Quake damages stacks at University of Washington

The University of Washington Libraries, the largest academic library in the Pacific Northwest, experienced extensive stack damage in several library units, although most libraries came through fine. An estimated 35,000 volumes were knocked off shelves, about half in the libraries' off-site storage facility. Immediately after the earthquake, all or portions of ten library units were closed due to stack damage, potential ceiling damage, or the building being closed for inspection.

Betsy Wilson, director of University Libraries, quickly formed a damage assessment team that worked with library units and the university physical plant to assist libraries in reopening. Coincidentally, the Suzzallo Library (part of the main social sciences-humanities library) is in the midst of a major two-year seismic project, which was about 60 percent completed in the 1925 and 1935 sections. That work prevented significant damage to those portions of the library.

A view of the earthquake's damages to the University of Washington's Engineering Library.

One day after the earthquake, service areas in all library units were open with the exception of Health Sciences Library and KK Sherwood Library in the Harborview Medical Center (in each case the entire building was closed), although access to collections in some units was restricted or not available. Those two units opened on Friday, two days after the earthquake.

One week after the earthquake, all collections and services were available to users in all libraries except Engineering and Fisheries-Oceanography.

The Engineering Library was hardest hit with its collection of 125,000 volumes not accessible due to extensive stack damage. Mel DeSart, head of the Engineering Library, noted: "There's a certain irony that, of all the branch libraries at UW, it was the Engineering Library that sustained probably the greatest damage. But, if nothing else, much of our shelving is now a great laboratory for any classes studying structural design or metal fatigue and deformation."

In the Fisheries-Oceanography Library, 40,000 volumes were still not available due to stack damage on the lower level, although stacks there had been stabilized and plans were underway to provide limited staff access. Both libraries were using article delivery and expedited interlibrary loan to provide materials to users.

Finally, the damage was documented extensively and communicated widely to the broader community. A libraries' earthquake Web page was set up within hours (http//www.lib.washington.edu/about/quakeZ) to keep our users and staff informed of unit closings and damage. Damage photographs were scanned or posted directly from digital cameras. Carla Rickerson, head of Manuscripts, Special Collections and University' Archives, lamented that we had no photographs of the library' damage from the 1965 earthquake. Not a problem this time; we have plenty' of images to remember the 2001 Nisqually earthquake.—*Steve Hiller, University of Washington Libraries, hitter@u.washington.edu*

hookups, a Collaborative Learning Center, and a multimedia distribution center; and

• several group study rooms—some equipped to receive video or audio transmissions.

The library uses the 3M Digital Identification System, based on radio frequency identification technology, to manage its collection. This system integrates automated systems with 3M Tattle-Tape security.

Kenneth Marks, dean of university libraries at UNLV, believes "Lied Library is … one of the country's premier research libraries and a model for the library of the future. As one of the largest and most technologically advanced libraries in the nation, Lied Library will deliver the highest level of information services to the campus and community."

CLIC selects Innovative Interfaces

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CLIC is a nonprofit federation of libraries including eight private colleges and universities: Augsburg, Bethel, Macalester, and Northwestern Colleges, as well as College of St. Catherine, Concordia University-St. Paul, Hamline University, and the University of St. Thomas. CLIC's shared catalog includes more than one million bibliographic records, 1.9 million holdings, and serves approximately 64,175 patrons.

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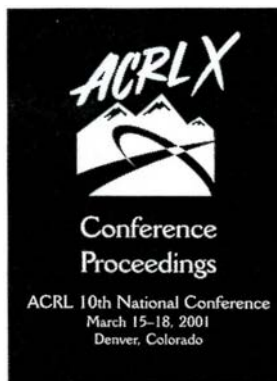• Navigating the Licensing Landscape
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