

## Library Committee Report

The Library Committee met on April 10 for its final meeting of the academic year. Kelly Jacobsma reported that the external reviewers' report had just arrived, and summarized key points in the report. Prior to review of the report by the Deans Council, details of the report will not be made public. In general, the focus of the report was on challenges to the institution as a whole rather than a critique of the library program. (The report was very positive about program and staff, although a few recommendations in this area were also made.) Overall, the report focused on the library's role in promoting information fluency, and made 4 recommendations accompanied by advice and resources for implementation. Acting on these recommendations will require a commitment from the institution as a whole. In this regard, conversations with and support from AcAB may be necessary in the future.

In addition to reviewing this report, the committee was informed that 3 key people in the library will be retiring between now and December, and that future hires will need to take into account decisions made about the library's future role. The library continues to examine which books to keep (sustainable collections initiative), and will be focusing on examining books currently housed on the third floor. Finally, the committee held a brief discussion of ebooks. For several reasons, the library continues to purchase about 90% of its books in print versions.