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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

BOOTH LIBRARY RECEIVES MONIES FOR NEW BOOKS

CHARLESTON, IL--Eastern Illinois University's President's Council has approved the allocation of an additional \$30,000 to Booth Library's book and materials budget to partially offset the impact of the January recision.

Acting Dean of Library Services Allen Lanham said, "These monies will help compensate for the January recision, which resulted in a 16 percent or \$151,000 decrease in our library book and materials budget this year. This kept us from purchasing over 3,000 new books--books which had been considered essential additions to our collection."

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LIBRARY MONIES

The \$30,000 will be divided among subject librarians who will select new books for the University's academic departments, Lanham said. The amount each discipline will receive will vary depending on its normal book allocation.

Lanham said the books Booth Library purchases for its collection typically cost \$45 to \$100. Reference books often are more expensive.

"The cost of materials continues to increase," Lanham said, adding that even though the library has requested a 10 1/4 percent increase in the books and periodicals budget for next year, the cost of books is expected to increase 7 percent and periodicals, 12 percent. "The price of materials far surpasses any increases in our budget," he said.

Lanham said the library is continuing its Adopt-A-Book fundraising campaign to enhance the book collection.