

## **Library Committee**

There was only one meeting held this year. The debate on building a new library continues as it has for the last several years. Funding is the issue in the debate. The current building was constructed in 1950 with an addition built in 1980. One-third of the 95,000 square foot building is not used due to the potential of flooding. There was a feasibility study done in 2007.

NDSU's building is ranked last among its peers. There has been flat funding for the last 10 years, with 10-12% inflation rates. Staff is short with the addition of the two buildings downtown and the hiring of no additional staff. Saturday hours have been reduced due to lack of student worker funds. Even with the electronic usage of materials, staff and space are still required.

The next scheduled Library Senate Committee meeting is scheduled for some time in May.