

Library Directors' Leadership Team

November 17, 2021 Meeting Minutes

1. Amy Dygert and Mike Priehs will discuss their plans for copyright education.

- Current and Upcoming Efforts:
 - Copyright X – online program through Harvard, 12-week online program; very comprehensive course. CUL has submitted endorsements for those interested in participating in this program. The Copyright X program will continue to be offered in the future and when it is offered again, another solicitation for interested participants will go out.
 - Copyright Coffee Talks – Mike will be hosting very informal sessions to talk about copyright news items or anything else with copyright and copyright services. These will be monthly – one in person and one virtual. First one will take place on 11/30 at 11 am in Olin 235. Virtual will be December 1st at 11 am. Will vary dates and times to hone in on a good time that will work for everyone.
 - Copyright First Responders (CFR) – Course designed for libraries and these have developed into state or regional cohorts. The New York group is starting now; training will start in February and go through April (2/4/22 – 4/15/22). No limit to the number of staff that can attend. This course is open to anyone in the library; it is framed and designed around library staff.
 - Matthew Kopel is analyzing the inquiries that the copyright team received in the last 5 years to help Mike build out the FAQ on the libguide.

2. Zsuzsa Koltay will discuss the Communications Functional Review.

- Update on university wide communications functional review.
 - Work has moved forward in an impressive and quick way. Its goal is to establish a consistent and transparent organizational and operational framework for communications across Cornell.
- Goals for CUL communications this year.
 - Help to support an increase of awareness among faculty regarding library services; will be working closely with liaisons to see how best to support their work.
 - Increase the amount of Chronicle stories around the impact the library has on Cornell research, teaching and learning. Always looking for such story ideas, please encourage your staff to contact Jose Beduya or Zsuzsa Koltay with any leads. LibComm is aware of and can manage the confidentiality mandates of libraries.
 - Working with the website redesign team on a style guide.
 - Looking to create a community of practice for CUL communicators to come together to share how they've solved problems or share professional development.
- Discussion of the communications functions relating to the emergency situations last week.

- University Relations are part of a review on what worked and what needs improvement.
- The review is looking to reduce duplication of messages across platforms and lessen the delay of phone messages compared to texts.
- LDLT would like to see more precision around location/description to make real time decisions.
- Pause all social media messaging during emergencies including prescheduled and pinned postings.
- Please share any concerns/questions with Zsuzsa.

3. Unit Updates as time permits:

- Bonna Boettcher
 - SLAC met Monday and Debra Howell joined to discuss the recent reductions in workstations; students were far less concerned about PCs but needed docking stations and were interested in longer-term laptop use. All seemed to know someone who had benefited from that program.
 - Asked if any of the SLAC students were in the libraries during the alerts and how we might have handled the situation more effectively? Students appreciated how calm staff were and that they shared why it was important to stay in the library and not go outside. Need to know rooms where doors can be locked, and where the shades are, in case they need to barricade themselves in. Please pass that appreciation on to folks that were there on Sunday and the Tuesday.
- Eric Acree
 - Africana Librarian search (small pool and the committee will be meeting and doing the 1st round of zoom phone interviews; full interview likely to take place in January).
 - Great meeting with the Toni Morrison committee – met with her son and make a pitch for his mother’s library. He wants to keep the library for himself. He had a chance to see his mother’s thesis in RMC.
- Susette Newberry
 - Welcome to Aia Ferreira as our new communications assistant!
 - At the tail end of instruction for the semester; taught 252 class sessions. Looking at way that they can handle this kind of instruction load in the future. Been very freshman heavy year but also had a lot of requests in general.
 - Discontinue the new academic books display. Selector curated new book displays.
- Anne Sauer
 - Proceeding with posting for their tech service archivist hoping for early December
 - Very comprehensive course catalog is currently out of sync with what RMC holdings really are; working on fixing issues.
 - Reading room will be closed Dec. 20th – January 12th.

- Curtis Lyons
 - Kheel Center will mirror RMC's reading room schedule.
- Andy Horbal – no updates
- Christina Sheley
 - The search for an Engineering Research and Instruction Librarian for the Engineering Library has begun. Deadline for applications is November 30th. Many thanks to the search committee: Jill Powell (chair), Henrik Spoon, and Susan Kendrick.
- Kim Nayyer
 - Several applications received for Data specialist position. Jacob Sayward chairing the search with law library/CUL/CU colleagues.
 - Search committee formed for early career professional position. Nina Scholtz chairing with law library/CUL colleagues.
 - Ground Floor Project of Law School/law library continues. Kim on steering committee; Ezra and Jon join as appropriate.
- Greg Green – no updates
- Sara E. Wright
 - Search committee has been formed for the Instruction and Outreach Librarian position at Vet; position will be posted after Thanksgiving.
 - Final candidates for the Collection Development position will be taking place after the Thanksgiving break.
 - Offers have been extended for our two info assistant positions – waiting on background checks before announcing.
 - Tobi Hines has joined the Faculty Senate taskforce to review RTE ranks and career progression across the University.