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**Scholarly Communications Annual Report
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Introduction

The Office of Scholarly Communications continued to recruit and manage content for the UNL DigitalCommons institutional repository (IR) and to expand its outreach to campus, regional, and national constituencies.

Accomplishments

- The IR added 6515 open-access articles, ebooks, theses, and other documents from July 1, 2010 through June 30, 2011; 285 dissertations deposited at ProQuest were also added to the listings.
- The Library's digital book-publishing imprint—Zea E-Books—was founded and launched, with a Board of Advisors made up of Guy Reynolds, Patricia Freeman, Carolyn Pope Edwards, and Donna Shear; and 5 books were published during the year.
- Several new organizations have committed to archiving publications, including National Collegiate Honors Council, Nebraska Ornithological Union, Anthropology Graduate Student Group, Antarctic Drilling Project, Southeast Research and Extension Center, and Cherry County Extension Office.
- Creation of a dedicated scanning station for work-study students in the Technical Services area has accelerated uptake of materials from hard copy.
- Presentations were made at national meetings of ALA (Midwinter in San Diego) and ACRL (Philadelphia) pre-convention workshop.
- Sue Ann Gardner increased from .5 FTE to .75 FTE in September 2010.

Trends

- Online reach of the repository continues to expand rapidly: 3,623,386 downloads were furnished over the year—a 79% increase over the previous year.
- More faculty content is coming via library liaisons "talking up" the repository to departmental staff; new liaisons Kiyomi Deards and Leslie Delserone were especially notable in this respect.
- More and more faculty are responding to their monthly download reports with requests to add new and recent articles.

Challenges

The largest challenge continues to be finding ways to "scale-up" the process of identifying, recruiting, preparing, and hosting faculty content. We have scaled back recruiting efforts as momentum for the IR has continued to build—finding it adequately challenging to keep up with new participants and materials coming in unsolicited.

Goals for next fiscal year

Recruit and post 6,000 to 7,000 open-access items in the UNL DigitalCommons. Publish 4 or more new works in Zea E-Books. Continue to expand faculty participation.