Reinvigoration of UCI Libraries: Reorganization at UC Irvine 2010-2014

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Reorganization began in 2010

- Effects of economic downturn after March 2008
- Permanent cut to UCI Libraries budget
- Staff retirement and attrition
- No layoffs
- Serial cost controls by eliminating print from print + electronic subscriptions
- Serial cancellations of 5%, 10%

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Changes in UCI Libraries Administration

- Gerry Munoff retires April 2010
- Interim UL appointed – Gerald R. Lowell (June 2010-2011)
- Interim UL appointed – Lorelei Tanji (2011-2012)
- Lorelei Tanji appointed UL - October 1, 2012
Dec. 2010: A poll of Research Librarians' preferences for home divisions/departments within the Libraries

Reorganization of Research Librarians into one of three departments: Reference, Collection Development, Education & Outreach
  • Librarians develop focus in their principal department; continue support in additional areas
  • One primary reporting supervisor (review initiator)
  • Departments engage in projects with depth and emphasis, then share outcomes or action items with colleagues in other departments.
Restructuring Divisions – Technical Services and Collection Development

- Combining Technical Services and Collection Development Departments
- Renamed Research Resources
- John Renaud appointed AUL For Research Resources – October 2013
- Includes Acquisitions, Cataloging and Metadata, Binding and Preservation
- Plans for a Digital Projects Division to support new digital scholarship
- Significant changes to Cataloging Department – retraining to RDA, change of personnel and job duties, restructuring of working groups
Ongoing Discussions

- LAUC Assembly 2009, UCR – “Next Generation Break-Out Sessions and Discussions”
- LAUC Assembly 2010, UCB – “The Future for UC Librarians”
- LAUC Assembly 2011, UCSB - “Next Generation LAUC”
- LAUC Assembly 2012, UCSC - “Next Steps for Planning for Future Librarianship”
- “Conversations with Deb” – 2010-2011
- Library Town Hall presentations
  - Feedback on the process and opportunities to speak in public about transitions
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