

# Library Involvement in Campus-wide Accreditation

## Traditional Roles (still needed!)

- Collections Data
- Budget Information
- Library Usage Statistics

*Get Noticed!*

## Benefits to the University

- Librarians view committee work as outreach activity and are more willing participants
- Librarians are experts at gathering and organizing information
- Librarians are interested in the entire institution, not just their own discipline or area of study

## Ideas for Demonstrating Value and Increasing Involvement

- Find out when the next review will be and target for three years ahead of that time to volunteer services
- The accreditation process serves to highlight areas where improvement is needed as well as a way to showcase the best of the institution
- University administration is an important user population along with everyone else
  - Allocate significant staff resources to university accreditation
  - Allocate technical services resources and space

## Offer expertise and organizational skills

- Documentation needed to support and supplement the self-study is considerable; hundreds and perhaps thousands of documents
- Librarians are skilled at organizing and cross-referencing this information
- Offer to archive the information; institutional self studies and captured documents are excellent and relatively compact sources of information about the campus
- Overwhelmed staff and administration will be grateful for assistance

## Offer to host the Resource Room (virtual and physical)

- Site team visitors will see more of the library facilities
- Hospitality is appreciated by the site team and your administration

## New Roles

- Collaborate in developing the Self-Study
- Coordinate the Resource Room (physical and virtual)
- Participate in campus-wide planning for the site visit
- Represent the library on campus-wide task forces and committees

*Be on the Radar!*

## Benefits to the Library

- Increases visibility and networking
- Provides forum for displaying strengths and areas where improvement is needed
- Librarians learn more about the campuses they serve
- Librarians gain a foothold in campus-wide efforts and exert greater influence on the institution's decisions

*Demonstrate your value to the institution!*

Photograph of Hale Library from the cover of K-State's Self-Study Document, April 2012



*Know your administration!*