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A MESSAGE FROM DEAN
SANDRA YEE

In 2008, the Library System continued our commitment to Wayne State’s strategic goals of excellence in teaching and learning, remaining a premier research university and enhancing our urban mission and commitment. I am pleased to report that the Library System, with the support of its many partners on campus and around southeastern Michigan, continues to make progress in these difficult economic times.

Our emphasis on excellence in teaching and learning led to the creation of a new liaison services coordinator position, giving renewed emphasis to librarians’ relationships with academic departments, faculty and students. We are developing tools to make the integration of library resources in courses more convenient and to instruct students in accessing and making use of these resources.

Librarians are involved with introductory classes in the School of Business Administration and the School of Communications. Because of the many electronic resources now available, it is possible to offer mobile services to better meet our clients’ needs. This commitment to electronic resources once again made us a leader in the ARL Statistics in percentage of acquisitions dollars allocated to electronic resources.

In this challenging economy, we are working to provide opportunities that match the needs of today’s students. The all-online MLIS degree allows students from across the United States to take classes and earn a professional degree that will open doors for them in the future. We are also preparing our LIS students to work in a variety of settings and places. After the Urban Librarian Summit in September, in which we established our definition of urban librarianship, we renewed our commitment to underserved populations by crafting a new concentration in urban librarianship that will be implemented in fall 2009. The School of Library and Information Science continues to plan with innovation new programs and continued commitment to our core traditions.

We look forward to many new developments in the coming year, particularly the completion of a renovated Purdy Library reference area and the grand opening of the Richard J. Mazurek Medical Education Commons complex, which will house the Mclbaren Medical Library. I encourage you to visit us and enjoy our new and renovated spaces!

Sandra G. Yee, Dean of the Wayne State University Library System
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The Library Systems received great feedback from the community. The new library system project is an international effort to create a digital library with a focus on digitizing art history images. The project is led by Jessica Larsson. The project is expected to take place until 2019.

The library systems host a digital library and a marketing database that includes descriptions, text, and graphics. The digital library is integrated into the scholarly enterprise.

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