LIBRARY BOARD REPORT, 2012

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Mission:
The University Library Board serves as an advisory group to the Dean of the University Libraries, and its individual members also act as liaisons to their specific disciplines, alerting colleagues and students to issues, concerns, events, and ongoing services available at, and related to, the Raynor Memorial Libraries.

Board Activity during the Academic Year, 2011-2012:

The Board’s attention this year continued to be focused on its chief concern, to monitor Library developments and to report them to the respective constituencies of the Board members. Collection development in both print books and e-resources has been significant this year. Especially noteworthy have been our subscription to Academic Complete providing access to over 70,000 e-books, and the expansion of our purchasing program with Yankee Peddler to include e-books.

Other developments include:
- continued upgrades to student study facilities
- expansion of our Digital Media Studio
- a Fall 2011 program on Louisa May Alcott. Mounted jointly with Milwaukee Public Library with funding from the American Library Association and the National Endowment for the Humanities the program featured five lectures and film events
- an observance of National Poetry Month featuring both poetry readings and exhibits of relevant Library holdings, including the Saint John’s Bible
- a visiting exhibit on Lewis and Clark complemented by presentations by visiting scholars from the Universities of Minnesota and Illinois and the Smithsonian Institution

Respectfully submitted,

Julius R. Ruff
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