

**LIBRARY BUDGET.** In FY10, the materials increase was 4% which required a slight reduction in book purchases and made increased support for research impossible. In other areas of the budget, the library has contributed to University savings during the economic situation with reductions in the following areas: 2 frozen positions in IT and Access, staff events and travel and fewer projects funded. During these reductions, the library has worked hard to maintain its service momentum. The draft FY11 materials budget will be reviewed at the September 23 Library Committee meeting.

**OPEN ACCESS AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY.** At a recent meeting with the directors of the university libraries, the Provost indicated support for Open Access initiatives so the Scholarly Communications Team will begin working with the Provost and a faculty group to investigate if there is a mandate for Open Access at Tufts. Open Access will be discussed at the September 23 Library Committee meeting.

**LIBRARY SPACE.** The plan and budget to add 13,000 linear feet of compact shelving to complete the shelving of bound serial volumes on level G has been approved by the Trustees and construction is scheduled for summer 2010. Level G space plans will be reviewed at the Nov 18 Library Committee meeting.

**STRATEGIC PLAN.** A report is being drafted about the 40 AS&E faculty interviews by the library, AT, and DCA on research and teaching needs. The data from the interviews will inform plans for the Learning Commons and Virtual Research Commons, two major goals of Tisch Library's Strategic Plan. The report on faculty research and teaching needs will be discussed at the Nov 18 Library Committee meeting.

**LEARNING COMMONS.** 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. Advancement is still optimistic that \$1.5M will be raised in FY10 with design and construction to occur in FY11.

**DIGITIZATION.** Tisch Library has completed its 2 year \$70,000 commitment to support the Boston Library Consortium's Open Content Alliance by digitizing 2 journals: *Revue du Deux Monde* and the *Journal of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers*. Tisch Library has committed \$5,000 to digitization in FY10.