



*annual report*  
*2014-2015*

## **Vision Statement**

The Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University Hunt Library will be a leading resource for the access and discovery of information and research in aviation and aerospace studies.

## **The Library's Mission**

The Hunt Library supports the Daytona and Worldwide campuses. It provides access to materials, information resources, services and facilities to students, faculty and staff in support of the University's commitment to excellence in teaching, learning, and research. As an academic support unit, the Library maintains flexibility and is proactive in meeting the changing needs of its clientele.

## **Highlights**

Fiscal year 2014/2015 was an exciting year. Much activity centered on the demolition of the building and the relocation to temporary accommodations. In preparation for the move to several different spaces on campus, all library materials were evaluated for housing in one of three locations. The moves took place between March and May 2015, and the new temporary library was open for business by May 11. The new library, although small, features the same services and inviting atmosphere and is just as busy with student activity.

Since the Library building served the University for thirty years, the demolition was bittersweet. The Library partnered with the University's Communications and Marketing Department to make the demolition an event which honored the past, celebrated the present, and focused on the future. This culminated in **Get Loud in the Library** on April 17. The interactive art party provided over 800 guests the opportunity to paint one of five murals depicting the history of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. The fun event communicated the changes on campus and generated excitement for the new student union/library building, scheduled to open in late 2017. The paintings will eventually be displayed at the University.

## Enhancing Library Services

The hours for Worldwide chat and phone services were extended to include evenings and weekends.

Reserve materials policies were changed to allow materials to leave the library for a period of three hours.

More Ask a Librarian points of contact were added to the library's website.

Circulation and Media service points merged in order to streamline services and maximize space and personnel hours.

In May 2015, the new Hunt Library website went live. The redesigned site reflects student input gathered through multiple rounds of assessment. The University's Web Services Team collaborated with Hunt Library staff on the initial design which was built using the university's existing content management system, Percussion CM1. The library staff populated the site and are now responsible for its maintenance and further refinement. This began our move away from the ColdFusion platform and static HTML pages.

Electronic & Technical Services began obtaining and bulk uploading large record sets into the library catalog, granting better access to e-books and streaming videos through EAGLEsearch. Over 26,000 MARC records for subscription electronic titles were loaded in this manner. Each MARC record contains access points, including author, title, subject, and keywords, as well as a direct link to the actual resource.

## Involvement

New safety plans were developed to encompass the temporary library and library staff space.

The Library Director met with the College Deans and their faculty to communicate details of the library relocation.

Staff were involved with the development of plans for the new library, analyzing needs and projecting future space requirements. Student needs were the focus of all planning.

Research Librarians attended departmental meetings in all colleges to highlight new resources and to communicate changes resulting from the move to temporary quarters.

Librarians analyzed the physical collection to prioritize content accessibility and removed many volumes redundant with electronic holdings.

## Presentations

Research Librarians Ellen Dewkett and Suzanne Eichler attended the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL) annual meeting in Portland, Oregon, on March 26, 2015. They presented a poster session entitled "Self-paced, Online Training Modules: Keeping Information Literacy Alive!" The poster session examined the Library's efforts to create point-of-need, self-paced information literacy training modules to deliver instruction to students and faculty on campus and around the world taking classes online or at one of our 150 satellite campuses.

Electronic Services Librarian James Day moderated a round table discussion and presented on "Code Every Librarian Should Know" at the North East Florida Library Information Network (NEFLIN) NEFLIN Technology Conference on June 12, 2015.

Catalog Management Librarian, Hunter Eck, presented "Using OCLC WorldShare Metadata Collection Manager to Receive MARC Records for E-Resources" at a NEFLIN Technical Interest Group meeting on August 13, 2014.

## **Assessment**

With the launch of the new Hunt Library web presence, the Assessment Team evaluated several facets of the website, including a design survey, terminology survey, and usability testing with currently enrolled students. The results led to several improvements to the new website.

The library environment was also assessed by surveying students who were required to complete study hours within the library building on how studying within the library affected their academic performance. Sixty-five percent of the respondents indicated that studying in the library improved their grades.

## **Staff Development**

Library staff participated in two retreats. The first one in August 2014 centered around department-based projects and group meetings at which Outlook 365 and SharePoint were introduced. This was followed by an all-staff discussion of two books on change management — *Who Moved my Cheese?* and *Our Iceberg Is Melting*.

The December 2014 retreat focused on the forthcoming moves of collections, people and furniture. Staff were also acknowledged for their contributions/accomplishments throughout the year.

Library staff participated in over 100 professional development activities such as webinars, workshops and conferences.

## **Staff News**

Ashley Linsmeier left the University in July 2014 to pursue an opportunity at Teledyne Oil and Gas as a test engineer, which utilizes her ERAU degree in Aerospace Engineering. She was succeeded by Heather Kraft in October.

Kelly Robinson joined the Research/Worldwide Library Services Team as a Research Librarian in September 2014.

Tammyann Faella, Document Delivery Technician, left the University in February 2015 and was replaced by Lisa McElroy in April.



The artist Perego paints the portrait of Jack R. Hunt.



Get Loud in the Library







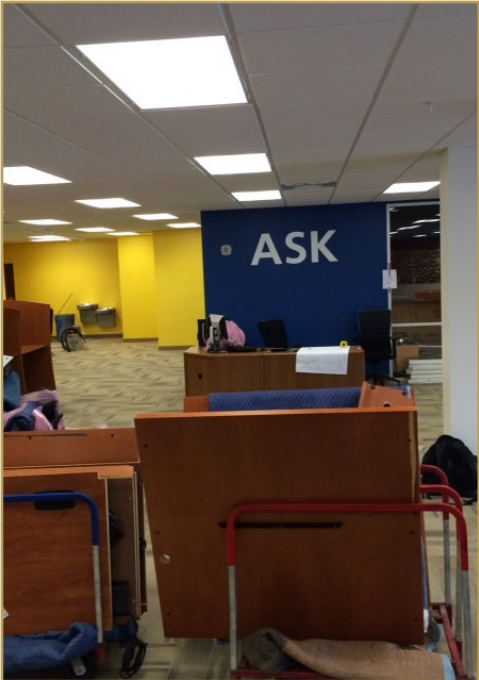


## Moving out of the library.





Moving into the new library space.



Library Demolition

