up space for more seating on the upper level by moving C and G call-numbered books to the lower level, and rearranging the collections housed upstairs (ongoing).
- Continued weeding the printed books collection and began a multi-year project to deaccession U.S. government documents in accordance with federal guidelines.
- Recovered 1,500 theology books that were water-damaged in a plumbing accident by shipping them to a local restoration company to be freeze-dried.



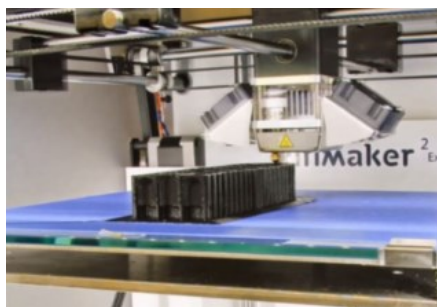
- Updated the Library Encounter Online tutorial (LEO) to include JaySearch and other new content for first-year students and for other beginning students (*left*).
- Presented 113 library sessions in collaboration with faculty, including 30 classes for "Critical Issues in Human Inquiry" courses in the Magis Core Curriculum.
- Presented the 2015 Undergraduate Research Award to Anthony Rauschenbach for his paper on universal health care for HAP 457.



- Partnered with DoIT's RaDLab team to manage and promote the Creighton Advanced Visualization Environment (CAVE) in the Library.
- Hosted three test printers to aid in the selection of Canon Print Services, and prepared for the transition.
- Deployed 10 workstation-grade laptops for check-out that support 3D design and statistical analysis.



*The CAVE , Creighton Advanced Visualization Environment*



- Formed a technology team with the Health Sciences Library to explore and introduce emerging technologies.
- Introduced the Ultimaker 2+ to provide user friendly, high performance 3D printing for student use (left).
- Printed 3D class projects designed by students in the Energy Technology Program.
- Began circulating a new portable 3D scanner and Raspberry Pi kit to foster student learning through technology.
- Extended interlibrary loan service (ILL) at no charge to students, in addition to the existing subsidy for faculty.
- Reassigned duties in Access Services following Gerry Chase's retirement, and hired David Buffington to fill the newly defined position of Evening Supervisor and Technology Specialist.
- Hired Angela Almonzar as Senior Library Specialist (temporary), with technical services duties at both the Reinert-Alumni and Health Sciences Libraries.
- Continued library assessment and created a website for data and information: [culibraries.creighton.edu/assessment](http://culibraries.creighton.edu/assessment)
- Responded to a budget deficit by cutting ejournals included in third-party databases, and by proposing a modest library fee (pending).





## Events and Engagement

### Discover, Question, Connect

**September** Continued listening tours with faculty in the College of Arts & Sciences and the Heider College of Business.

**October** Hosted workshops on **NYTimes.com**, including national and international news, related multimedia content, and news archives since 1851.



*Dr. Martin Hulce, Chemistry*



*WWI presentation on chemical warfare*

Sponsored a WW I centennial presentation on "A 'Poor Man's Atomic Bomb': 100 Years of Chemical Warfare," by Martin Hulce, Ph.D. and Professor of Chemistry.

Hosted a library table at the **All-University Undergraduate Research Fair** sponsored by CURAS.

Co-hosted a library table with the Health Sciences Library at **WELLfest**, sponsored by Student Health, Campus Recreation, and the Campus Safety Committee.

Librarians Chris Carmichael and Debra Sturges presented "Engaging the Campus Community Through Our 'War Efforts'" at the 2015 Nebraska Library Association Annual Conference.

**November**



*Dr. Greg Zacharias, English*

Sponsored WWI presentations by **Greg Zacharias**, Ph.D. and Professor of English, on "Henry James and the Great War," and **Katie Sommer**, Center for Henry James Studies, on "Henry James and Soldiers During WWI: Four Letters."

Librarians William Dooling and Mary Nash presented "All the Wrong Places: Looking for (and Finding) Information Literacy in the Undergraduates Curriculum" at the 2015 Brick & Click Academic Library Conference.



**December** Provided **Coffee with Canines**, a pet therapy session in the Library during final exams week.

William Dooling completed HIS 314: Introduction to the Digital Humanities.

**January** Celebrated **National Hot Tea Month** with complimentary tea in the Library.

**March-April** Welcomed students and their families at **Admitted Student Days** with a library information table.

**April** Hosted a table at **St. Albert's Day/University Research Day**, featuring research services available from the Reinert-Alumni Library.

Sponsored "'Where Does It Hurt, Soldier?' Medical Care and Practice in WW I," a panel with Kirk Peck, PT, PhD, CSCS, CCRT; Terry Wilderding, DDS, MS, MSED; Marilee Aufdenkamp, RN, MSN; and Henry Hoffman, CCAS Senior.



*Medical care during the Great War*



*Anthony Rauschenbach*

**May** Honored Anthony Rauschenbach, BA'16 (*above*), as this year's recipient of the **Undergraduate Research Award** for his paper "Universal Healthcare: A Fundamental Human Right" for HAP 457.

Launched **JaySearch**, the new Ex Libris integrated library system for discovery of books, e-books, articles, audiovisuals, and more.

Reprised the popular **Coffee with Canines** pet therapy session in the library during final exams week.

Hosted a tour of the library building for new members of the Creighton Board of Trustees.

**June** Hosted a library information table for incoming students at **Summer Preview** in the Harper Center.



## University Archives, Rare Books and Special Collections

The University Archives, Rare Books and Special Collections department combines areas with special storage and display needs, under the direction of David Crawford. The Archives acquires, preserves, and organizes materials, information, and images of enduring value to the University's history. The Rare Books Room contains rare and valuable items from medieval to modern times, and Special Collections include the Carlson Fables, among other notable resources.

### University Archives

- Provided assistance to the President's Office, University Relations, Development, Alumni Relations, Marketing, Athletics, Fine and Performing Arts, Student Life, Finance, Facilities, Skutt Student Center, Eileen Lieben Center, CUASA, St. John's Church, the Jesuit Community, and alumni.
- Beyond Creighton, assisted researchers from Kansas University, Old Dominion, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, University of Nebraska at Kearney, University of Wisconsin, American Chesterton Society, Metro Omaha Medical Society, Omaha World-Herald, and Creighton Prep.
- Hosted Archives internships for a Fine Arts major and a Bellevue University volunteer.
- Added materials from past presidents John Schlegel, S.J. and Timothy Lannon, S.J., the Board of Trustees, the Graduate School, St. Joseph Hospital Service League, and individual Jesuits.
- Preserved historical materials by digitizing Law School class photos, restoring and reformatting selected films, and rehousing textiles.
- Discussed the future disposition of historical materials currently housed at CUMC, including a painting of Sarah Emily Creighton removed for conservation.



*The Rare Books Room was transformed this year to be more suitable as a reading room for all departmental collections.*

- Contributed to Alumni and Homecoming weekends with information, images, and surplus yearbooks.
- Created a display for the Jesuit Partnership Dinner held at Creighton in October.
- Uploaded photo of a student killed in Vietnam to the Wall of Faces online memorial.
- Led a seminar on archival research for HIS 595, taught by Dr. Heather Fryer.



- Provided historical photos of the Old Gym for a celebration of the building's centennial (*right*).
- Presented the keynote address at the 2016 Nebraska LEAD conference held at Creighton.
- Provided outreach to Creighton Prep, the Mildred D. Brown Study Center, Sarpy County Museum, and victims of the Old Market fire.



*Creighton's 1930 swim team poses in a photo used for the Old Gym's centennial.*

## Rare Books and Special Collections

- Received a Heritage Edition of *The Saint John's Bible* in seven illuminated volumes, on loan to Creighton by Mike and Nancy McCarthy. The Bible was welcomed to campus and blessed by Fr. Hendrickson at the Mass of the Holy Spirit.
  - Welcomed viewers from on and off campus, including the Jesuit Community, Graybackers, the Nebraska Legislative League, area churches, the Chesterton Academy, and others.
  - Engaged students from the Ratio Studiorum Program, Biology, English, Fine and Performing Arts, and Theology.
  - Showcased the Heritage Edition during Advent, Lent, and the U.S. papal visit, as well as at numerous ceremonial Masses and campus events, including Founders Week.
  - Created a graduate student internship for programming, funded in part by the Heaney Chair.
- Established viewing hours for the Rare Books Room, with research opportunities available by appointment.
- Provided Rare Books Room internships for four students from the English Department.
- Expanded special collections to include early medical instruments, Catholic memorabilia, Native American artifacts, and artwork.
- Hosted a display of selected Carlson Fables in the Rare Books Room. The collection boasts 9,000 volumes in 57 languages, plus audio, video, objects, and art.
- Facilitated the migration and upgrade of the Carlson Fable Collection's website to the Creighton Digital Repository.



*A volume of the Heritage Edition of The St. John's Bible is featured at the Baccalaureate Mass.*



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|                                       |                  |                                     |
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| Medical Anthropology                  | Will Dooling     | <i>williamdooling@creighton.edu</i> |

**"Saves so much  
time I would  
have wasted on  
my own!"**

**"Very  
valuable."**

**"I would  
not have found  
such wonderful  
resources  
alone."**

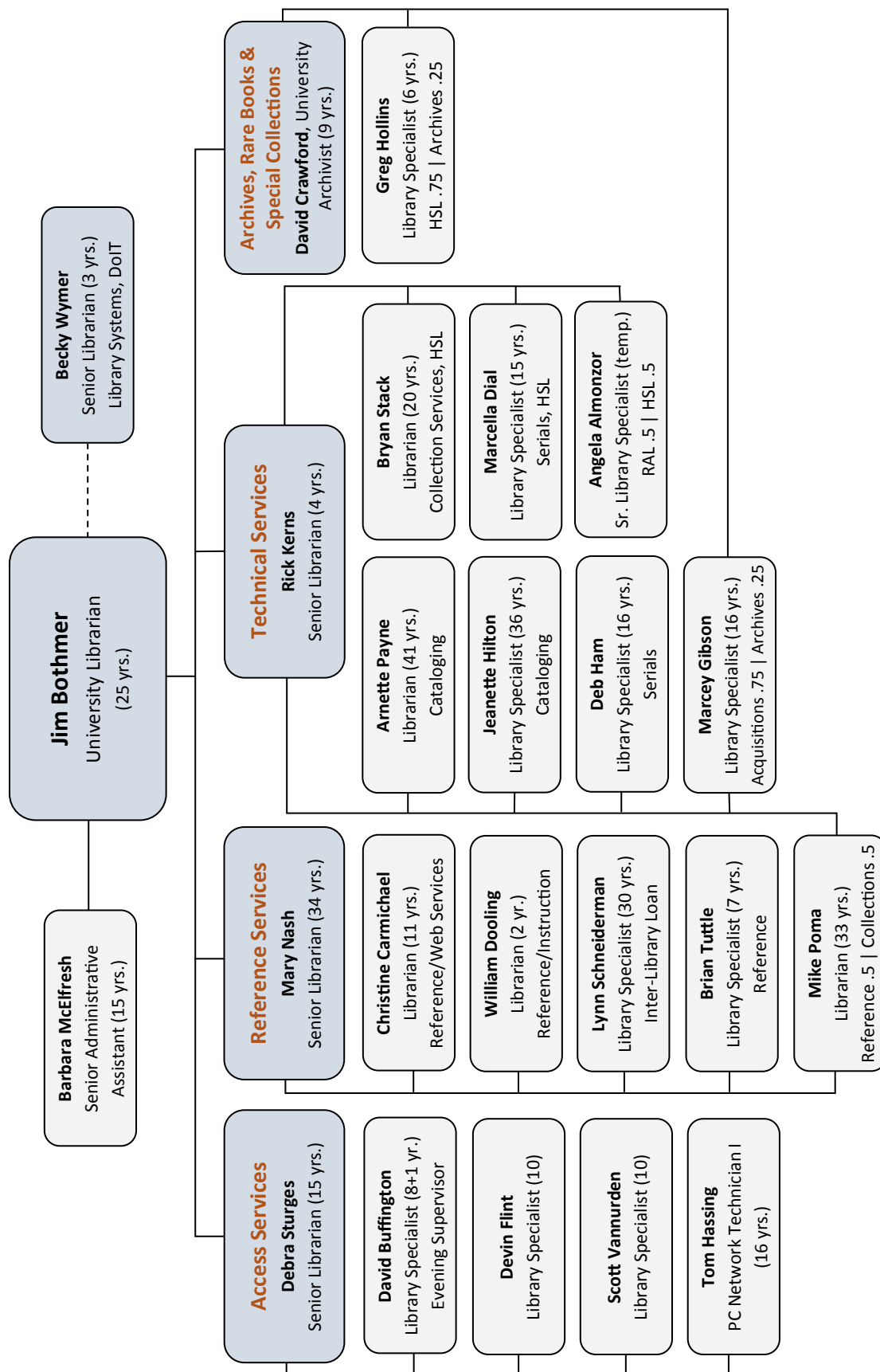
**"Best library I  
have ever  
encountered."**

**"I didn't  
realize all the  
help I could  
get."**



# Reinert-Alumni Library Organization

As of June 30, 2015





## Staff Development

**L**ike all professions, librarians must supplement their degree with continuing education. The Reinert-Alumni Library staff has been up to the task, training on the job and at professional conferences (below). This investment assures the library's support for teaching and learning at Creighton.

**Jim Bothmer** attended the Nebraska Library Association (NLA) Conference (October); the Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries Meeting in Baltimore, where he completed his term on the Board (November); the AJCU Libraries meeting in Denver (April); and the Medical Library Association Meeting in Toronto (May), among others.

**Chris Carmichael**, Reference Librarian, was elected President of the Nebraska Chapter of the Special Libraries Association for 2016.

**Debra Sturges**, Head of Access Services, attended "Designing Libraries for the 21st Century" at North Carolina State University (September). **Debra** and **Chris** also presented "Engaging the Campus Community Through Our 'War Efforts'" at the NLA Conference (October).

**Rick Kerns**, Head of Technical Services, attended the Brick & Click Academic Library Conference, Northwest Missouri State University (November) and the Electronic Resources & Libraries Conference in Austin (April).

**Becky Wymer**, Systems Librarian, attended the Two Rivers Library Collaborative in Iowa City (August), the NLA Conference (October), and the Ex Libris Users of North America meeting in Oklahoma City (May).

**William Dooling**, Reference Librarian, and **Mary Nash**, Head of Reference, presented "All the Wrong Places: Looking for (and Finding) Information Literacy in Undergraduate Curriculum" at the Brick & Click Conference (November).

**William Dooling** completed HIS 314, Introduction to the Digital Humanities, in the fall.

**Mary Nash** attended the Southeastern Library Assessment Conference in Atlanta (November).

**Arnette Payne**, Cataloging Librarian, attended the NLA Conference (October) and the Brick & Click Conference (November).

**Mike Poma**, Reference Librarian, attended the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting in Boston (January).





## Thank You to This Year's Donors

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