Tisch Library Director's Report
Library Advisory Committee, November 7, 2012

Undergraduate Research Award: Applications are now being accepted for the Tisch Library Undergraduate Research Award, recognizing outstanding use of the library's collections and experts in the production of an exemplary research paper or project. All currently registered undergrads are eligible. Please inform any students who you think might like to apply.

One $500 first prize and one $250 second prize will be awarded in each of three categories:
- Projects/papers completed for the first year writing program (ENG 1-4 or any course taken to fulfill the college writing requirement)
- Projects/papers completed for 001-99 level courses
- Projects/papers completed for 100-200 level courses

Important dates
March 8: application deadline
April 19: winners will be announced at the undergraduate awards ceremony

Renovation Planning Project: The library continues to work with Aaron Cohen and Associates (ACA) to create plans for enhancing Tisch. In addition to the September meeting with the Library Advisory Committee, we met with 3 groups of faculty and 3 groups of students to learn which user spaces that are working well and which could be improved. We also met with numerous campus partners, such as UIT, Dining Services, and the Academic Resources Center to understand how Tisch space is currently used for other programs and imagine future developments. These conversations confirmed a number of priorities and surfaced strong themes, including: the need to maintain and improve our quiet study areas, the increase demand for collaborative spaces, and the high value placed on Tower Café space. We are now refining core project priorities, establishing space requirements for staff spaces, and testing the fit of design ideas.

New newsletter/blog coming: We are working to convert our previous print newsletter “Tisch Connections” into an online venue. The goal is to share news from Tisch with the larger Tufts community. The site will be a WordPress site with stories changing on a monthly basis. This will also give our librarians the ability to bundle relevant articles to share with various communities and departments. We hope this will help us get the word out about the range of programs and services Tisch offers—both old and new.

Scan and Deliver: Tisch launched a new service for faculty, offering to scan book chapters and articles from our print collections. Log-in to your ILLiad account (https://illiad.library.tufts.edu/illiad/TFW/logon.html) and select either journal articles or book chapters under the “Scan & Deliver” heading. For copyright reasons, you can request up to one chapter per book and one journal article per issue, not exceeding 10% of the whole. You can make up to 2 requests a day, and the average
turn-around time will be 48 hours. The scanned copy is posted to your ILLiad account for your individual use in research. The complete Scan & Deliver policy is available here (http://www.library.tufts.edu/tisch/scand deliver.html).

This service reflects Tisch Library’s goals to meet user needs regardless of location and to expand access to our print collections. If successful and sustainable, we hope to expand the service to other members of the Tufts community.