WAYNE STATE'S MISSION:

We will create and advance knowledge, prepare a diverse student body to thrive, and positively impact local and global communities.
A MESSAGE FROM DEAN SANDRA YEE

Great libraries and excellent library staff are the heart of every top research institution. Libraries — and the information profession in general — are in a state of constant change, which promotes even better access to information; safe, collaborative spaces; and technical capacity that allows access to electronic, visual, voice and print materials faster and more efficiently than ever. At Wayne State University Libraries and the School of Library and Information Science, our goal is to embrace the best of what libraries and the information profession have become, and continue offering our clients access to excellent resources and programs; knowledgeable and friendly staff; and clean, safe and useful spaces, both on campus and through our virtual services.

Over the past 16 years, I have had the honor of serving the university as well as the libraries and SLIS. As many of you may already know, I will be stepping down from my role as dean at the end of this summer. It was a bittersweet decision, but I am confident that I am leaving the libraries and the School of Library and Information Science in a position to continue the trajectory we have established. In my time here, we’ve seen the libraries change at all levels. When I began at Wayne State, we were just starting our journey on the shift from print to electronic. The power of electronic access was apparent, and in order to take full advantage of that power, we changed our purchasing strategies to propel us into the electronic age. In 2004, out of 20,940 journal subscriptions, only 12,984 were electronic. In 2016, we held 42,381 ejournals and no longer even keep track of print, as ejournals have grown so substantially that it is redundant to distinguish between print and electronic. In 2014, we held 23,727 ebooks — that number skyrocketed to nearly 1.1 million in 2016. I couldn’t be more pleased to see my vision become an electronic reality!

It’s important to remember that moving forward can’t happen without expert librarians and staff to bring new ideas and innovations to life. Early in my tenure at Wayne State, we had a single webmaster and one web librarian. Seeing the digital future, we began building a foundation that would help support the types of projects we would be taking on. Today, that two-person team has grown into two fully staffed departments dedicated to digital projects and publishing, discovery and innovation. With the added staff and the creation of a digitization studio, we’ve added many full-text, open-access digital collections, including our own Ramsey collection and, most recently, the entire run of the Detroit Sunday Journal strike newspaper, which you’ll read more about in this report. We’re now turning some of our focus outward through our own DigitalCommons@Wayne by partnering with university departments to publish journals and digitize historical books and documents. We are deeply engaged in launching the Michigan Hub for the Digital Public Library of America. This entire infrastructure will leave the libraries in an excellent position for growth and opportunities within the university and beyond.

During my time here, we’ve been able to update our physical spaces. Based on the feedback of students looking for traditional, quiet study space, we completely reworked the first floor of the Purdy/Kresge Library, relocating all the stacks and reference materials and making it exclusively a quiet study space. We’ve made tremendous strides in opening up the library to create more study spaces and let in more light to encourage a warmer, safer and more comfortable environment. Gone are the dark upper floors, now replaced with technology, study furniture and — perhaps most importantly — sunlight throughout! In 2016, we worked on changing the second floor of the David Adamany Undergraduate Library to flexible, technology-rich collaborative space, which you’ll hear more about in the 2017 annual report.

2016 was an amazing year of growth and change for the libraries and SLIS. We added new staff, projects and collaborations that you’ll read about in the report. The School of Library and Information Science successfully achieved reaccreditation from the American Library Association Committee on Accreditation. This is the third full accreditation that the school has received since I joined Wayne State University, and we are very proud of its 50 years of continuous accreditation.

I’m so proud of everything that the libraries have accomplished over the years I have served as dean. I could easily fill an entire book with examples of excellent service, ideas, partnerships, innovations and stories of people who have supported my vision over the years. The excellent staff members at the University Libraries and the School of Library and Information Science are the cornerstone of what we do and what we will continue to do. Since 2001, we have embraced and conquered the many challenges we have encountered including budget reductions, leadership changes at the university, and the re-envisioning of Midtown and Detroit. I know that the next leader will start here and will continue to move our organization forward.

Thank you for all of your support throughout my time at Wayne State,

Sandra Yee
In February, Tim Gritten joined the libraries as the new associate dean. Gritten came to Wayne State from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Libraries, where he was the assistant director of libraries for user services. Gritten has more than 20 years of experience, serving in escalating roles within circulation, collections, acquisitions, technology and administration.

In his role at the Wayne State Libraries, Gritten focuses on developing and implementing library programs and services to align with the university’s strategic goals, leading academic staff, and expanding and enhancing classroom technology.

Gritten earned his master’s in library science from Indiana University and bachelor’s degrees in anthropology, classics and history from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He served on several Association of College and Research Libraries editorial boards and committees, and as a mentor and committee member in the Library Leadership and Management Association. Gritten’s research interests include open access, copyrights, fair use and publishing.

O2 SUCCESS SESSIONS ADVENTURE GAME

In August, the libraries participated in the Orientation Two Success Sessions (O2) with a crowd of over 200 students, nearly double the participation from 2015. Held universitywide, O2 Success Sessions introduced students to the resources and services at Wayne State University, and helped students build personal connections with the university community.

For 2016, library staff and graduate student assistants took students on “A Day in the Life of the Library” adventure with a game that took small groups of students through eight stops in Undergraduate Library. At each stop, the group played games and solved puzzles to help their assigned student character complete a successful day at the library. Students learned to use printers and copiers, locate the OneCard machine, reserve a study rooms, find library resources, locate our service and help desks, and more.

“I think this was a great session! I learned a lot and it was never boring. I’m so glad I did this session because I feel more confident on where things are located in the library! I definitely plan on making full use of the services.”
In the spring, the libraries launched a digital collection containing all issues of the Detroit Sunday Journal, the publication produced by newspaper union workers who went on strike from the Detroit News and Detroit Free Press in July 1995. Spanning four years and just over 200 editions, the Sunday Journal was a weekly tabloid newspaper that was available through the mail, in stores and at corner boxes throughout Southeast Michigan.

The libraries digitized every issue of the Sunday Journal, from Nov. 19, 1995, to Nov. 21, 1999. Though the newspaper strike formally ended in 1997, the paper continued to run as workers were slowly rehired and ongoing disputes were settled. “The Sunday Journal is a key piece of Detroit’s historical record, a counterpoint to the narrative of relentless media consolidation,” said Joshua Neds-Fox, coordinator for digital publishing at Wayne State. “We’re really proud to see this newspaper digitized, available in full text, fully searchable and to know that the work of a lot of dedicated librarians, archivists and students is culminating in this vital collection.”

The Sunday Journal was one of the longest-lived strike newspapers ever and will likely be the last major one, given the diminished state of the print industry and the rise of accessible and inexpensive online journalism. Two former Sunday Journal reporters have gone on to win Pulitzer Prizes, journalism’s most prestigious award.

In April, Shiffman Medical Library Outreach held “How Does Your Garden Grow: Urban Gardening in the City,” a panel discussion that discussed maintaining a healthy garden, its therapeutic benefits, food systems and their impact on the environment, and other urban gardening projects throughout the city. Panelists included Ashley Atkinson from Keep Detroit Growing, Winnona Bynum of the Detroit Food Policy Council and Tephirah Rushdan from The Greening of Detroit.

Held at One Ford Place in New Center, the discussion was open to the public and included sample snacks from local gardens and an informative question and answer period at the end of the program.

In April, as part of her Michigan Notable Books tour, editor Sara Kosiba discussed What Happens, originally written by John Herrmann, Lansing’s most forgotten author.

Born in 1900, Herrmann came from a successful Lansing family that owned John Herrmann’s Sons, the largest bespoke tailor in the state. Deemed obscene, his 1926 novel What Happens was confiscated and banned in the United States, only being published in Paris. The obscenity trial he eventually lost was one of the first major tests of community standards and obscenity. Once husband to the writer Josephine Herbst, Herrmann is noted for his radical writings and close association with the U.S. Communist Party. He served in the U.S. Coast Guard during World War II and later moved to Mexico, where he connected with beat writers including William Burroughs. He died in 1959.

Every year, the Library of Michigan selects up to 20 of the most notable books, either written by a Michigan resident or about Michigan or the Great Lakes. The selected books are honored in the year after their publication or copyright date. Each selected title speaks to our state’s rich cultural, historical, and literary heritage and proves without a doubt that some of the greatest stories are found in the Great Lakes State.
In October, Software Development Librarian Minhao Jiang was one of 50 people selected nationwide to serve as an American Library Association Emerging Leader. The Emerging Leaders program is designed to allow library staff and information workers to participate in project-planning work groups, network with peers, gain an inside look into ALA structure and have an opportunity to serve the profession in a leadership capacity early in their careers. The Emerging Leader participants commit to taking part in all aspects of the program and may have an opportunity to serve on an ALA division, chapter, round table or affiliate committee upon completion.

Jiang was sponsored by the Chinese American Librarians Association, which will help defray the costs associated with attending the ALA Midwinter Meeting and Annual Conference.
As part of the Wayne State University Law School accreditation process, the Law School and Law Library were visited by a team of distinguished academics and practitioners representing the American Bar Association (ABA) and the Association of American Law Schools in April.

Although the Law Library is not part of the administrative structure of the Law School, it plays an essential role in supporting legal education. The ABA standards encompass Law Library administration, collections, services and financing. For the Law School to be reaccredited, the Law Library must also demonstrate that it complies with these standards.

The ABA site evaluation team reviews the materials the school has provided and visits the school for a three-day period. During that visit, the team meets with the dean and other leaders of the faculty and law school administration as well as the president and other university administrators. The team also visits as many classes as it can during its visit to make judgments concerning the quality of instruction, holds an open meeting with students and meets with student leaders. At the end of the visit, the team meets with the dean and the president or, in the case of independent law schools, the board chair to provide an oral report of the team’s findings. Early evaluative feedback at Wayne State was positive.

WHO MAKES THE LIBRARY? CAMPAIGN

A library is only as good as its staff – which is why the Wayne State University Libraries are amazing! Not only does our staff care about customer service and helping our students and faculty find the resources they need, but the libraries are filled with knowledgeable people. To kick off the fall semester, the libraries launched “Who Makes the Library?” This new campaign features Wayne State Libraries staff members who are applying their library knowledge beyond the walls of the libraries as well as their personal knowledge to their work at Wayne State. From specialized video production skills and web design to arts and music, our library staff is rich with talent that benefits the libraries and our users. We think you’ll be surprised to see the interesting and incredible things that people are doing! Visit library.wayne.edu to see a new feature each month.
2,378 CHATS

108 TEXTS

TOTAL CHATS AND TEXTS

2,486

12:15 AVERAGE TEXT LENGTH

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Thanks for being available on a Sunday!
Wayne State University, in collaboration with the Detroit Institute of Arts and the Detroit Public Library, was selected as the host site for the state of Michigan for First Folio! The Book that Gave Us Shakespeare, a national traveling exhibition of the Shakespeare First Folio, one of the world’s most treasured books. The Folger Shakespeare Library, in partnership with Cincinnati Museum Center and the American Library Association toured a First Folio of Shakespeare to all 50 states, Washington, D.C., and Puerto Rico throughout 2016.
For its Michigan visit, programming included a gala opening night, an international conference of Shakespeare scholars, live music, theatrical performances, teacher workshops, panel discussions, and an exhibit at the Detroit Institute of Arts. Special programs dedicated to Shakespeare were hosted at Wayne State University, including a Knowledge on Tap and Wayne State Insiders program. Additional programming was held at the Detroit Public Library, including an exhibition of their second and fourth editions of the Folio.

Many of Shakespeare's plays, which were written to be performed, were not published during his lifetime. The First Folio is the first collected edition of Shakespeare's plays, published in 1623, seven years after his death. Two of Shakespeare's fellow actors compiled his plays, hoping to preserve them for future generations. Without it, we would not have 18 of Shakespeare's plays, including *Macbeth*, *Julius Caesar*, *Twelfth Night*, *The Tempest*, *Antony and Cleopatra*, *The Comedy of Errors*, and *As You Like It*. All 18 appear for the first time in print in the First Folio, and would otherwise have been lost.
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  - To schedule a one-on-one research consultation today, CLICK HERE!

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In October, the Reuther Library held a reception to celebrate the unveiling of Walter Speck’s WPA-era mural known as “Ford Riot.” The mural showcases several pivotal moments in the UAW’s formation, including the 1936-37 Flint Sit-Down Strike, the 1937 Battle of the Overpass at Ford Motor Co., as well as a painted rendering of Local 174’s first contract. Local 174, Walter Reuther’s home local, commissioned this artwork and others to enliven their union hall and teach members about their history in the fight for working people.

After hanging in various Local 174 union halls for nearly 75 years, the mural was water- and tobacco smoke-damaged, dulled, and had significant tears. When the Detroit local moved its union hall in 2014, there was little room for the 9-foot by 20-foot artwork. Thanks to a collaboration between the local and the Reuther Library, this valuable piece of labor history was painstakingly restored and moved to the library so that union members and the general public can look back on key moments in Michigan’s rich labor history.

The project was nominated for the Reference and User Services Association’s John Sessions Memorial Award, which recognizes a library which has made a significant effort to work with the labor community and by doing so brought recognition to the history and contribution of the labor movement to the development of the United States.
SPECIAL COLLECTIONS TEAM CELEBRATES CIVICS DAY WITH THE HENRY FORD AND HISTORY DEPARTMENT

In partnership with the history department, for the second year the libraries hosted an artifact from The Henry Ford as part of the 2016 Civic Festival. The artifact was an actual Florida voting booth from the 2000 election, complete with hanging chads that supported the election theme of the 2016 festival. Representatives from The Henry Ford were on hand to discuss the booth and members of the Wayne State Special Collections Team hosted an accompanying exhibit featuring election materials and resources. The Wayne State Civic Festival is a celebration of Wayne State’s diverse student body and promotes global citizenship.

2016 WEBSITE ENHANCEMENTS

Thanks to ongoing usability studies, the libraries’ website underwent several changes throughout 2016, using user feedback to guide the modifications. In the beginning of 2016, the majority of the news items were still text-based with one highlighted item in the center, all surrounded by menus and links. The second iteration simplified the page, adding more graphic elements, and the addition of the single Quicksearch box served as the main focus of the page. The previous menus and links were now available through a flyout menu at the top of the page. The current page, completed at the end of 2016, removed the multiple visual elements in favor of a large, strong graphic spanning the top of the page that doubles as the news feature. Menus are still available in the flyout but all other major links are listed at the bottom of the page. Do you have any comments or suggestions? We’d love to hear from you! Send your thoughts to elliot.polak@wayne.edu
Last year the libraries formed the Open Textbook Adoption Task Force, comprised of members from the libraries, Office for Teaching and Learning, Computing and Information Technology’s (C&IT) Academic Applications, and a faculty and student representative. The task force aimed to advocate for the adoption of quality open textbooks by Wayne State University faculty to reduce student’s textbook costs and improve student achievement.

In 2016, consumer advocate group U.S. Pirg (uspirg.org) reported the cost of a college textbook had increased by 73 percent over the past 10 years. Because of these costs, many students forgo purchasing textbooks, which can negatively impact their success, retention and time to graduation. Open textbooks are part of a wider open educational resource movement in education, which strives to make openly licensed, quality, peer-reviewed teaching and learning resources freely available to students and educators.

C&IT provided funding for the Open Textbook Adoption Award to spark faculty engagement in using open textbooks for courses offered during the 2016-17 academic year. Four faculty members from engineering, physics and history have been given awards to date. These open textbook adoptions will result in over $30,000 in student savings as well as provide students with immediate access to course materials in the 2016-17 academic year.

To learn more about open textbooks and open educational resources, visit the Wayne State University Library’s open guide at guides.lib.wayne.edu/open.
In October the libraries opened an open access publishing fund for full-time Wayne State faculty and researchers to underwrite publication charges for materials published in fee-based, peer-reviewed, openly-accessible venues.

The fund seeks to support at least 20 projects each year. Applicants to the fund can request up to $1,000 and authors may accept one award per funding year. The fund is administered by the Library System on a first-come, first-served basis.

In 2015/2016, the libraries funded nine articles in under two months so the amount of the fund was doubled for the 2016/2017 period. At the end of 2016, 15 articles were funded. The awards were granted to authors in engineering, education, medicine, social work and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

For more information on eligibility and to fill out an application, visit scholarscooperative.wayne.edu/oafund.

Now that American Girl officially launched its new doll “Melody” in 2016, Reuther archivists can finally talk about the part they played in her authenticity. In 2014, Wayne State University archivists received a call from the Pleasant Company, makers of the popular American Girl dolls. The company was in the process of developing a new American Girl doll, Melody, whose story tells that of a 9-year-old African American girl growing up in civil rights era Detroit. Melody is an aspiring singer, influenced by Motown, who becomes aware of the racial inequalities surrounding her when it begins to directly affect her and her family.

The team at the Pleasant Company was looking for material that could illustrate the struggle for civil rights that was happening during the early to mid-1960s. A member of the team found Reuther Library’s “1963 Walk to Freedom” poster and bumper sticker through the library’s blog, and thought the items would make a great addition for Melody’s story as well as her accompanying accessories.

Meant to protect the unveiling of the doll’s theme, the archivists had to agree to a verbal nondisclosure agreement and were only recently allowed to talk about their involvement in the process. The new American Girl doll features the materials from the Reuther collections on the cover of her book and as part of her bedroom accessory package. Melody officially launched in August 2016.
DONOR SPOTLIGHT: ROBERT P. HOLLEY

Wayne State University Professor Emeritus Robert P. Holley has pledged a record-setting $500,000 gift to the School of Library and Information Science (SLIS). Expanding a commitment he began 17 years ago, Holley becomes the most generous single gift donor in the school’s 50-year history.

The gift has dual purposes: to expand the Robert P. Holley Endowed Scholarship Fund and to establish the Robert P. Holley Endowed Support Fund. The Holley Endowed Scholarship supports SLIS students who plan to work in urban areas and serve underrepresented communities, while the Holley Support Fund will provide ongoing funding to support the SLIS mission.

“I felt it was time to start paying back the next generation for all the support I’ve received,” said Holley. “Scholarships and fellowships helped me throughout my education. Increasing the funding for this scholarship is an excellent way to give back and support someone else in achieving their educational goals.”

As the first member of his family to receive a graduate education, Holley believes he could not have gotten as far as he has in his career without the support of private scholarships. He added, “I hope that I am inspiring alums and friends to reach back and help students who are shaping the future of our impactful profession.”

After receiving an undergraduate degree from Xavier University, a master's degree from Columbia University and a doctoral degree from Yale University, Holley came to Wayne State, where he served in several roles including Associate Dean of University Libraries, Director of the Library and Information Science Program, and Interim Dean of University Libraries. In addition to his administrative work, Holley is an accomplished scholar with over 150 publications, including six edited books.

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