FY12 Materials Budget: The FY12 materials budget was increased by 5%. The FY13 materials budget request will be reviewed at the 21 September Library Committee meeting with the goal of unanimous support from the committee.

Digital Design Studio (DDS): The DDS is a collaborative learning space for creating course-related multimedia presentations and projects. The Studio is equipped with 6 iMac editing stations, a presentation/recording room, and support for digitizing and remixing various resources. Bryan Revis, the Digital Media Technologist, is available to work with students and faculty on creating digital media assignments and to provide technical support. The DDS is on level 3. A large LCD monitor in the library lobby will highlight projects produced in the DDS. New AV equipment, including external hard drives, tripods, iPod Touches, flip cameras, HD camcorders, and digital audio recorders have been purchased. Part of the funding for the DDS comes from the Berger Family Technology Transfer Endowment.

Freshmen Orientation Fair: This year, Tisch Library organized a library fair on 3 September from 11 AM -2 PM. More than 200 students attended. Additionally, UIT, DCA, the Book Store, and the Academic Resource Center joined the fair. The library had tables devoted to IT, the DDS, Borrowing/Interlibrary Loan, Research, and the Common Reading Program. Library tours also were offered.

Library Instruction Classroom (Electronic Resource Center): The classroom has been refurbished with new furniture, equipment, and an LCD monitor. Part of the funding for this renovation came from the Richard U. and Ellen R. Levine Endowment Fund.

E-books: The library now has over 40,000 e-books in all fields.

Building renovations: Level 3 and the Research and Instruction and Technical Services Departments have been re-carpeted; there are new chairs with tablet arms in the media classrooms on level 3; and some of the furniture in the Tower Café has been reupholstered.