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During the 2005-2006 academic year, CSU Libraries pursued many strategic initiatives related to their goals, many of which were successfully completed. Below are highlighted some of the main accomplishments under each of the libraries' four goals.

*Goal 1: Contribute to the enhancement of student learning by providing library/information resources, instruction, technology and staff in support of the university's curricular objectives.*

- The major accomplishment under the first broad goal was in regard to information literacy. The libraries' goal was to make information literacy a high priority within the library and across campus. A special task force assigned to evaluate the university's student computer requirement ended up recommending that this requirement be changed to an information literacy requirement. The libraries' representative on the task force was instrumental in affecting this change. In November 2005, the University Curriculum Committee approved the change.
- A second information literacy-related accomplishment came about as a result of the SACS Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). The QEP plan, "Writing, the Solution," contains an information literacy component in its professional writing agenda. Upper-level students will learn how to write in the style of their disciplines; they will also receive instruction from librarians in accessing the research of their discipline. Here too, a librarian was on the committee that created the plan.
- In regard to improving resources, the libraries purchased over \$80,000-worth of online databases. This was made possible by special funding from the Capital Campaign. These databases greatly enhance the research experience for students and faculty.

*Goal 2: Improve upon the library as a place in order to create a vital, dynamic center for learning.*

- During FY2006, the libraries completed a major beautification project in the 30<sup>th</sup>-year-old Schwob Library. This project included painting, new carpet, and cleaning of interior glass on the library's first floor.
- Related to the beautification, the Schwob Library received 12 pieces of student art work created using cards from the library's old card catalog. This came about as the result of collaboration between the Dean of Libraries and the Art Department's sculpture instructor.

*Goal 3: Improve and increase outreach activities in order to heighten awareness and appreciation of the libraries' role and value in the academic life of the university.*

- The major accomplishment in this area was a celebration commemorating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Schwob Library. The Friday-night event, held in

November 2005, combined food and wine, entertainment, and a short program. Approximately 150 people attended.

- CSU Libraries used the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration as an opportunity to launch a “Friends of CSU Libraries” organization. As of mid-May 2006, the Friends group had 31 members and had collected over \$2000 in membership fees.

*Goal 4: Focus on quality in all endeavors to ensure excellence.*

- During the year CSU Libraries committed to the purchase of LibQUAL, a commercially-available user satisfaction survey. Twenty-two libraries in the University System of Georgia will be administering the survey during fall 2006. LibQUAL will allow comparisons among the various USG participants, as well a comparisons to other libraries across the nation.

High-priority action initiatives for FY2007 will address:

- Staffing for the RiverPark Campus, including an AV/ITS assistant, an additional music library staff member and additional music library student assistants
- The addition of an Associate Dean of Libraries and an electronic resources technician
- The involvement of librarians in the professional writing component of the QEP
- Initiating activities for members of the “Friends of CSU Libraries”
- Transferring the responsibility of oversight of CSU records management program to another unit
- Conducting LibQUAL during fall semester
- Begin planning for a Fine and Performing Arts Library (RiverPark campus) and a new library addition (main campus)

#### Awards and Recognitions of CSU Library Faculty and Staff

Erma D. Banks, Associate Professor of Library Science, is a member of the Executive Board of the Columbus Area Library Association.

Christopher R. Bloss, Assistant Professor of Library Science, serves as chair of the Southern Literature and Culture Section of the Popular Culture Association.

Carole R. Burke, Assistant Professor of Library Science, is the chair of the American Library Association’s Library Instruction Round Table Adult Learners Committee. Professor Burke also serves as a volunteer at the Columbus Museum’s Library.

Associate Professor of Library Science Roberta C. Ford served as chair of the Music Library Association’s 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee, which coordinated a major conference and celebration held in Memphis, February 2006.

Assistant Professor of Library Science Reagan L. Grimsley was appointed editor of *Provenance*, the journal of the Society of Georgia Archivists. He is also editor of *Muscogiana*, a journal published by the CSU Archives in collaboration with the Muscogee Genealogical Society. Professor Grimsley was also winner of the 2006 CSU Faculty Research and Scholarship Award.

Jon L. Haney, Associate Coordinator of Instructional Technology Services, was selected as the CSU "Employee of the Year" in Spring 2006.

Michelle E. Jones, Instructor of Library Science, serves as secretary of the Georgia Library Association's ILL Interest Group. Professor Jones also serves as a volunteer at the Beacon College Library.

Callie B. McGinnis, Associate Professor of Library Science, is chair-elect of the Georgia Library Association's Academic Library Division. Professor McGinnis is also the Executive Director of the Muscogee Genealogical Society and a member of the boards of Historic Linwood Foundation and Historic Columbus Foundation (ex-officio). She was also presented with a Libra Award by the Columbus Area Library Association in Spring 2006.

Dr. Sandra K. Stratford, Associate Professor of Library Science, serves as a member of the Association for Educational Communications and Technology's Foundation Board. Dr. Stratford is also a member of Columbus Technical College's Library Advisory Board.

Susan C. Wynne, Instructor of Library Science, serves as a volunteer at the Port Columbus Naval Museum, where she has begun cataloging the museum's research library collection.

Library faculty members Erma Banks, Callie McGinnis and Sandra Stratford were formally recognized as founding members of the Columbus Area Library Association on the occasion of the organization's twentieth anniversary in September 2005