I. **Unit Title:** Roberts-LaForge Library

**School or College:** Library Services

**Unit Administrator:** Jeff Slagell
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To serve the Delta State University students, faculty and community by fulfilling their information needs.

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B. Goal # 4

To provide and promote opportunities for professional growth for all Library Services staff members, with the end result being improved library services.

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Annual staff performance reviews.

3. Actual Results of Evaluation:

Continuing education and training are important factors which enable staff to stay abreast of new trends and to cope with rapid changes in the modern information services field.

4. Use of Evaluation Results:

As has been the practice in the past, Library Services continued its emphasis on staff development and training. Most staff members participated in campus and off-campus workshops, specialized seminars, professional meetings, for credit courses, online courses, and study trips to similar departmental operations at other libraries. Some of these are listed in the Personnel section, but there are far too many to include in this report.

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Roberts-LaForge Library continued to provide strong support and leadership for the multi-type library cooperative in northwest Mississippi known as Dancing Rabbit Library Consortium. It enables DSU students to access other libraries in the region (this is important for some of our distance education students to access resources and computers). The group of public, community college
and university libraries offers a reciprocal patron borrowing program, received grant funding to support the creation of online exhibits. The group also cooperates on staff development programs, some of which have been offered by our staff.

Borrowing privileges continued to be extended to school district employees at all Delta Area schools for 2004-2005. Actual usage under this program has been modest, but it is fulfilling a need at some schools.

At the request of the Student Government Association, the library extended its hours until midnight during Finals Week. In addition, an extending hours testing period was utilized during the spring 2006 term. The building statistics did not reveal significant usage from 10 p.m. to midnight.

We continue to have serious problems with windows leaking. Dale and Associates has been notified about the problems and has been unresponsive. Rain water leaks in and an increasing number of windows and approximately 100 have water and condensation between the panes. The continuous leaks have resulted in various degrees of damage around the windows.

Student and faculty library surveys were distributed during the spring 2006 term and processed by the Office of Institutional Research. The results will be shared with the University Library Committee and the Library Services Planning and Effectiveness Committee to identify strengths and weakness in services and collections.

As has been the practice in the past, Library Services continued its emphasis on staff development and training. Most staff members participated in campus and off-campus workshops, specialized seminars, professional meetings, for credit courses, online courses, and study trips to similar departmental operations at other libraries. Some of these are listed in the Personnel section, but there are far too many to include in this report.

V. Personnel:

Noteworthy activities and accomplishments:

Emily Bell attended the College of Education’s Dissertation preparation meeting, attended a Purchasing Training Seminar, served on the Library Courtesy Committee, and assisted with Born to Read programs.

Diane Coleman participated in the Office of Information Technology’s online training sessions throughout the year relating to Microsoft Office products.

Becky Lancaster served on the Special Programs Committee and the Library Committee for Staff Council, served as
President/Treasurer for LibraryCourtesy Committee, and served as Chair of the Library Emergency Policy Committee.

*Barbara Latham* continued to coordinate the usage and design of Roberts-LaForge Library display cases.


*Joi Jones Phillips* participated in accreditation site visits for Social Work and Athletic Training, published the article “Shaking the Trees for Funding to Support School Libraries” in the Spring 2006 issue of *Mississippi Libraries*, Co-presented “Lessons Learned from Planning and Teaching an Information Literacy Course,” at the Georgia Conference on Information Literacy in Statesboro, GA, attended the 2006 Tennessee Library Association/Southeastern Library Association Joint Conference in Memphis, TN, served as Faculty Senate Senator, served as Chair of the Continuing Education Committee and a member of the Information Literacy Committee for the Mississippi Library Association, served as Co-chair of the Continuing Education & Staff Development Committee and as a member of the Nominating Committee and Planning Committee for the Southeastern Library Association.

*Sheila Rayner* attended the Children’s Book Festival at the University of Southern Mississippi (April 2006), assisted with exhibits in the archives (Toys and Cleveland Collects), served as a member of the Year of Cleveland committee, was inducted into Delta Sigma Lambda honor society for nontraditional students, and was recognized for 5 years of service to Delta State University.

*Cynthia Rocconi* attended the MonsterTrak Training Workshop, Voice Mail System Training, Purchasing Training Seminar, and assisted with National Library Week activities and Born to Read programs.

*David Salinero* attended a Census workshop at Mississippi State (June 2005), attended “Making Copyright Work for Your Library”; a teleconference on copyright issues, Co-presented “Lessons Learned from Planning and Teaching an Information Literacy Course” at the 2005 GA Conference on Information Literacy, published with Jill Grogg “May the Bun be With You: An Annotated Bibliography of Librarians and Their Image” in *Southeastern Librarian* (Fall 2005), served as Chair of the Student Publications Committee, and served as Chair of GODORT for the Mississippi Library Association.

*Frances Scarborough* participated in the Office of Information Technology’s online training sessions throughout the year relating to Microsoft Office products.
Dianne Schattner served as a mentor for GST 100 (Fall 2005), assisted with Site Builder Toolkit workshops, presented a Jump Drive Workshop for Library Services, attended the Mississippi Sirsi User Group Meeting, served on the Staff Technology Group, attended the Mississippi Banner Users Group Conference, served on the Web Oversight Committee served on Staff Council, Staff Council Incentives and Recognition Committee, Staff Council Newsletter Committee, and served on the Technology Across the Curriculum Group.

Jeff Slagell was appointed Director of Library Services, elected Vice President/President-Elect of the Mississippi Library Association, inducted into the Omicron Delta Kappa National Leadership Honor Society, Co-presented “German Film History” at the Millsaps College Faculty Forum (September 2005), presented “Climbing Peaks and Navigating Valleys: Managing Personnel from High Altitude” at the North American Serials Interest Group Annual Conference, Denver, CO (May 2006), presented “Reflections of Public Health in Film” at the University of Arkansas Medical School, College of Public Health, Little Rock, AR (May 2006), served as Co-chair of the Awards and Recognition Committee for the North American Serials Interest Group, and served as a peer reviewer for the Southeastern Librarian.

Sheryl Stump was inducted into Delta Sigma Lambda Honor Society, attended the Technical Services Roundtable workshop in April 2006, attended Sirsi Users Group meeting, was a member of the American Library Association, Southeastern Library Association, and the Mississippi Library Association (Technical Services Roundtable, Continuing Education Committee).

Hongyan Sun prepared a comprehensive server upgrade plan including server selection, hardware configuration, and cost estimation, served on a variety of committees for the Chinese Library Association (Program Committee, Membership Committee, Web Committee), served on the Web Committee of the Mississippi Library Association, and served on a variety of roundtables for the American Library Association (Library Research, Intellectual Freedom, New Membership).

Richard Torgerson received tenure and was promoted to Associate Professor, published 9 abstracts for RILM, attended TSRT workshop on MARC tips and Digital archiving, attended the Music Library Association Annual Meeting (Memphis), was inducted into Delta Sigma Lambda Honor Society, attended Mississippi Sirsi Users Group meeting, served as Chair of Delta State University’s Safety and Environment Committee, and served as Chair of the Director of Libraries Search Committee.

Jane Waldrup continued to make additions and updates to the Circulation Department’s policies and procedures and was recognized for 25 years of service to Delta State University.

Paula Webb attended the E-Journals Workshop at Mississippi State University, attended the 2006 WebCT Winter Technology Institute, attended CIS 335 and CIS 210, was a member of NASIG, Southeastern Library Association, Mississippi Library Association, University of Alabama Library Alumni Association, and received the Bryce Griffis Presidential Endowment Fund.
New position(s) requested, with justification:

N/A

Recommended change of status
(such as promotion/tenure/change in responsibilities):

N/A

VI. Degree Program Addition/Deletions and/or Major Curriculum Changes:
Changes made in the past year

N/A

Recommended changes for the coming year(s)

N/A

VII. Division/Department Goals for Coming Year
This is a statement of goals for the coming year. These are operational goals for the unit that are NOT tied directly to student learning outcomes.

A. Goal # 1

To serve the Delta State University students, faculty and community by fulfilling their information needs.

1. Institutional Goal(s) supported by this goal:
   Listed in the Strategic Plan or in the Quality Enhancement Plan. Please note if the unit goal is in support of a Strategic Plan goal (e.g., SP#2) or a Quality Enhancement Plan goal (e.g., QEP#1).

   Enhance educational experiences at all levels by encouraging student and faculty research and other creative work. (University Goal # 8)
Provide the resources, facilities and the physical environment which contribute to the intellectual, cultural, ethical, physical, and social growth and development of the student and of the surrounding community. (University Goal # 11)

2. Expected Results:
   *What happens if the goal is met?*

Both formal and informal user satisfaction will be evident regarding library resources and services.

3. Evaluation Procedure(s):
   *How will you determine if this goal is met?*

Feedback will be obtained through faculty and student surveys, comment forms, University Library Committee, and through other formal and informal means.

4. Use of Evaluation Results:
   *How will the results be used to improve programs, operation, or services?*

Information will be used to gauge the effectiveness of resources, programs, and services. Policies, procedures, acquisition methods, and services will be modified if necessary.

B. Goal # 2

To identify, select, and acquire library materials, regardless of format, in a timely manner.

1. Institutional Goal(s) supported by this goal:

Provide the resources, facilities and the physical environment which contribute to the intellectual, cultural, ethical, physical, and social growth and development of the student and of the surrounding community. (University Goal # 11)

Enhance educational experiences at all levels by encouraging student and faculty research and other creative work. (University Goal # 8)
2. **Expected Results:**

User satisfaction will be evident regarding the acquisition and availability of library resources.

3. **Evaluation Procedure(s):**

Feedback will be obtained through faculty and student surveys, comment forms, University Library Committee, and through other formal and informal means.

4. **Use of Evaluation Results:**

Information will be used to gauge the effectiveness of resource acquisition and related processing. Policies, procedures, acquisition methods, and services will be modified if necessary.

C. **Goal # 3**

On a continuing basis, evaluate and restructure the library collection, facilities and services.

1. **Institutional Goal(s) supported by this goal:**

Provide the resources, facilities and the physical environment which contribute to the intellectual, cultural, ethical, physical, and social growth and development of the student and of the surrounding community. (University Goal # 11)

Enhance educational experiences at all levels by encouraging student and faculty research and other creative work. (University Goal # 8)

2. **Expected Results:**

User satisfaction will be evident regarding the library collection, facilities and services.

3. **Evaluation Procedure(s):**

Feedback will be obtained through faculty and student surveys, comment forms, University Library Committee, and through other formal and informal means.
4. Use of Evaluation Results:
Information will be used to gauge the effectiveness of resources, programs, and services. Policies, procedures, acquisition methods, and services will be modified if necessary.

D. Goal # 4

To provide and promote opportunities for professional growth for all Library Services staff members, with the end result being improved library services.

1. Institutional Goal(s) supported by this goal:

Provide opportunities for the professional and personal development of staff. (University Goal # 13)

2. Expected Results:

Library Staff Annual Activity Reports and formal and informal reviews will reveal significant levels of professional development. User satisfaction will be evident regarding the library collection, facilities and services.

3. Evaluation Procedure(s):

Feedback will be obtained through staff Annual Activity Reports, formal and informal reviews, faculty and student surveys, comment forms, University Library Committee, and through other formal and informal means.

4. Use of Evaluation Results:

Information will be used to gauge the effectiveness of professional development support and user satisfaction with resources, programs, and services. Policies, procedures, and services will be modified if necessary.