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UNIVERSITY LIBRARY COMMITTEE
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The University Library Committee met three times in 1993-94. The Committee:

2. Discussed the serials cancellation project.
3. Discussed document delivery as an alternative means of access to journal articles.
4. Discussed the acquisitions crisis and possible Committee actions to seek an increase in the acquisitions budget that would restore strength to the Library's collections.
5. Continued a review of interlibrary loan procedures and costs.
6. Discussed the UW System libraries' one-year trial of direct in-person reciprocal borrowing for students, faculty, and staff.

The Committee took the following actions:

1. Requested that Library staff, before adding new serial titles, consult with departments on prioritizing new vs. cancelled serials.
2. Wrote to the Chancellor on 21 December 1993 to support a DIN for library acquisitions funding, emphasizing the importance of UWM's collections as a state and area resource.
3. Indicated concern that the proposed UW System reciprocal borrowing might withhold resources from UWM users.

The Committee received reports from the Director on the following:

1. Personnel changes, including new Head of Preservation Department, current professional staff vacancies, and interim appointments.
3. The Heffter Conference Center, now under Library management; the Committee toured the facility.
5. Additional funding for library acquisitions through state allocations for the Undergraduate Initiative.
6. The future of the NLS system.
7. User count, including late night and summer statistics, for main entrance and reserve room: a total of 1.2 million gate entries in 1992-93.
8. The status of the search for AGS Curator (Beames).
9. Extended loan period for classified staff and graduate students made possible by improved recall capability.