

LDLT Meeting Minutes (September 14, 2021)

Attendees: Eric Acree, Bonna Boettcher, Greg Green, Andy Horbal, Curtis Lyons, Kim Nayyer (first 25 min), Susette Newberry, Lenora Schneller, Anne Sauer, Christina Sheley, Sara E. Wright, Amy Dygert (special guest)

Agenda:

1. Copyright Services Overview/Updates (Amy Dygert)
2. Emotional Support/Service Animals (Curtis)
3. Library Unit Updates (All)

Copyright Services:

- Copyright Services has a new and more focused scope: supporting CUL staff with copyright questions related to the use of library materials and library operations such as Reserves, and focusing on library projects based on or involving copyright law. The department of 2FTE has no capacity for a broader scope at this point.
- Mike Priehs started as the part time Copyright Specialist for Education. His focus will be on developing copyright programs for library staff.
- There was a question about copyright courses and resources. Amy pointed toward [CopyrightX](#) (Harvard)—a 12-week course that one must apply to get into. However, all course materials are available for free from their website.
- Amy will look into developing parameters around what “limited to library” service/support looks like.

Emotional Support/Service Animals:

- Both emotional support and service animals must be registered with Student Disability Services (SDS). Definitions for each of these [can be found here](#).
- Once registered, a service animal may accompany a student anywhere on campus, including into the library. A registered emotional support animal can only be with a student in their residence hall. Students need to get special permission from SDS for emotional support animals to go elsewhere.
- The staff has the right to ask a student the following two questions (and only these as designated by the Department of Justice) if unsure about an animal in our space:
 - Is this animal required because of a disability?
 - What work or task has this animal been trained to perform?
- The University is working to update its general policy on animals.

Library Unit Updates:

Annex/ILS:

- No updates

Catherwood:

- Today was Cookie Day! 180 dozen cookies, along with some books, were given away.
- Currently, have a couple of searches going.

Law:

- Plans to recruit underway; time constraints and capacity problems are slowing this down
- Working with CUL Facilities and Law School in restarting Ground Floor space repurposing project
 - This will involve several months of additional work; Working with Ezra, CUL Facilities, CUL Access Services, Law School administration to make this feasible
- Kim working with several other law library directors nationally in task force to revise US News & World Report Law School Survey new library metrics questions; nearing completion
- Completing Law Library Annual Report for upcoming Law School Advisory Council meetings

Kroch Asia:

- The reference desk in the Reading Room is now open.
- Bronwen Bledsoe will be moving to 60% time in anticipation of retirement next year.

Management:

- Second round interviews are in the process of being conducted for a part-time Reference Assistant position.

Mann/Science Cluster:

- Welcome Yue & Peggy! Yue Hao started this week as our Evening/Weekend Supervisor and Peggy Tully started on 9/7 as our interim Gallery & Outreach Spaces coordinator.
- Collection Development Librarian position has been posted
- Information Assistant position has been posted.
- A new exhibit – Landscape Sculptures – opens in the Mann Gallery on 9/17: https://events.cornell.edu/event/landscape_sculptures

Music/Fine Arts:

- Kimberly Wade started on September 14th as the part-time Reference and Collections Assistant at the Fine Arts Library. She will begin her regular evening and weekend schedule on September 27th.

Olin/Uris:

- Olin and Uris are experiencing many printing issues with the change to CUPrint. They are also struggling to maintain and monitor printers located there.
- There were a lot of people in the space over Labor Day, but very few services were used.
- A part-time Communications Assistant search is in process. Applications have closed, and they hope to be able to fill that position soon.

- The reference desk in Olin was removed yesterday, and the reference desk in Uris will be removed later.
- Arts & Sciences seminars started yesterday via Zoom.

RMC:

- Open positions: The Reproductions Coordinator position has been posted, and we are working to finalize position descriptions for our two other open positions: Technical Services Archivist and Instruction and Outreach Librarian.
- A collaborative exhibition between RMC and the Johnson Museum opens today (9/14): “Visions of Dante” is timed to mark the 700th anniversary of Dante’s death. The exhibition draws on RMC’s Dante Collection, explores through a selection of approximately 100 works in a variety of media the visual nature of Dante’s Divine Comedy. The website for the exhibition launched today as well:
<https://rmc.library.cornell.edu/visionsofdante/index.php>

General:

- Bonna has conducted her first meeting with the Access Services Steering Committee about the public services team structure. These meetings will include a short introduction, followed by questions and comments. Individuals should feel free to bring other observations.
- Bonna also observed that staff are very tired right now and should take care of themselves.
- The Director of Library Finance and Administration search is ongoing with final round candidates being interviewed. The search committee is currently looking at feedback from the in-person interviews. [Note: since the LDLT meeting, we learned that Craig Wiggers has accepted the position and will be joining CUL as of 16 November.]