Collection Development Report for 2013-14

For the fiscal year 2012-13, the Library Materials Budget remained essentially the same as last year, i.e., $2.6 million. As a result, we moved forward with the $122,000 in cancellations necessary to offset the annual inflation of the remaining materials. A list of these cancellations can be found at this URL: http://guides.emich.edu/collection/. These cancellations are focused on indexes and content which do not directly support the undergraduate curriculum, some print journals and most standing orders. If cancellations are necessary in 2013-14, we will look at cancelling electronic journal packages and databases as there is very little print material remaining to be cancelled that would not dramatically impact the library’s collections.

On a positive note, an additional $20,000 was added to the base budget to support collection development for the new Physician Assistant program.

In December, Library Dean Fulton and Collection Development Librarian Robert Kelly will meet with the Provost to discuss library collections and funding. The collection decisions for 2013-14 will be based upon the outcome of that meeting.

Finally, there has been a surge in new and/or revised courses and programs. If your department, when initially developing new courses/programs, would like to enlist the support of your library liaison in the review of library resources available to support these changes, please feel free to contact them. Here is a link to the library faculty subject specialist list: http://www.emich.edu/library/about/directory/specialist.php