

**LIBRARY BUDGET.** The budget review for the library's FY10 materials budget and operating request will occur on October 29, 2008. The materials budget request asks for a total of 9% total (8 % for inflation and 1% for research needs for undergraduates and graduate students).

**LIBRARY SPACE.** The plan and budget have been prepared to add 13,000 linear feet of compact shelving to complete the shelving of bound serial volumes on level G, relocate Digital Collections and Archives from its current level G location into the tower area and to move ITS out of Tisch Library. It is expected to be presented to the Trustees at its November 2008 meeting and the construction is planned for summer 2009.

**LEARNING COMMONS.** Leah McIntosh, Brigitte Bryant (Senior A & S Development) and Jo-Ann are developing a fundraising brochure to be used by A & S fundraisers contacting prospects for the Learning Commons. The brochure will be a short illustrated case statement along with answers to donor questions such as which needs does a Learning Commons address. The Learning Commons partners members include: Leah McIntosh, Scott Sahagian (EAD for Engineering), Jim Roberts, Tony Sulprizio, David Kahle, Brigitte Bryant (Advancement), Mely Tynan (UIT) and Anne Sauer (DCA). The Learning Commons plan includes renovating the library's entrance floor to support an interactive learning environment that integrates faculty and students with expert staff supporting library and technology.

**STRATEGIC PLAN.** The Library staff has completed its strategic plan with input from the Library Committee (faculty, graduate students and undergraduates). The attachment contains the strategic plan. Please note that the library and its IT partners have begun planning the study of faculty research and teaching needs which the Learning Commons will support.

**DIGITIZATION.** FY09 is the second year of a Tisch Library \$70,000 commitment from our NEH endowment to support the Boston Library Consortium's Open Collections Alliance by digitizing 2 Tisch Library journal runs: *Revue du Deux Monde* and the *Journal of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers*. The Alfred P. Sloan Foundation recently held a summit on the impact of massive digitization projects, some of which threaten to restrict openly accessible information. The Boston Library Consortium has been very concerned about this issue and has chosen to align with OCA which poses no restrictions to access.

**ROOFTOP GARDEN.** The Tisch Library rooftop garden construction project is on schedule and on budget. Target completion date is late December 2008.

**LEARNING MANAGEMENT SYSTEM PROJECT** to replace Blackboard Basic has a core strategy team, which has a library representative, Chris Strauber, to work with faculty, students, and staff across the Medford campus this academic year to access requirements, identify appropriate new LMS platform and recommend a support and service model to meet the diverse set of community LMS needs. The Survey on user requirements is on the web.