Digital Design Studio (DDS): The Tisch DDS had a very successful first semester. Faculty from 9 different classes assigned students to produce multimedia projects for their class. More than 370 students worked on DDS projects this semester. The types of project were VoiceThread stories, Audio Podcast for Journalism students, and Digital Storytelling. In support of DDS activity, the Tisch Media Center is lending Flip cameras, HD camcorder, Digital Audio Recorders, and External Hard Drives. Starting this spring the Media Center has added Mac adapters for lending, so faculty and students can connect their computer to a digital projector. Please join us at the DDS Open House, February 24, from 11-1 PM to view demonstrations and see the studio in action.

iPad Lending: The technology lending program was expanded spring semester to include five Apple 16Gb iPad 2’s. The iPads have a 4-hour loan period and can be checked out from the circulation desk. The iPads are restored from a master backup after each loan to eliminate any personal information. The two cameras in each iPad 2 provide video conferencing, video and still photo capability. In addition to the preloaded apps (including email and internet capabilities), we have selected a variety of others including productivity, reference, STEM, entertainment and news apps. We are asking users to fill out a survey to comment on the program and suggest new apps. We hope user feedback will identify new innovative, unforeseen, and/or serendipitous uses for the devices here at Tufts. More info and the complete list of apps are available online: [http://www.library.tufts.edu/tisch/ipad_info.html](http://www.library.tufts.edu/tisch/ipad_info.html).

Library Mobile Website: The mobile website, [http://www.library.tufts.edu/tisch/mobile/](http://www.library.tufts.edu/tisch/mobile/), highlights library hours, upcoming Tisch events, and contact information. In response to student feedback, we included floor plans and information about Tufts bikes (including current availability). Users can also search the full library catalog.

Our goal is to provide students using smart phones with convenient and streamlined access to essential information, prioritized to meet their needs. The site is a "ground up" content design strategy specific to the mobile user experience, not a scaled-down version of the "desktop" Tisch website optimized for small screens. The site was built using contemporary technologies: HTML5, CSS3, and jQuery Mobile. We intentionally included student programmers in the project; they are eager to push the envelope, provide a pipeline to fresh thinking and contribute to a cultural model of inquiry where all involved (staff and student alike) act as co-learners.

Video Streaming Services: The Tisch Media Center streaming service continues to grow and serve a wider segment of the Tufts community. Some Gordon Institute classes used the service for the first time this fall. Additional fall milestones include: A&S students logged into the Video Furnace Streaming Service 32,523 times to view reserve films; the months of October and November alone had more than 10,000 viewings of the streaming films; and on one day in September there were over 700 students viewing reserve films for class. The success of the streaming service has brought a decrease in the number of classes requiring a group showing of reserve films. This has resulted in a decrease in classroom requests for Tisch screening rooms.

**Reminder! Tisch Undergraduate Research Award:** This is the first year of our award recognizing exemplary research papers and projects using Tisch Library resources. **Applications will be accepted until April 6. We hope committee members will assist us in sharing the word and encouraging submissions.** All currently enrolled undergraduate individuals and groups are eligible to apply. One $500
first prize and one $250 second prize will be awarded for papers/projects in each of 3 categories: the first year writing program (ENG 1-4 or any course taken to fulfill the college writing requirement), 001-99 level courses, and 100-200 level courses. Winners will be announced at the undergraduate ceremony on April 20. Complete information and applications are online: http://www.library.tufts.edu/tisch/award/

**Maintenance Alert:** The library catalog will be down on March 19 (first Monday of Spring Break) for an important software update. The update must occur during business hours, so this date was selected for its reduced impact on the academic calendar. The e-journals list and the database finder will still be in operation. Tisch library will be open and circulation of materials will be available.