

Library Directors Leadership Team Meeting

February 23, 2016

5th Floor Catherwood Library

Minutes

Present: Kornelia Tancheva, Mary Ochs, Erla Heyns, Bonna Boettcher, and Eric Acree

Agenda

- Makerspace task force preliminary report
- Updates

Makerspace task force preliminary report

Bonna, Mary, and Erla have been reviewing options for housing a makerspace in their respective libraries. Equipment parts have been purchased and are arriving for a mobile makerspace which will be able to be used in many spaces to gauge user response.

Olin/Uris has spaces that could be renovated to support a makerspace installation, but all would require some amount of renovation.

Engineering is at a standstill at this point. At Engineering two rooms are being renovated to house aspects of the makerspace, sanding and gluing stations. A possible room to house a makerspace being considered is the large classroom/lab downstairs. However, they aren't able to ventilate that space, nor do they have the staffing or expertise so the likely hood of housing one in there is unsure, if ever, but at the very least they will have the two rooms with the sanding and gluing stations.

Mann Library is reviewing potential spaces, finances and staffing capacity at Mann. Expenditures to take into consideration, besides the cost of the equipment, are the costs of construction for the required ventilation. Mary's next steps will include consulting with Barbara Friedman at ATC. The idea around the makerspace at Mann is that it would be a CUL Facility designed for beginners that could be used across the board, creating a culture that "this is for everyone."

Updates

Bonna

- Research and Learning Services is planning for Meghan Sitar's departure; a farewell break has been scheduled for Tuesday, 8 March, 10:45-noon (see invitation sent to CU-LIB).
- There was a water leak in Olin on Valentine's Day that began with burst heating unit pipes in a second-floor office. Damage was contained primary to several second-floor offices, 107 and the southeast area of the reference space/corridor, and the Desktop Services offices, which bore the brunt of the damage. While offices are being cleaned, Desktop Services has relocated temporarily to 701 Olin. Another leak, from a third-floor faculty research space, was discovered at closing on the 14th, and contained quickly. We were fortunate not to have major areas of the collections affected.
- Annex, the last module will be opening soon, ideally by the end of the first week in March.

Curtis

- There was a roof leak in the Kheel Center stacks. No materials were affected and the flashing problems were identified and repaired.
- Garima Lal will be leaving the Management Library at the end of May in order to develop new ventures in the private sector. We will soon be launching a search in hopes of getting someone in by the beginning of Fall semester.
- The Kheel Center is in discussions with a local history repository that is closing concerning the disposition of their labor-related collections.

Erla

- Met with John Graves (IT office at Vet) and he has expressed interest in a collaboration. Erla will be meeting with Jason Kovari and Michelle Paolillo to have conversations pertaining to this.
- Hoping to have the Science & Technology Libraries in one space.
- Proposing to have a ½ time term position for a Physics & Astronomy Librarian and then when Steve retires it will become a full time, Math, Physics, & Astronomy Librarian position. Steve and Erla met with the Math Department Head and he supports this position.
- Collaborating with Curtis to work up a job description for an Entrepreneurship Librarian. They have met with Neely, Garima, and the Director of Entrepreneurship to discuss this position. The Director of Entrepreneurship would like to have the librarian one day per week in his office as well. Hoping to have the job description completed within a couple weeks.
- Tables and chairs from Vet were moved to Engineering and has resulted in 11 additional tables and 50 extra seats. The empty shelves in the Engineering reading room were removed. Vet study carrels were moved to Olin after the Veterinary Library closed in December.

Eric

- Fine Arts Project is delayed, looking out at May 2017 for a start date.
- Africana had to shut down due to a potential fire related to water leakage but the issue was resolved by 5:00 pm that evening.
- The Library received new chairs as well.

Mary

- Geneva's library is closing. A town hall meeting was held a few weeks ago to address public concerns. The Lee Library website has an FAQ section <https://lee.library.cornell.edu/faqs> which can help address any questions related to the Library's operations. The Lee Library will continue to operate until the end of the Fiscal Year. The next point of action is planning the virtual services, book delivery, and scanning services for the NYSAES community moving forward. Sara E. Wright is coordinating the planning team.
- Mann hired a new reference desk coordinator, Noah Hamm. Noah was previously the part-time ref assistant at Mann.

- The Sufia Hydra Pilot Team is making progress, led by Lynette Rayle and Tim Worrall. Sufia Hydra is being used for Mann's Gates-funded AgriKnowledge Project. See <http://agriknowledge-dev.library.cornell.edu/>. Note: To explore the features added by Sufia, you have to be logged in. At this point, anyone is allowed to Sign Up to be a user in the beta version. If you click Curator Login in the footer, Sign Up is a link below the username/password input fields.
- There was flood from a broken pipe in the Mann basement with approximately four inches of water covering the basement office area floor. All the carpeting has been ripped up etc., and the TEEAL group has been temporarily moved to the Admin Suite on the second floor. The IP CALS staff have moved to Kennedy Hall until repairs are completed.
- Lianna May began working a couple weeks ago as the new Mann Library Admin Coordinator.
- Mann will be hosting a Wikipedia-Edit-athon on Friday, March 11, 2016. This will be focused on open data for agriculture and is connected to GODAN <http://www.godan.info/>.
- Mann Admin Council is reviewing the CUL priorities to see how they can contribute in the next 2 years.

Kornelia

- Discussion of budget.
- There was a complaint about early closing of libraries over this past break. Please work together to make sure that at least one or two libraries are open later.
- The Classic Catalog is going away from public view soon. Staff will be able to continue to access it but it will not be available to the public. The date has not been decided yet. Eventually the catalog will be going away for staff as well.
- As a follow up to the recent All Staff Meetings the LEG members will be hosting individual focus area discussions, Kornelia's will be pertaining to 'Students in the Digital Age' and it will be held on March 3, 2016.
- Staff who recently received the Liaison Travel Awards are Aliqae Geraci, Jeremy Cusker, Marsha Taichman, and Suzanne Cohen.
- Kornelia met with Sarah Young and Erin Eldermire to discuss Systematic Reviews.
- Kornelia will be traveling to the University of Rochester in April to talk about the Liaison Library Institute.