It is my pleasure to share with you the 2017 Annual Report of the UT Health San Antonio Libraries. It was a busy year, and the initiatives detailed in this report convey a sense of significant change. Major initiatives completed this year include having the library building now open to students and faculty on a 24/7 basis; renovating space and adding new furniture to provide a welcoming, productive environment; and successfully embedding liaison librarians within our five schools to better serve the needs of students and faculty. We are especially proud of the recognition we received from students for our efforts to improve Library facilities and service. Our successes are made possible with student feedback and participation, and we look forward to even greater collaboration in the future.
As of June 1, Briscoe Library is now open 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year.

Beyond opening its doors, the library is open to collaboration, suggestions, and ideas in connection with all UT Health San Antonio students, faculty, staff, and the surrounding community.
LIBRARY STAFF, FACULTY, & STUDENTS CREATE NEW DIGITAL COLLECTION

When Dr. Birgit Junfin Glass, professor at the School of Dentistry, decided to retire, she wondered what she could do to preserve and share her large collection of images that she’d acquired over the years. Dr. Glass approached Christy Tyson, Liaison Librarian to the School of Dentistry, and together they developed a plan for creating a new digital image collection that would support case-based learning and teaching in support of evidence-based practice.

Two student interns were brought into Briscoe Library to work on the project throughout the year. Amy Chang, an occupational therapy student, and Sabah Ahmad, a nursing student, created an indexing system for filing the photos and slides based on MeSH (Medical Subject Headings) that the librarians used for the database, so that the images would be easily searchable and accessible from the start.

Librarian Christy Tyson, Dr. Birgit Junfin Glass, and UT Health students Amy Chang & Sabah Ahmad work on digitizing images for the Dental Diagnostic Collection.
Library staff work in collaboration with UT Health student interns to digitize Dr. Glass’ images to create the Birgit Junfin Glass Dental Diagnostic Science Collection. After Chang and Ahmad categorize the images according to MeSH classification, library staff member Mellisa De Thorne scans and digitizes the images. Librarian Christy Tyson develops clinical descriptions that follow a data structure, which makes the images searchable and takes into consideration case-based study. The images are then uploaded into the database created by Librarian Andrea Schorr.

Ahmad said the index that she and Chang have created has already added value. Recently, a dental radiology resident was looking for a certain image and Ahmad was able to use the categorized index to locate the exact radiograph in minutes.

The members of the team working on this project hope that Dr. Glass will be an example for other faculty to donate their own material so that the database can grow into an interprofessional teaching repository and support all disciplines at UT Health San Antonio.
Briscoe Library strives to make the library as comfortable and conducive to studying as possible. After numerous student surveys, discussions, and suggestions about new library furniture, Briscoe Library applied for and received a Student Fee Fund Award of nearly $32,000. The library purchased eight study pods, two counter-height tables with stools, two whiteboards, and other items to enhance relaxation and study spaces for students.
In year two of the liaison program, liaisons have continued to provide year-round support for students, faculty, and staff of each of UT Health San Antonio’s five schools. This includes literature search services, evidence-based practice and information literacy instruction within the classroom, consultations within the library, and the creation of LibGuides, which were viewed over 8,000 times by the campus community in FY17.
Cell Systems and Anatomy Graduate Student Ellen Gaudet and Dr. Alan Sakaguchi began working on an anatomy project using Briscoe Library’s 3D printer in The Hub. With the help of librarian Kelley Minars, they printed a 3D lower limb model, complete with leg and foot bones, muscles, and a toe cap. The bones are connected through magnetic articulations, so that students can learn the movements of the joints. The muscles are printed with a flexible material and attach to the bones.

The 3D lower limb model will allow students to have a more hands-on learning experience. Gaudet and Dr. Sakaguchi plan to test the model with students to determine how it can enhance learning in comparison to current methods.
A COLLABORATION WITH STUDENTS

Briscoe Library’s Outreach and Community Engagement unit approached the Student Government Association (SGA) in order to encourage students to consider the YWCA’s San Antonio Grandparents Raising Grandchildren support group for Community Service Learning project. The idea resulted in a collaboration between students and the library for SGA’s annual community outreach project for 2017. Students from each of the five schools on campus participated in the event, which provided youth and their caregivers with health and nutrition information, information about health careers, and fun, engaging hands-on activities. As a Resource Library with the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NNLM), the Briscoe Library collaborates with campus and community organizations to improve health literacy. The library provides a range services promoting awareness of resources for health consumers and health professionals from the National Library of Medicine (NLM).
BY THE NUMBERS

There were **324,886** visits to the library.

The library website was viewed **1,093,411** times.

**98%** of all students report satisfaction with the library.

Study rooms were reserved **13,240** times.

The library owns **38,467** electronic journals.

The most valuable book in the P.I. Nixon collection is worth over **$200,000**.

Briscoe Library is open **24** hours a day, **365** days a year.
FROM OUR STUDENTS

I love the 24 hour access!!! Briscoe Library is wonderful. There’s free WiFi, convenient charging stations, microwaves, and snack/soda machines. The newer classrooms are spacious. The furniture is cozy. I love the quiet floor as well. I appreciate that we can reserve study rooms. The view outside is nice and calming.
- Lillian Rae Keith, School of Dentistry

Without the library, I could not have made it.
- Graduating student, School of Medicine

Thank you for all your help and support this semester. I have learned a lot.
- Cynthia Linkes, School of Nursing

I am so thankful for your help and guidance – you were an absolute godsend throughout the proposal development process. Thank you so, so much for giving me the time and energy that you did.
- L.P., School of Public Health

I love the study rooms on the 4th floor!
- Zahedeh Gharib Nejad, School of Dentistry