

Library Directors Leadership Team Meeting Notes

Date: December 4, 2018

Present: Gerald Beasley [chair]; Greg Green, Mary Ochs, Curtis Lyons, Anne Sauer, Femi Cadmus, Bonna J. Boettcher, Jill Powell and Eric Acree [note taker]

Welcomed Gerald Beasley, Greg Green, Anne Sauer and Femi Cadmus to LDLT, with Gerald taking the lead of the group.

- Launched the search for a new AUL. Hasn't been determined what this role will look like.
- LDLT will be meeting once a month. For the spring semester meetings will take place in Ives Hall (ILR Library).
- Note taker for the upcoming meeting gets the agenda together for the next meeting.
- The upcoming meetings with note takers:
 - Wednesday, January 10, 2018; 1pm-2:30pm; 237 Ives Hall (ILR Library)—Greg Green (note taker)
 - Thursday, February 15, 2018; 1pm-2:30pm; 521 Ives Hall (ILR Library)—Jill Powell (note taker)
 - Thursday, March 15, 2018, 1pm-2:30pm; 521 Ives Hall (ILR Library)—Mary Ochs (note taker)
 - Monday, April 16, 2018; 9am-10:30am; 521 Ives Hall (ILR Library)—Anne Sauer (note taker)
 - Thursday, May 3, 2018; 2pm-3:30pm; 235 Olin Library—Bonna Boettcher (note taker)
 - If a team member cannot make the meeting, it's optional to have a designate sit in their place.

Unit Updates:

Asia:

- Exhibit experience: We have gone through some growing pains with the expansion from a fun two case exhibit area in the Reading Room to a five case and the walls exhibit in the hallway. We now have a good handle on costs and how many we can manage per year after this third go.
- Asia Microfilm: We are working to prepare to move as much of the Asia film as possible from its current home in Olin, beginning in March. We were thinking only of an Annex move, but Xin has asked us to cost out digitizing or acquiring digital copies in light of the Annex being so close to capacity. Lots of copyright questions are anticipated.
- Working on signage for the stacks lights that time out and go dark after fifteen minutes. Students complained that they couldn't find or didn't know about the light switches.

Mann Library:

- Kelly LaVoice, Kelee Pacion, Gaby Castro-Gessner and Mary Ochs attended the November SLAC meeting to get input on the library's instruction program. There was a broad discussion around general student library needs. Many students still don't know about Passkey and other library tools. SLAC suggested doing an email out to all students with library tips, etc. potentially right before breaks, similar to Kathy Zoner's emails. PSEC instruction will follow up on the suggestion of offering a workshop on writing a scientific article. Students also suggested that course-related instruction in one discipline does not always translate into skills across disciplines. PSEC Instruction will consider how to address this issue. SLAC also suggested that evening workshops would be preferable because of heavy daytime schedules.
- PSEC instruction is exploring collaboration with the Scholarly Communication WG. Possible areas for collaboration include developing learning objects, consulting, and workshop on writing a scientific paper (work with Knight Writing). The working group is interested in collaborating on implementing the ACRL Framework for Information Literacy.
- CIT is working on several pilots using Amazon AppStream. A group from the Library will be meeting with Donna Taber from CIT to see how it might scale up.
- Makerspace at Mann is up and running. Open 2-7 M-Th. Classes already using it!
- SUNY OER – Mary is continuing to explore options for contract college faculty to participate in this initiative. Working with Patrice Prusko at CTI. Attended an excellent webinar last Friday discussing how to utilize OER in teaching. Will be working with CTI and others in the library to determine what role, if any, the Library should take.
- The Vet Library is participating in the meeScan pilot along with the Law Library. See <https://www.meescan.com/> for more info.

Olin/Uris:

- End-of-semester stress relief activities were successful: free pizza late night, 12/5; Cornell Companions early evening 12/6; puzzles, coloring pages, etc.
- Craig Mains has been experimenting with interactive PDFs for O/U maps: see <https://olinuris.library.cornell.edu/spaces/building-maps-spaces>
- Wendy will be piloting "text the circ desk" beginning today; this is in response to building-related concerns students have raised (noise levels, etc.,) that require more immediate attention than e-mail
- The Einaudi Center hosts an annual photo contest for those participating in the Study Abroad program; voting has been completed and we will display the photos in the Olin-to-Kroch corridor, beginning later on 12/6 through the semester
- The Social Science/Geospatial Data search committee has submitted its final report.
- The annual Grad Immersion Program will be held from 9-12 January; we received more applications than available spaces and have set up a waiting list

Annex:

- Vet move clean-up is complete; FAL clean-up continues; call slips and returns for FAL materials are high
- Paul Closs, the staff member working at the Annex for the duration of FAL's construction, has started extra hours, funded by HLM, for ATHM work

Science and Technology Libraries:

- Steve Rockey, Mathematics Librarian, is retiring effective Dec 31, 2017. Henrik Spoon, the new Physics, Astronomy, and Mathematics Librarian has an 80/20 appointment with the Library and Department of Astronomy. He will keep his office in the Space Sciences Building and work there Fridays.

Law Library:

- In addition to teaching the research portion of lawyering, research librarians taught four credit bearing classes in the fall semester.
- Tia Ward, our new Diversity Fellow will be starting next January.
- Due to scheduling conflicts, summer college sessions will not be offered in 2018. Instead the library is offering a free two day community based outreach program, the Cornell Law Institute for High School Students (in Tompkins County).
- meeScan the mobile self-checkout app will be deployed early 2018
- [GOALI](#), the Global Online Access to Legal Information, the most recent program in Research4Life in which the law library is an academic partner officially launches in early 2018

ILR Library:

- Two searches going on now, may be two more at the start of next year.
- Head of the business library is on hold until the next AUL comes on board.

RMC:

- Just hired the new person for the front desk.
- Reading room will be closed Dec. 20, 2017-Jan. 8, 2018. During the week after break, an accessible, automated door will be installed on the reading room.
- Finished the semester with teaching 100 classes.

Africana:

- In collaboration with the History Center of Tompkins County, an application has been submitted for the Humanities New York Action grant, which would allow for a small community read of the works of [James Baldwin](#). If successful in getting the grant, the read will take place in 2018.
- In January 2018, the Africana Library will join forces with The History Center and Engaged Cornell in a brainstorming session about how we might render the histories embedded in our landscape and region more visible to our local community and its visitors. A number of key area community leaders and educators will be attending the meeting.

Fine Arts Library:

- In November, two town-hall meetings were held to gather feedback on the recent move of the FAL to its temporary location in Sibley Hall. This information is being processed in an effort to enhance the service that FAL provides.
- Marsha Taichman has started planning the third Wikipedia Art + Feminism with Susette Newberry and Johnson museum staff.
- In November, Marsha Taichman organized a public screening of the art film *Fish Plane, Heart Clock* with Professor Joanna Malinowska, which was attended by AAP students and faculty, as well as members of CUL.
- As a member of the Selector Continuing Education Committee (Humanities Team Rep.), Martha Walker organized and moderated one of the SCEC programs. The program's focus was on the use of endowment funds for selectors. The speakers included Ezra Delaney, Ken Putnam and Kizer Walker.
- As a member of the Map Collection Task Force, Martha Walker helped to interview two City and Regional Planning Faculty members about their needs for paper and digital map collections/GIS services currently and in the future.