

**Library Committee**  
Activities Fall 2007

**Book & media processing of faculty requests** - committee members review, prioritize and coordinate book and media purchase requests held over from last fiscal year and received from faculty this year.

**Periodical cancellations during FY '08** – a proposal to cancel \$51,000 in print journal subscriptions to absorb inflationary subscription costs was reviewed and revised. Committee members disseminated the proposal to faculty members in their division and gathered feedback from them. The cancellations were made and go into effect in January 2008.

**Cancellation criteria for FY 2009** - in order to prepare for the possibility of additional cuts in journal subscriptions in FY '09, committee members are considering the establishment of new criteria for cancellation of paper journals this academic year. Several different methods used by academic libraries were presented and discussed. In the past, the library has used an allocation formula, but the formula is no longer usable for this purpose because of the shift to electronic journals.

**New Jersey Knowledge Initiative databases** - the state-funded New Jersey Knowledge Initiative, which covers the costs of 11 important library databases, is in danger of being curtailed in March 2008. If the funding is cut, it would cost the library over \$22,000 to pick up the cost of these database subscriptions. Committee members notified faculty members of this looming problem and encouraged both students and faculty to contact the legislature and Governor's office to register their concerns.

**New databases** – were identified by committee members and recommended for subscription. Two new databases have been added.