

# WVU Faculty Senate Library Committee

Fall 2018

October 5, 2018

# Budget Update

## Materials Spending

- 2015 - \$9,959,766
- 2016 - \$9,769,659
- 2017 - \$7,378,436
- 2018 - \$6,632,210
- 2019 - \$8,160,026\*

\*Preliminary and includes \$1,282,124 increase that was previously committed. Also includes foundation funds which may or may not be spendable.

# Personnel Update

- Hired this year:
  - Scholarly Communication Librarian – Ian Harmon
  - Science Librarian – Tim Berge
  - Engineering Librarian – Martin Dunlap
  - Humanities Librarian – Lynne Stahl
- Still working on:
  - Instruction and Outreach for WVRHC
  - Health Sciences Librarian

# Initiatives Updates

- [Research Repository](#)
- [Research Commons](#) workshops
- Digital Publishing Institute (coming)



# Exhibits

- Water
- Faculty Art Award
- Appalachian Futures

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- <https://exhibits.lib.wvu.edu/>

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### AVATARS AND THEIR PLAYERS: FROM OBJECT TO OTHER

**Exhibit:** October 1-December 30, 2018, Room 1020, Downtown Campus Library

**Presentation:** November 13, 2018, Downtown Campus Library: 2pm, Room 104 DCL

Drs. Jaime Banks and Nick Bowman visualize their scholarly research on the experiences and effects of video gamers' connections with their avatars. This exhibit features "100 Avatars," digital element, in collaboration with WVU Libraries. The digital collection features players' submitted images and stories, recounting their favorite memories with favorite videogame avatars. These stories illustrate the impact avatars have had on their lives -- dispelling assumptions and myths about gamers and highlighting the ways that avatars can be meaningful in contemporary life.

