

Here is an update from Ashland.

1. Library building or remodeling projects.

We would like to renovate the main floor (17,000 sq ft) and create a Learning Commons environment similar to what I saw at Valparaiso last year. We are also interested in the remodeling done at Ohio University. That project covered 34,500 square ft. and came in at a cost of 2.4 million.

2. Marketing or outreach initiatives. Our library was built in 1971 and could use a major renovation. It was never “named” because no major donor was in the picture at the time. It is simply the Ashland University Library. I would like to see it named after a donor who would make a major contribution toward a renovation. Does anyone know of an academic building named after a major renovation donor???

3. Fund raising projects

Interestingly we were informed of a library endowment in the development office totally \$130,000.00 The endowed fund for library improvement had been there for years gathering interest, but in my 14 years at AU, I knew nothing of it. It pays to stay in touch with your development people!

4. New service models (physical or virtual)

We need to look at the ways we are serving off campus (remote) students. We need to find ways to offer teleconferencing for library instruction in place of sending librarians to remote locations for library instruction classes.

5. Other

Best wishes for a rewarding and renewing visit with colleagues.