

Darwin College Library – Annual Report 2004-2005.

Purchases, Donations and Losses

Many good quality academic books in a wide range of disciplines were donated this year. The number of donations increased. With the exception of CUP purchases, most book orders are now being conducted through Amazon allowing benefit from the referral scheme. A steady increase in income through this scheme has been noted. Purchase of new books continues to be at the request of students and Fellows. The annual stock-take proceeded smoothly with some minor reorganisation of shelves to generate a more balanced use of space reflecting current stock. Losses are consistent with the reduced numbers reported last year.

Library use and maintenance

Improvements to general tidiness have taken place through instigation of new clean-up procedures and shelf-cleaning coincident with stock-take. A committee has been set-up to consider emergency procedures in case of fire or flooding. The library continues to be heavily used.

Vesalius and Finley collections

The Finley collection was visited regularly again this year predominantly by academics but also by students. Regular humidity and temperature monitoring of the Vesalius is recorded, ensuring quality maintenance of this volume.

Events

Spring event 2004 – Commemoration of the 60th anniversary of VE day was a great success with music and poetry appropriate for the occasion. Thanks to Ariane Kossack and George Gomori for arranging this.

Acknowledgments

The library is indebted to Ariane Kossack, the student librarian, for all her hard work over the years. We wish her all the best for the future. We thank Espen Koht, the computer officer, for his support of and expertise in the library processes. The Library is also grateful to CUP for their continued support.

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