

Library Directors Leadership Team, April 18, 2018

Present: Amy Emerson, Anne Sauer (note-taker), Curtis Lyons, Bonna Boettcher, Greg Green, Mary Beth Martini-Lyons, Gerald Beasley, Eric Acree, Jill Powell

Unified Website Model with Mary Beth Martini-Lyons

- Mary Beth provided some background and context regarding the impact of the recent university wide web accessibility compliance mandate on CUL's discussions regarding moving to a unified website model. Mary Beth showed some sample mockups of redesigned central CUL website and an example unit library page. There was general discussion of the flexibility of unit pages and what accessibility should look like. All library web pages will need to meet the accessibility mandate, including LibGuides and other library content. There are significant implications with regard to making audio/visual material accessible, particularly for archival collections. CIT is providing guidance, but are only providing services on a cost recovery basis. All content creators are encouraged to attend training on creating accessible content: <https://it.cornell.edu/accessibility/workshop-web-accessibility-content-contributors>.

Information Literacy Travel Award questions with Mary via PSEC

- PSEC instruction is considering whether to use \$800 in leftover funds to offer the travel award again this coming year. After some discussion, it was agreed that PSEC should proceed with offering this travel award, but make sure it is clear to applicants that the award is capped at that amount.

Unit updates

Mary:

- Mary and Jill hosted the Ivies+ Science and Technology Library Leaders meeting on April 12-13. This is an informal group of science library directors and "leads" that meets once per year to share and learn from each other on topics related to public services and collection development in science libraries.
- Michael Cook will attend the next meeting of the Northeast Land Grant Libraries, which takes place on June 8 at UVM. The group is exploring possible areas of collaboration.
- Vet Library has hired a new ½ time outreach coordinator who will start on April 23.
- Adelson Library is going through some staffing changes, but it should not affect library services.
- Plans are in the works to install new carpeting in Mann Library (first floor only) over the summer. Stay tuned for if/how this will impact hours and services.

Bonna:

- ILS: many thanks to CUL-IT and Atlas for implementing a much needed, server-side add-on; the add-on prompts an automated Borrow Direct search for any ILL requests, and if a match is found, passes the search through without additional staff intervention. Caitlin and staff are testing, and will plan to roll out to Mann and Law in the near future.
- RLS is looking forward to welcoming Zoë Wilkinson Saldaña, Social Science & Geospatial Data Librarian, whose first day is 8 May.
- With additional support from Paul Fleming, Society for the Humanities, and me, we will have a cohort of eight (rather than five) graduate students in the Summer Digital Fellowship Program; we had a total of 17 applications this year. Eliza Bettinger coordinates the program, leading a team of staff from multiple units.
- Negotiations continue with the vendor for the new inventory system for the Library Annex.
- Slope Day is coming: Thursday, 10 May!
- Liaison/Selector retreat update:
 - The Liaison Steering Committee worked with Kizer Walker to sponsor a joint retreat for liaisons and selectors (in the cases where they are not the same people) on 19 March.
 - We were fortunate to have funding from Xin Li to bring in Roger Schonfeld, Ithaca S&R, as a guest speaker.
 - Break-out sessions were held first by unit, with those who are not affiliated with a unit library joining the unit of their choice, then by selection team. The goal was to develop questions that liaisons/selectors would take to faculty for conversations about collections and services.
 - (Initially, the focus was going to be on information that could be used in a careful look at the collections budget and how it is divided, but given changes in that area, the conversations may be more broadly focused. Stay tuned.)
 - Schonfeld also was able to join a conversation on the 20th, initially with Kizer and the team leaders, with Bonna and Aliqae Geraci joining a bit later in the morning. Conversations focused on liaison responsibilities and how those responsibilities do/don't intersect with selection. Schonfeld indicated that CUL is not alone in discussions about the liaison as a concept.

Jill:

- May 11 we'll be hosting IEEE (an engineering vendor) at a table in Duffield Hall during study week. Jeremy will staff the table with the vendor, distribute swag, and interact with students.
- Electronic lab notebooks for chemists is being investigated by Leah, the chemistry librarian.
- May 7 & 8th Leah and Jill will attend student presentations in CHEME 4620, a chemical plant design class that has included library instruction for many years.

Amy (for Femi):

- The ABA law school site visit is underway. The library is part of the review.
- This year's Bittner Fellow is a librarian from Brazil, who will be at the Law Library in July.

Anne:

- As in past years, RMC will be closed to the public for Slope Day.
- Preparations continue to have the Wizard of Oz crystal ball onsite as part of the current Witchcraft exhibition.
- Staff are working to address violations cited in a recent fire inspection.

Eric:

- Nothing to report.

Greg:

- New exhibit on monarchy in Asia has been installed in the Kroch corridor
- Staff are working to address violations cited in a recent fire inspection.

Curtis:

- Multiple searches underway in HLM, including Public Services Librarian (Management), Reference Assistants (Catherwood), and Director of the Kheel Center.