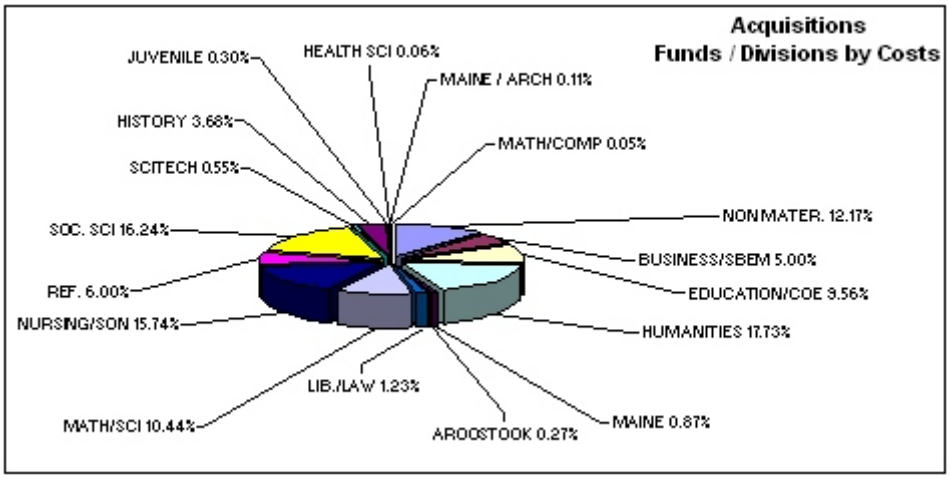
Acquisitions:

In FY2004, 344 items were purchased totaling $20,093.45. These numbers are a decrease from last year's figures. In FY2003, 978 items were purchased totaling $70,183.42. This year, $9,547.54 included in the acquisitions figures were funds received from gift accounts. The largest concentration of purchases are as follows: 17.73% in Humanities, 16.24% in Social Science, and 15.74% in the Nursing Division. The reason for the decrease from last year is the professional staff involvement and dedication to more urgent matters with the faculty and classes, so less time was left for the collection development. Detailed acquisition statistics can be found in Appendix E.



Cecile (Simon) Smith - In August of 2002, we received $3,500.00 from the UMFK Nursing Department. This donation was in memory of Cecile (Simon) Smith for the purchase of materials in the nursing subject area. This year, a total of 18 titles were bought for an amount of $636.40. A printed list of the titles can be found in Appendix F.

Inez Day Richards - The Inez Day Richards Fund was established in 1998 by Daniel T. Richards. The funds were defined to purchase materials in American music and American poetry in memory of Inez Day Richards from the annual income generated by the fund. In FY2004, the library purchased 29 titles totaling $3,612.04 from the Inez Day Richards' funds. This amount spent compares to last years purchases of $3,629.79. A list of the titles purchased in memory of Inez Day Richards can be found in Appendix G.

Mattie A. Pinette - In September 2000, Blake Library received $19,745.41 from the Estate of Mattie A. Pinette for library acquisitions. In FY2004, the library purchased 42 titles totaling $3,370.28. This is a decrease from last year's purchase of 195 titles totaling $11,402.39. A list of the titles purchased in memory of Mattie A. Pinette can be found in Appendix H.

President's Fund - This past year, the President's Office purchased 11 titles for the amount of $1,886.08 in memory of deceased individuals who had links to the UMFK campus. A list of the titles purchased can be found in Appendix I.

Millennium Acquisition was implemented by the University of Maine System two years ago as the program for library purchasing, receiving and other tasks associated with acquisitions.

Updates have been done to the program to make the task of entering data more user friendly and the library acquisition staff feels comfortable fully using the program. As mentioned in the "Cataloging" section, there are still some issues to be resolved and these issues are reported to the System's office as we experience them.

Purchasing cards, which have been provided to many university departments, have made purchasing of materials easier for the library. When an item is requested, a call to a vendor is made and the item is purchased using the card instead of going through the process of preparing a purchase order, waiting for approval and printing, and then placing the call to the vendor. If the vendor is not set up in the system then a few additional steps are needed. The Business Office maintains the official record for all transactions, and each department is held accountable to provide proper documentation supporting the purchases.