DIRECTOR'S SEARCH. Jo-Ann Michalak will retire June 1, 2011. The search firm, Isaacson Miller, is working with the search committee (includes Library Committee, ULC, AS&E faculty, undergraduate and graduate students to review director applicants. Screening is planned for April with an appointment by September is anticipated.

LIBRARY BUDGET. The Library Committee unanimously endorsed the FY12 materials budget request of 7% and we have been notified that our FY12 materials budget increase will be 5%. The FY12 allocations will be reviewed at our April meeting.

LIBRARY CONSTRUCTION. Construction for the Digital Design Studio (DDS) in the Media Center’s Viewing Lab will begin in May after Commencement. There will be six public digital workstations and a presentation practice room.

STREAMING VIDEO AND MEDIA EQUIPMENT LOANERS. Streaming video has enabled reserve lists to be processed earlier and faster. The Media Equipment Loaners are being used heavily and a few additions are planned for FY12.

RESPONDING TO TCU and GSC REQUESTS. Pending TCU requests include: desire for a larger portion of the library to be open later than 1 am and software to reserve group study rooms from outside of the library. GSC also would like the library to be open more hours (and is in the process of identifying specific dates and hours) and has requested software to reserve group study rooms from outside of the library. Library IT is currently reviewing online reservation software for our group study rooms and collaborative workstations with the goal to have operational for September 2011.

BIKE LOANERS. Bike loaners checkout and return via the Tisch circulation desk began in April and appears to be very popular.

LEARNING OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT COMMITTEE. Library research skills have been accepted as the 8th General Academic Skills on the competency list established by the Learning Outcomes Assessment Committee. There will be a retreat on 4/22 of the committee and consultants Tracy Rusch and Barbara Walvoord to develop an assessment process for departmental outcomes which have been drafted, o.e. objectives, strategies for meeting objectives, assessment strategies and expected outcomes.

DIGITIZATION. The library is digitizing Margaret Henderson Floyd’s historic slides of New England architectural landmarks collection and adding metadata to create a website on the internet. The library has set aside $5,000 to digitize other materials in FY11. Digitization recommendations are welcome.

DIRECTOR'S FUND FOR LIBRARY EXCELLENCE. I have created an endowment to be used by future directors for Tisch Library projects, innovations, and staff training. I hope you will contribute when you are contacted.