TISCH LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Library Committee, October 5, 2015

FY15 Highlights:
See the FY15 Highlights document for a review of significant progress made last year. For the Library Committee, I’d add a few additional notes:

• Throughout the year, the consulting firm of DeEtta Jones & Associates conducted a review of and delivered recommendations for strengthening the organization and services of the library. See the committee wiki for last year’s minutes and attachments. At this time, the Provost has decided not to proceed with any of the recommendations and discussion with the deans has stalled. The University Library Council continues to discuss our needs and possible paths forward.
• In January, the IT unit of Tisch was transferred to TTS. We are still learning about how various activities will be supported and determining how to fill in the gaps this change has created. To date, reports have been very positive regarding desktop support. Charlotte Keys is serving as the IT Strategic Partner for Tisch.
• We initiated an Open Access publishing fund for graduate students. However, we have not yet had an application. We will continue to make funding available in FY2016.
• We have significantly improved our ability to ingest and described self-deposited digital materials from faculty and students (e.g. honors papers, self archiving publications, etc.). We are now beginning outreach to departments and programs to discuss options and determine how the Tufts Digital Library can support them better.
• Metadata! The launch of Trove represents cataloging and batch processing of hundreds of images. Similarly, the Shift of the DVD collection to open shelves for browsing required staff to classify roughly 20,000 items, also relabeling and adding security strips. Our technical services team has been heroic!

Orientation Open House:
Our annual event to welcome incoming students hit record attendance this year! Held on Saturday, September 5, we had roughly 300 people (our usual total) come in during the first hour alone. Then we added the appeal of therapy animals, with a miniature horse outside and dogs and a guinea pig inside. The response was intense! We had roughly 1100 visitors for the event total. Given the high stress of registration, we introduced students to the library in a low key way, which was well received. Digital Collections and Archives participated in creative ways, bringing back to light the Order of the Coffee Pot.

Staff Notes:
• Alicia Morris was promoted from Associate Librarian to Librarian status this spring.
• After over 24 years of the highest quality service, Laura Walters has announced her plans to retire at the end of the calendar year. Please hold Dec 11, from 3-5 for a reception in her honor.
• Laura Wood will serve as the President of the Boston Library Consortium (BLC) this year. In this role she has also become the co-PI of a nearly $1M Mellon Foundation grant to BLC to
implement EAST, a monograph retention initiative in the Northeast. The staff have now been hired and the Executive Committee elected.

- Searches are underway for 4 open positions:
  - Collections: Librarian for Digital Collections (Assistant Librarian) and Librarian for Research Data (Assistant/Associate Librarian). These librarians will oversee the social sciences collections and the sciences collections, respectively.
  - Research and Instruction: Science Research and Instruction Librarian (Affiliate Librarian) and Social Sciences Research and Instruction Librarian (Affiliate Librarian). These two entry level positions will allow us to bring in and train new talent to serve as liaisons to specific departments.