


# Annual Report 2012 - 2013

University of  
Connecticut Libraries

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# Progress

- **Creation of the Connecticut Digital Archive (CTDA)** – The UConn Libraries successfully launched a pilot version of the CTDA in April, 2013. The Libraries are currently storing and delivering the work of several UConn researchers and some of the Libraries’ digital collections. By September, 2013, CTDA should be fully functional and serving researchers in all fields.
- **Library Technology Fee** – The Libraries received \$295,000 in FY 2013 that was used to: update the Libraries’ principal video theatre; upgrade the Digital Learning Center Multimedia Study; add 200 power outlets to student learning spaces; replace 100 heavily used public computers whose warranties were expiring; purchase color scanners for each regional campus library; and increase the number of MacBook Airs, iPads, and Kindles available for loan to students at all UConn campuses.
- **Extending the vPC Project** – Five of the library’s IT professionals contributed their efforts to the vPC project, enabling more of the UConn community to access a wider offering of commonly used software remotely from their own devices. The vPC service now has more than 11,000 unique users including about 8,000 undergraduate students, 2,000 graduate students, and 1,000 faculty.
- **Introduction of University Data Management Services** – The Libraries’ data management services complement UITs’s data storage program by offering web-based discovery capabilities, managed replicated storage, and preservation of data files that are generated by UConn faculty and graduate students during their research endeavors.
- **Data Management Planning Workshops** – The Libraries collaborated with the Office of Sponsored Programs, UITs, and the School of Engineering to conduct three one-day data management planning workshops this year. Approximately 75 attendees, primarily STEM graduate students, were provided a primer on: organizing data; storage and security; metadata creation; archiving, preservation, and data lifecycles; data sharing and data management plans, and legal and ethical concerns.
- **Securing \$1 million for Replacement Flooring in Homer Babbidge Library** – To better serve students and faculty and attract prospective students, funding was sought and approved for the Libraries’ highest replacement flooring priorities in HBL: the Level 1 Learning Commons, Bookworms Café, Level 3, the Auriemma Reading Room, the center stairwells, the elevators, the elevator lobbies on each floor, the bathrooms, the iDesk workspace, and the administrative offices. The project commenced in May, 2013; all public areas will be completed by January, 2014.



# Highlights



## Innovations and Developments

Interlibrary Loan/Document Delivery implemented Rapid book chapter delivery, enabling book chapters to be delivered electronically to requestors in 24 hours or less.

The Libraries partnered with the NEAG School of Education and the Korey Stringer Institute to standardize data and improve access to the important work being done at UConn to prevent sudden death in sports.

## New Staff

Christine Aniello, Administrative Services Team

Michael Edwards, Acquisitions and Financial Services Team Leader

Graham Stinnett, Human Rights Curator

## Exciting News

Harriet Maclean's fondness for her grandparents' farm in Mansfield and passion for languages and books prompted the California resident to regularly donate funds for the purchase of books and materials related to French literature during her life, and to donate nearly a quarter of her estate - or \$465,000 - to the UConn Libraries after her death.

\$12,500 was awarded to UConn authors via UConn's Open Access Author's Fund.

During final exams, more than 13,000 patrons visited the Homer Babbidge Library on a single day. During finals week, our gate count was 82,469, or twice the capacity of Rentschler Field.

The Libraries updated our digital capture capabilities to make rare and unique materials available electronically to the research community and the public at large. These included the earliest known Storrs campus map and UConn's student newspaper from its beginning in 1896 through 1926.





# Goals



## Goal 1

Expand the capabilities of the Connecticut Digital Archive (CTDA). Extend services to the State Library and other State agencies as well as Connecticut's not-for-profit educational and cultural organizations.

- Metrics:
- Increase storage capacity by 50% and add storage replication.
  - Enable item ingest for at least 4 new content types, including audio, video, maps, and compound documents.
  - Add data from 5 organizations to CTDA.



## Goal 2

Extend data management services, targeting STEM faculty and graduate students.

- Metrics:
- Develop specific strategies for staff to support Next Generation CT STEM research and teaching.
  - Compile a list of data repositories in key STEM disciplines available to researchers.



## Goal 3

Develop digital scholarship services in collaboration with faculty and students in the Digital Humanities and Digital Media and Design.

- Metrics:
- Establish a collaborative environment between researchers and the library.
  - Host THATCamp New England (The Humanities & Technology Camp).
  - Conduct 6 workshops to re-skill library staff in digital scholarship tools and topics.



## Goal 4

Procure and implement a library management system that will enable the integration of processes and services among all UConn Libraries, including the Storrs and Regional Campuses, UConn Law, and UConn Health.

- Metrics:
- Select & negotiate a contract for an integrated system serving all three campuses.
  - Initiate implementation of the selected system.



## Goal 5

Identify print journal volumes on Level 3 of the Homer Babbidge Library that are held electronically or are available in print through other Boston Library Consortium (BLC) libraries. De-accession or transfer enough volumes to dedicate the North side of Level 3 to student learning spaces.