

LDLT Meeting Minutes: July 27, 2-3:30pm

In attendance: Judy Appleton, Bonna Boettcher, Leah Dodd, Greg Green, Andy Horbal, Curtis Lyons, Kim Nayyer, Anne Sauer (notes), Lenora Schneller, Christina Sheley, Sara Wright

- Judy Appleton joined LDLT as part of her listening tour of CUL. We had a high-level discussion of CUL's strengths and where we see CUL going in the future.
 - Judy asked us to reflect on what aspects of our work bring joy. Responses centered around work with our patrons, especially students and faculty; planning for unit services; working with our dedicated and talented staff, helping celebrate their deep expertise; collaborations and finding common ground between competing visions; and ensuring that our collections meet the needs of our users, regardless of format.
 - Where should the library be going? Given clear vision from leadership, we should retain the agility we evidenced during the pandemic; instead of looking back we should focus on imagining our future presence and services in both physical and online environments.
- Judy provided an update on the search for the next Director of Finance and Administration. As previously announced on the CUL Staff Web, the position has been posted, and the committee formed. We discussed our perspectives on what is most needed in this position: clear communication around why changes are happening; strong understanding of library's particular operational needs and respect for interests and requests from stakeholders.
- Contactless pickup/cost free scanning: Andy Horbal circulated a detailed update on changes to contactless pickup in advance of the meeting. No additional questions or comments.
- Resetting library spaces for Fall Semester: facilities staff will start redensifying study spaces shortly to be ready for the start of the semester in August.

Unit Updates:

Law:

- New Dean began July 1. Dean Jens Ohlin had been Interim Dean and, prior to that, Vice Dean and a faculty member.
- Working through the duties redistribution upon Sabrina Sondhi's mid-July departure to take a director position at Penn State Dickinson Law School.
- Access Services team reorganized. Upon Sabrina's departure and pending restructure approvals from HR, all access services staff reported to me. Restructure now approved, and Cynthia Lange elevated to Supervisor of the access services team. She reports to Nina Scholtz on an interim basis while we redesign law library services and teams.
- Access to Law School building and hence law library remained restricted to members of law school community during the summer and orientation week. By mid-June, library space and stacks access was open to students and recent alum for bar exam study purposes.
- Ground floor space repurpose project of the Law School will be revived soon.
- Law library all staff retreat scheduled for Aug 6.

Mann/Science Cluster:

- Spaces are being re-densified for fall use
- Mann 160 will be used as an academic classroom this fall
- Vet Library will be open to the Vet community only this fall

- Mann Café is planning to open in the former Mandible space the day classes start, with full operating hours going into effect after Labor Day

RMC:

- Reading Room reopened to outside researchers by appointment only as of July 1. Demand has been high and we have been at capacity on most days. We are holding 1-2 slots each day for Cornell users with urgent requests.
 - Two of RMC's critical systems, Aeon (circulation of rare materials) and ArchivesSpace (cataloging of archives and manuscripts) are having significant difficulties interacting with FOLIO. CUL-IT is working with RMC staff to resolve the issues, but they are adversely impacting our ability to be responsive to patron requests.

Catherwood: No updates

Africana: No updates

Asia Collections: No updates

Music: No updates

Fine Arts: No updates

BEE: No updates

Annex: No updates

ILS: No updates