Library Committee Annual Report
2017-2018

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Charge

“To serve in a consultative and advisory capacity to the President and Vice President for Academic, Faculty and Student Affairs and to Advise the Director of Libraries in making recommendations to the President regarding Library practices and procedures.

To review and advise in the development of priorities in the areas that have an impact on academic efficiency and effectiveness to ensure that the services provided by the Library reflect the needs and interest of the academic community”. 
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 collection with these images.

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.
NEW FURNITURE FOR BRISCOE LIBRARY

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.

- 151 consultations
- 212 students & faculty assisted
- 56 classes
- 1,459 students taught
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 or other projects. This idea resulted in a collaboration between students and the library for SGA's annual community outreach project for 2017, called "UTHealthier: A Grand Future, a Health Fair for Kinship Care Families." 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.
BY THE NUMBERS

There were **339,403** visits to the library.

The library website was viewed **933,116** times.

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

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

The library owns **37,000** electronic journals.

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

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