Veterinary Library Journals to be Transferred

Journals and other materials currently shelved on the lower level of the Veterinary Library will be removed from that area within the next few months. The Library staff is actively working to identify and categorize these materials in order to vacate space for other College purposes by the end of the calendar year.

Such factors as usage, subject, timeliness, language, physical condition, and whether or not the title is duplicated in other campus libraries, determine which items will remain in the main-level and upstairs stacks, which stored in the Library Annex, and which withdrawn.

Every effort is being made to ensure that you have easy access to materials formerly housed here in the library and soon to be residing in the Library Annex. Articles from journals stored in the Annex are scanned and delivered to you electronically at no cost. Books and other materials are delivered to the Veterinary Library within 24 hours Monday through Friday. For more urgently needed items, you can pick them up at the Annex or use them in the Annex Reading Room within two to three hours after requesting them.

To date, we have prepared a complete inventory of approximately 2,170 journal titles held in the Veterinary Library journal stacks. We know which titles have electronic versions available and which are duplicated in other campus libraries. Based on input from campus libraries, titles are now being sorted into those selected for transfer to the Annex and those for which duplicates will be withdrawn. Following the journal review, a similar process will be undertaken for books.

Comments and suggestions regarding the collection can be sent to vetref@cornell.edu.

Library Survey Provides Guidance

Recently you and all other members of the College of Veterinary Medicine community were given an opportunity to tell the Library via a survey how you currently use the library, what your unmet needs are and what your current work habits are.

The survey response was a strong 40%. We thank each of you who took the time to fill out the survey for helping us plan the restructuring of the remaining library space and focus on creating services to best meet your needs. Our next newsletter will highlight the results.

We also plan to conduct focus groups to have more in-depth discussions about how to accommodate the loss of space. We welcome any further recommendations or questions. Simply contact Dr. Erla Heyns, 253-3515, eph8@cornell.edu.