

Library Committee Annual Report 07-08
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The committee did not meet during the 2007-08 academic year. We anticipated that committee input would be needed to evaluate the success of the recreational reading collection, originally expected in early December 2007. However, the recreational reading collection did not actually arrive until September 2008. The 2008-09 Library Committee may wish to establish an oversight committee to evaluate the success of the recreational reading collection.

Peter Brueggeman, the SIO librarian, reported on a number of other issues during the 2007-08 academic year. The remainder of this report condenses his comments from December 2007.

Scripps Library placed advertisements in the UCSD Guardian newspaper every week during Fall 2007 and in advance of exam periods in order to let undergraduates know of the availability of Scripps Library for their campus study needs. The library has seen continued, steady use by undergrads but not dramatically so. Undergrads are in the building every day, but not in large numbers nearly filling the seats as one sees in the main campus libraries. That's to be expected due to our location.

Scripps pruned back the plantings in the raised planter out front of Scripps Library as well as cutting back the lower story of trees and bushes across Biological Grade. This has resulted in allowing more natural lighting into the first floor reading room, and allowing users seated there to see an ocean view. The library has publicized the policy allowing food and drinks into the library building, and in rainy weather conditions some people have taken advantage of this. The possibility of constructing a deck outside the first floor reading room was discussed by the director's office but not carried out. A deck in that location would not remain dry during rainy weather.

The small balconies (called Ocean Verandas) on the second and third floors continue to be popular for key checkout for use as group study rooms. The library has opened up the large second floor west-facing balcony for the same key-checkout group study room use.

The Avanti journal article scanning service for graduate students was discontinued in funding by Scripps. Graduate students (and others) can come into the library to photocopy older articles that they want from many journals (a return to the "old days"), or pay a flat fee of \$3.50 per article PDF created, or do without.

Subscription to Elsevier's online Treatise on Geophysics was requested of the UCSD Libraries. The Treatise on Geophysics has a one-time cost of \$6,664 for online access. This price is at a discount due to Scripps Library requesting the Treatise on Geophysics in coordination with requests from other UCSD Libraries for a few other Elsevier online encyclopedias.

There were no immediate concerns involving research journal subscriptions. The UCSD

Library collection budget has not generally been growing as rapidly as total journal subscription costs, and it is likely that journal collections will eventually need to be reconsidered, although we do not know when.