Library Directors Leadership Team – 5/13/19

Agenda

1. **Carla DeMello – Constellation graphic**

Carla has been working with Gerald on the visual identity for all the libraries. Idea for a constellation of libraries to create a decal for the wall leading to the Uris cocktail lounge. Carla is looking for words that describe the libraries to add to the image. She is using the formal names of the libraries, e.g. John M. Olin Library. The library "stars" in the constellation are plotted on a real map.

Questions:

- What about things that are not in Ithaca? Limited to libraries here in Ithaca.
- How big with this be? Poster in Uris will be 3 ft x 3 ft.
- Light blue on dark blue might be hard to read. Has graphic been tested for accessibility? Yes, Carla has tested it on Photoshop.

This image is not official new branding. Just a graphic for libraries to use.

LDLT officially endorsed and appreciated the new graphic.

1. **Web accessibility – Mary Beth Martini-Lyons and Sara E. Wright**

Reviewed document re: Compliance. A link to this document is in the email to LDLT members, but is not ready to share yet.

Background – University Counsel's office received a complaint that Cornell websites are not accessible. Office of civil rights requires compliance with level AA compliance within 1 year. For example, must fix contrast, screen readers must be able to read, no more than 1 link on a page to the same resource. Team is working on fixing library.cornell.edu plus all unit sites. Bringing sites into new content management system - fresh platform – Word Press. Have not had good uptake with self-managing content in Drupal. Hopefully this will be easier in Word Press.

A team of Sara E. Wright, Kevin Kidwell, Melissa Wallace has done an inventory of features with time estimate for developers. Unit reps team – libraries nominated reps for stakeholder group, working with team of Sara, Kevin and Melissa.

For some sites, we are migrating to Word Press to meet compliance by deadline in December. Other sites have a lot of content and features – too much to move to Word Press in time to meet compliance. Compliance will be met in the existing platform and later migrated.

CIT is requiring all sites in for review by October 31, 2019. This is an abbreviated timeline – originally had December deadline, but CIT needed additional time for review of sites.

Staffing to meet the deadline:

- Hiring 1 year term person to help with content migration. But will also need stakeholder time for migrating content.

- As part of the content review/audit process, we're asking unit reps to think about how they would like things presented – a wish list. Also looking at hiring 1-year term position to work on compliance and future development.
- The team will work with unit libraries to identify staff to assist with migration. For example, the Annex needs to identify a person, also whether Fine Arts, Music and Africana will all be done by Marsha? Who will be point person for Olin?

Library sites not on library.cornell.edu

- Digital humanities in an example of a site that is not on library.cornell.edu. These sites need to be identified.
- Internally facing sites should be locked down, so compliance is not an issue.

What is happening with eCommons?

- Mary Beth is trying to find out about repositories. Draft proposal for a plan for repositories, but has not gone to LEG yet. Waiting to hear back from Counsel's office. Proposing that nothing existing gets remediated, but can remediate on request. Can try to make accessible going forward. Multiple buckets of content may follow different paths.
- There are some exceptions – if it will fundamentally change your business model, is unsustainable financially, etc. – then compliance is not required.
- Triangle Fire site might be our test case for the archival exemption.

Discussion:

- Chat is link to outside service – need to get VPAT from OCLC for chat. Same for Springshare. (VPAT is Voluntary Product Accessibility Tool)
- Content review – expectations outlined in distributed document. Unit stakeholder, director, etc. should collaborate.
- Will run some things in parallel for some time. Migrate, get CIT check in October, then go live. Wait until end of fall semester to go live so as not to disrupt mid-semester. If comfortable and there is a logical rationale, can go live ahead of end of semester, e.g. fine arts library
- Word Press template for unit sites has been completed, reviewed by CIT and meets compliance. Each unit will have a consultation with Sara and Kevin to determine process for moving over to Word Press. Then how do we think about enhancements and improvements going forward.
- Annex needs to wait until after June.
- Asia collections site – has a lot of content. All files, pdfs, etc. on site must be reviewed. Move content to html rather than pdf.
- Unit stakeholders should be communicating with others in their units. Then get back to Sara and Kevin to address any concerns. Unit library questions were deferred for stakeholder meetings or individual unit meetings.
- Suggestion to add contact info to handout.
- Linked content – needs to be compliant, should we get rid of them? Put on a website? File needs to be compliant if it stays, or needs to be locked down.

2. Unit updates

Anne Sauer– RMC

- New exhibit in RMC Rotunda will open next week – marking the 150 anniversary of 1st commencement. The exhibit includes the first diploma issued to a Cornell graduate.
- Staff person in RMC has asked to participate in the Guiding Eyes puppy-raising program, and will start with caring for a puppy short-term while its raiser is traveling, likely later in May. Anne will notify Bonna and Greg to share info with staff in OKU as appropriate.

Greg Green – Asia Collections

- No updates

Bonna Boettcher

- The posting for the research services position in O/U RLS is being extended to the end of May.
- RLS will be piloting a spring immersion program due to an unprecedented number of applications for the January program.
- Wild first weekend of exams: Stampede (175++) at Olin's opening on Saturday, May 11. 185 remained n Uris overnight for both weekend days.
- Delay on opening the Cocktail Lounge: delays in exterior work due to wet weather.
- Annex staff are working to get Fine Arts material ready for the movers' start. Interfiling in Annex.
- A&S advising seminar: now expanding to all of A&S. Heather Furnas is working on refining last year's curriculum and determining how to handle the increased (doubled - likely 1,000 students) instruction load.

Eric Acree

- Fine Arts staff looking forward to move of material into new library. Opening on August 5. But will not be having a big grand opening at that time. Sept. 5 is official opening with AAP leading this.

Kim Nayyer

- 1st week and a half, focused on meeting with librarians and getting lay of land. Finalizing facilities and budget issues.
- Law school is in exams. Convocation was this weekend.
- Library student awards prize each year. Select a winning student paper. Kantwell prize.
- Library is limited to law students during this time.
- Planning for alumni weekend June 7-8.

Curtis Lyons

- Collection Development task force report is in. Discussed in CD Exec and LEG.
- Discussing transition from HLM to separated libraries. Changes start July 15.

- Exhibit at Museum of the City of New York. Displaying a lot of Kheel Center materials. Runs through end of December.

Mary Ochs

- The Library is working on developing a webinar series with Tsinghua. The first webinar will focus on Information Literacy instruction in each library. Suggestions from the group:
    - Include new A&S program with Heather Furnas in the presentation, tutorials, 1000 students in the first month of semester, groups of 20.
    - Do they have similar standard to ACRL framework. Intercultural competency – how are they addressing this?   Another idea is how you accommodate a course where there isn't a clear progression through a major. Unevenness. Role of instruction in special collections?
- Kate Ghezzi-Kopel and Erin Eldermire are part of a team of librarians working with Jaron Porciello on a Gates-funded project called Ceres2030. The librarians are working on teams of researchers working on scoping reviews of key issues in agricultural development.   The team met at Mann Library on May 8-10.
- The Library hosted a very successful annual meeting of the Biodiversity Heritage Library. Kudos to the organizing team!
- Plans to reconfigure Mac lab on second floor of Mann are moving forward.

Danianne Mizzy

- Eng and phys sci librarians presenting at Career Development week on their *From Research to Practice* program.
- Recommend that staff attend values sessions- announced through career development program announcement