

LDLT Notes February 2021

Discussion Items:

1. Elimination of Fines proposal - (Andy Horbal)

As discussed at last month's LDLT meeting, the FOLIO Access Services Settings Group has put together a proposal to eliminate late fines. This proposal has been reviewed and discussed by DIB Council, who indicated that they are in favor of it, and the Access Services Team, who indicated that they are philosophically in favor of it, but expressed concern about how we will ensure that reserves get returned on time in a fine-less environment.

Overall feedback is that there is consensus on the ethos behind the elimination of fines; there may still need to be some tweaking in the execution of the proposal to address a few concerns.

In a parallel initiative, the Access Services Settings Group consulted with CDExec about replacement fees (which are not being proposed for elimination). CDEx recommends raising the lost/replacement fee from \$75 to \$150 to keep up with the rising costs of materials.

To be considered in moving forward: a communication plan (to be worked on in collaboration with Zsuzsa) and how to address the loss of income for the smaller units in particular, whose operating budgets are small.

If/when we move forward, it would be great to keep data on what we're seeing and how well it is working across unit libraries.

2. Remote work – (Anne Sauer)

Coming up on the 1 year anniversary of remote work – is CUL thinking of any type of acknowledgment? Celebration?

Discussion around whether CU will be seeking to do anything in this area. Manager's Forum last week indicates that it is on CU HR's radar and so something might be coming down the pike.

Possibility of doing something like a time capsule to capture thoughts, comments, photos surrounding this past year. Potential to be displayed as part of a library exhibit perhaps.

January/February Combined Updates:

Asia:

- New Asia website launched

Business, Engineering, and Entrepreneurship:

- Engineering, Management, and Nestlé Library spaces and services remain unchanged for the spring 2021 semester.
- We are conducting a search for a new Business Librarian in the Management Library, who will also be part of the department's entrepreneurship team. Second round interviews will be in mid-March. Many thanks to the search committee (Susan Kendrick, Ken Bolton, Tom Ottaviano, and Alison Shea).
- The CUL entrepreneurship team will restart its customer discovery project in spring 2021. It was put on hold in 2020 due to the pandemic.
- Canvas content was created for the spring Studio courses (BigCo, Public Interest Technology, and Startup) at Cornell Tech. We have also been supporting several reserves requests. Many thanks to the Cornell Tech Library Services team (Marc Reed, Neely Tang, and Rachel Holder).

Catherwood:

- 1st floor study area is now open to all Cornell

Fine Arts

- Structural leak that is being resolved. Many thanks to the staff who have worked to correct the problem and to save materials.

Mann/Science Cluster:

- An online version of Mann's Highlights is now viewable: <https://mannlib.cornell.edu/news-events/news/an-extraordinary-year-in-review>
- As noted in the drop-in session on 1/15/21, Mann Cluster services will remain largely the same for the spring. Notable changes include: expanded seating on the 3rd floor of Mann and a new classroom being created on the 1st floor of Mann where the consultation area was.
- Math stacks access by appointment went live right before the end of the New Year. Hours and appointment instructions can be found on the Math website: <https://mathematics.library.cornell.edu/>.
- Poster printing at Mann also went live right before the New Year. Information can be found in this news article: <https://mannlib.cornell.edu/news-events/news/now-available-contactless-poster-printing-at-mann>.
- Science Immersion started with 90 people registered which is a huge increase in the number of people that are actively participating. Thanks to Jim Morris-Knower, Kate Ghezzi-Kopel, and Matt Kibbee for their hard work in transforming this 3 day program into a semester long "course-like" workshop series.

RMC

- RMC continues to see a steady stream of researchers coming into the reading room, hosting between 10 and 20 appointments per week.
- RMC's curators have begun working on comprehensive revisions and updates to our collection development policy.