



## The Libraries in FY 2010

- 20—Branch Libraries
- 111—Libraries staff members
- 47,918 —Items added to collections
- 1,888,189—Total items in collections
- 6,307 —Serial titles (purchases & gifts)
- 8,189 —Gift volumes added to collections
- 3,180,737—Number of website visitor sessions
- 272,586—Total collection images on website
- 4,979—Electronic serials and databases available to users
- 50,735—Reference questions answered
- 4,478—Books and articles lent to other libraries
- 6,239—Books and articles borrowed by the Libraries to support Smithsonian research
- 10,348—Page views on the Smithsonian Libraries blog (as of 6/10)
- 2000+—Followers on Twitter (as of 8 /10)
- 1,585—Facebook fans (as of 7/10)

### Staff on the Move

#### Promoted

Claire Catron  
*Interlibrary Loan Services*

Grace Costantino  
*Web Services*

Bianca Crowley  
*Biodiversity Heritage Library*

Polly Khater  
*Serials Library*

Sharon Layne  
*Preservation Services*

Doug Litts  
*SAAM/NPG Library*

Richard Naples  
*Information Services*

Rita O'Hara  
*SAAM/NPG Library*

Suzanne Pilsk  
*Metadata Services*

Vanessa Smith  
*Preservation Services*

Erin Thomas  
*Web Services*

Keri Thompson  
*Web Services*

**Joined**  
Stefaan Hurts  
*Digital Services*

Joel Richard  
*Web Services*

**Retired**  
Amy Levin  
*Museum Studies Reference Library*

#### Departed

Melinda Tomerlin  
*Technical Services*

#### Reassignments

Chuck Martin  
*Interlibrary Loan Services*

Dave Draffin  
*Interlibrary Loan Services*

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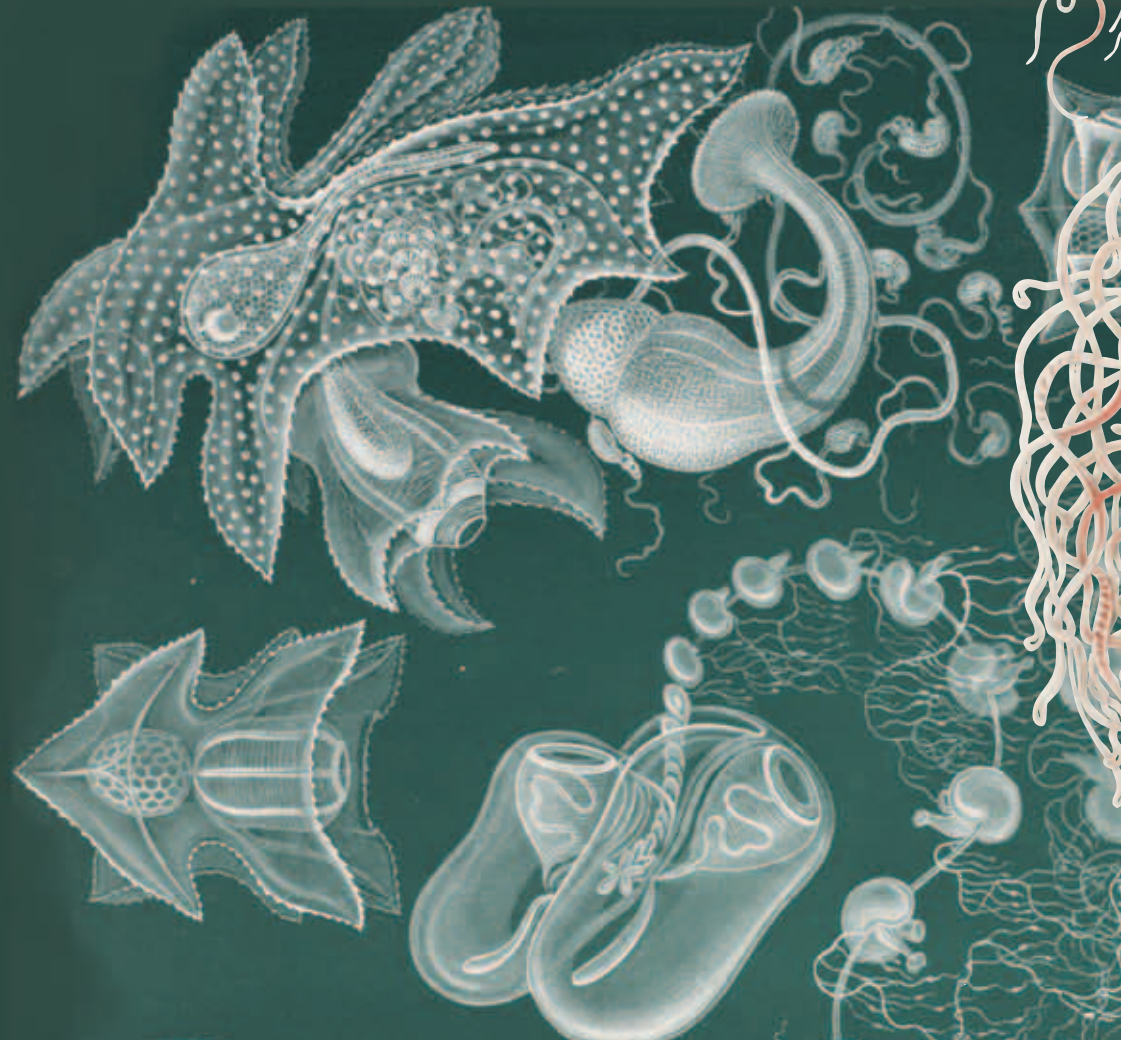
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# Annual Report 2010



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## FY 2010 Highlights

### October

The Dibner Library of the History of Science and Technology receives state-of-the-art digital scanning equipment to allow rare items to be copied for readers without damage.

### November

Director Nancy E. Gwinn participates in a strategic review committee for the Natural History Museum Library and Archives in London. ♦ The Barona Band of Mission Indians donates the Barona Intertribal Dictionary, the first publication of the Barona Museum Press, to the National Museum of the American Indian Library.

### December

The Libraries receives a pledge of \$1.5 million from the Smithsonian's Atherton Seidell Endowment to support participation in the Biodiversity Heritage Library. ♦ Lee Rainie, Director, Pew Internet & American Life Project, lectures on "How to Survive in the New Media Ecology."

### January

The Libraries announces selection of eight Resident Scholars, including three from Europe and Turkey. ♦ The Libraries launches the new Margaret Henry Dabney Penick Fellowship to study the legacy of Patrick Henry and American colonial history. ♦ OnlineCourses.org ranks the Libraries' online special collections as Number 1.

### March

The reopening of the Dibner Library is celebrated with a two-day symposium, "The Era of Experiments and the Age of Wonder." ♦ Author and historian Richard Holmes delivers the 17th Dibner Library Lecture on "The Age of Wonder: How the Romantic Generation Discovered the Beauty and Terror of Science."

### April

Galaxy of Images website is selected as "Best of Reference" resource by New York Public Library. ♦ The Libraries announces new paid internship program for graduate students interested in working in research and museum libraries.

### May

The Cooper-Hewitt National Design Museum Library begins to post a "wish list" on Amazon.com so supporters can purchase books for them. ♦ William F. Patry, Google Copyright Counsel, lectures on copyright law as storytelling, and David Ferriero, Archivist of the United States, speaks on the National Archives' Open Government plan.

### June

The exhibition *Paper Engineering: Fold, Pull, Pop and Turn* opens in the Libraries' exhibition gallery and receives enthusiastic reviews. ♦ The Biodiversity Heritage Library receives an Outstanding Collaboration citation from the American Library Association.

### July

Diane Shaw's *Library and Archival Exhibitions on the Web* is selected as an Editor's Pick for ALA's *Choice* magazine. ♦ The Libraries launches new online newsletter *eConnect*.

### September

National Museum of Natural History Main Library begins move to new location. ♦ The Libraries hosts the annual OCLC/Research Libraries Group forum, "Yours, Mine, Ours: Leadership Through Collaboration."

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