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South Central Regional Library Council: Who are we and what do we do?, Jean Currie
Monday, April 17, 2006, 12-1pm
Jean Currie of the South Central Regional Library Council delivered a talk on the SCRLC. She provided an overview of its history, membership, programs, services, and what Cornell gains from its membership in the SCRLC; she also solicited advice on what else the SCRLC can do for Cornell.

Storks don't deliver babies, or, Why Open Access may not cause more citations. Phil Davis
Thursday, April 13, 2006
Olin 106
Articles that are available freely online receive more citations than restricted access articles. But is increased access really the cause of more citations, or is there something else lurking that can more accurately explain the data? This presentation will challenge the central orthodoxy that increased access (or Open Access) is responsible for the citation advantage.

The Peer Review Process Demystified: Advice for New Writers
Thursday, March 9, 9-10:30
Olin Library 703
Co-sponsored by the CUL Writing Group and the Professional Development Committee
The panelists are currently or have in the recent past served as editors and/or reviewers for publications in the field of library science. On the panel are: Karen Calhoun, Phil Davis, Anne Kenney, Jean Poland, and Elaine Westbrooks. The panelists will offer responses to questions such as "what do you look for in a manuscript?" and "what are common reasons for articles being rejected?"

Restricted Access and Archives: Historical Realities of Underrepresented Groups and Their Place in Archives, Tywanna Whorley
Monday, February 13, 2006, 2-4pm
Clark Hall, Room 700
Beginning in 1932, the U.S. Public Health Service conducted a 40-year experiment on 399 black men in Macon County, Alabama, who were in the late stages of syphilis. The researchers deliberately withheld adequate treatment from the men, most of whom were uneducated sharecroppers, even after penicillin became the drug of choice for syphilis in 1947. Although the Tuskegee Syphilis Study was shut down in 1972, it was 25 years before the federal government issued a formal apology for the unethical project. Also, the National Archives provided access to the Administrative Records of the study, but denied access to information that dealt with the participants' personal privacy, which included the medical records. The medical records were withheld from the public until fall 2004 when they were finally released following the Freedom of Information Act request filed by Tywanna Whorley, an assistant professor in the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Simmons College.

Tywanna Whorley, the recipient of numerous fellowships and awards, holds masters degrees in history and social history from the University of Virginia and Carnegie Mellon University.

New Technologies: Blogs and RSS
Friday, January 6, 2006
Mann Library, Stone Classroom, 1st Floor
Participants: Camille Andrews, Philip Halcomb, Holly Mistlebauer, Nathan Rupp, Gail Steinhart and Aaron Suggs
1 PM-2PM: Keeping Current with Blogs and RSS
Do you have trouble keeping up with news and current research? Don't have time to visit countless websites to find the latest information? Have you heard about blogs and RSS (Really Simple Syndication) and wondered about all the hype? Blogs are an easy way to publish and get information online and RSS allows information to come to you automatically. In this one-hour, hands-on introduction, learn about blogs, how to find them and read them through a simple and free RSS reader (Bloglines), and how to create your own basic blog using Blogger or Wordpress.

2PM-3PM: Discussion Forum: Why do blogs and RSS matter and how can they be used at CUL?
There's been a great deal of talk about blogs in the wider world, but what are people doing with them at CUL and how can we use these
useful tools to further the library's mission? In this one-hour discussion forum, those who are using blogs and RSS at CUL or those who are interested in discussing the possible applications are invited to join in an open conversation on the potential and challenges of using these technologies in the library environment.

Co-sponsored by the Committee on Professional Development and the Library Technology Exchange Forum

Presentations in Dspace: Blogs and RSS

Planning a Publishing/Writing Group at CUL
Wednesday, December 7, 2005, 12-1pm
Olin 703

This group will provide support to younger professionals wishing to identify and pursue publishing opportunities. The intent is to provide a forum in which more experienced librarians as well as younger professionals share useful tips and information on publishing. The group might also provide support for writers by discussing topics and circulating and providing feedback on drafts of articles. We hope that librarians will take this opportunity to share their experience, meet other colleagues in the system, and grow from each other's feedback.

eJournal Interface Can Influence Usage Statistics: Implications for libraries, publishers, and Project COUNTER. Philip M. Davis
Monday, October 24, 2005, 12-1pm
106 Olin Library

The design of a publisher's electronic interface can have a measurable effect on electronic journal usage statistics. A study of journal usage from six COUNTER-compliant publishers at thirty-two research institutions in the United States, the United Kingdom and Sweden indicates that the ratio of PDF to HTML views is not consistent across publisher interfaces, even after controlling for differences in publisher content. The number of fulltext downloads may be artificially inflated when publishers require users to view HTML versions before accessing PDF versions or when linking mechanisms, such as CrossRef, direct users to the full text, rather than the abstract, of each article. These results suggest that usage reports from COUNTER-compliant publishers are not directly comparable in their current form. One solution may be to modify publisher numbers with 'adjustment factors' deemed to be representative of the benefit or disadvantage due to its interface. Standardization of some interface and linking protocols may obviate these differences and allow for more accurate cross-publisher comparisons.

Philip M. Davis is Life Sciences Bibliographer at Mann Library, and and Jason S. Price, Life Sciences Librarian at Claremont College in California. This article will be printed in a 2006 issue of JASIST, the Journal of the American Society for Information and Technology.

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Russian Publishing in the Post-Soviet Era, Wanda Wawaro
Thursday, April 21, 2005, 12-1pm
Olin 703

The two central facts of Russian publishing in the post-Soviet years are contraction and the emergence of a private industry. Both processes began in the final years of the Soviet Union and accelerated thereafter. The contraction was abrupt and severe but also brief: growth from a much reduced base resumed very quickly. If we counted books sold rather than published, the decline would be much less dramatic because so many books in the Soviet-era were published for political and ideological reasons. These were subsequently pulped, so much of this literature published between 1991 and 1993 remains unsold to this day. There were many ups and downs in Russian publishing in the past fifteen years. Many publishers went out of business and many new ones appeared. One fact remains indisputable: in the post-Soviet years the Russian publishing industry has been thoroughly reconstructed to a market economy in what is probably the most complete and successful transition of any Russian industry. The paper is available.

Wanda Wawro is the Slavic & East European Studies Bibliographer at Olin Library.

Motivating Employees in Academic Libraries in Tough Times, Mihoko Hosoi
Thursday, March 24, 2005, 12-1pm
Olin 703

Academic library HR management is facing many interesting challenges. With an increasing number of MLS graduates seeking positions outside academic librarianship, how can we compete with corporate libraries and other information providers when we try to recruit and retain quality librarians? Learn the importance of motivating employees in academic libraries and find out how to retain quality librarians in tough times. Various motivation theories, which are often used in corporate environment, will be presented and applications to academic libraries will be explained. Find out how to create a better workplace where employees are motivated and quality librarians and staff are retained.

Mihoko Hosoi is the Head of Reference and Research Services at the Nestle Library in the School of Hotel Administration.

Contextualizing Information Fluency for First-Year Students: Researching Hip Hop History, Culture, and Politics, Ira Revels
February 24, 2005, 12-1pm
106 Olin
The purpose of this Brown Bag Lunch is to discuss ways in which librarians can use popular culture in order to contextualize delivery of information fluency education to first-year students. First, Ira will begin by exploring the development, delivery, and challenges involved in the delivery of an information fluency workshop series she attempted in the fall. Second, we will discuss desirable learning outcomes for first-year students in a non-traditional library educational experience. Finally, we will explore current events and ways librarians can incorporate those into introductory library research sessions. Participants are encouraged to bring an article of interest to them about a current event. See the presentation given at the Brown Bag (PowerPoint), the information fluency workshop worksheets (PDF) and the syllabus (Word doc) for the Freshman Writing Seminar that included course-related information fluency sessions.

Ira Revels is an Instruction Librarian in IRIS Instruction.

Pursing a Degree as a CUL Staff Member
January 27, 2005 12-1pm
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Karen Calhoun and Susan Markowitz will facilitate a brown-bag lunch meeting, hosted by the CUL Professional Development Committee. Our discussion topic is CUL staff members who are pursuing or have earned educational degrees while working. An informal panel of library employees will spend a few minutes telling their stories, then later will answer questions and engage in open discussion with the audience and other panelists. We hope that library employees who are thinking about trying to earn bachelor's or master's degrees while working will come to the discussion to hear from fellow employees and to ask questions about how to get started. Participants should feel free to bring their brown-bag lunches and a small dessert will be served. Notes on the presentation are available here (Word doc).

Karen Calhoun is Associate University Librarian for Technical Services and Susan Markowitz is Director of Library Human Resources.

Managing Your Own Copyrights? with Peter Hirtle
Monday, November 22, 2004, 12-1:15pm
Olin Library, Room 106

CUL staff publish frequently, and when they publish, they are often asked to sign over their copyrights to the publisher. In this lunch meeting, Peter Hirtle will lead a discussion of when library staff actually own the copyright in their writings (as opposed to them being owned by the University), whether they can sign away the copyright, and what other options may exist. Anyone who has published something, intends to publish something, has developed software while working for the library, or wants to learn more about copyright ownership at Cornell, is encouraged to attend.

Peter Hirtle is Director of Instruction and Learning in IRIS Instruction.

The Ethics of Republishing: Should journal articles ever be republished?, Phil Davis
Monday, October 28, 2004, 10:30-11:15am
Olin Library, Room 106

It is unethical to republish a journal article without citing the original source. Simple keyword searching of Emerald (formerly known as MCB University Press) online journals from the publisher's web site has identified 409 examples of articles from sixty-seven journals that were republished without such notification from 1989 through 2003. Many of these articles were published simultaneously in journals within the same or similar subject disciplines. Five examples of triple publication were identified. In several cases, neither the editor nor editorial board members had knowledge of this practice. This presentation will review the conditions of acceptable republishing plus document and provide examples of republication. It will discuss implications on the publication of record, and question whether this is a case of "let the buyer beware". The paper is available at http://www.people.cornell.edu/pages/pmd8/.

Phil Davis is a Life Sciences Bibliographer at Mann Library.

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The "R" in IRIS: An Overview of IRIS Research, Nancy Y. McGovern
Friday, April 16, 2004, 12-1pm
Olin Library, Room 703

IRIS Research was established in July 2002. Nancy McGovern will talk about the scope, role, projects, priorities, and next steps for this CUL unit. If you're curious about what's happening or have some ideas and suggestions to share, come along for the presentation and discussion.

Nancy Y. McGovern heads the IRIS Research Department. The core research areas of the group are digital preservation with a particular focus on Web archiving and digitization, and organizational evaluation and assessment for libraries and archives. She is co-editor of RLG DigitalNews with Anne R. Kenney. She is also the Digital Preservation Officer for CUL. She has worked on digital preservation topics since 1986 and is working on her Ph.D. in digital preservation at University College London.

To Japan for Library Training with Beth Katzoff
Wednesday, March 10, 2004, 12-1pm
Olin Library, Room 106

Join Beth Katzoff for an informal overview of her recent trip to Japan to attend the Japan Studies Information Specialist Training
Program sponsored by the Japan Foundation and the National Diet Library of Japan. Designed to teach information specialists working outside of Japan about Japanese studies resources, the program included 14 participants from 10 countries and was held in the cities of Tokyo, Kyoto, and Nara. Beth will talk about some of the digital projects and electronic resources she learned about at the program. She will highlight her talk with photographs and will discuss her visits to several libraries, archives, and research centers, including the National Diet Library and its new branch in the Kansai area, NHK Archives (Japan Broadcasting Corporation), The National Institute of Japanese Literature, the National Institute of Informatics, Keio University Mita Media Center, Kyoto University Library, the International Research Center for Japanese Studies, and the Nara National Museum Research Center for Buddhist Art.

Beth Katzoff, joined the Asia Collections in Kroch as the Head of Public Services in September 2003. She has a Ph.D. in Japanese History from Columbia University, an M.A. from Harvard in Regional Studies, and a Bachelor's Degree from Cornell. For the past three years, Beth worked as Reference Librarian in the Japanese Section of the Asian Division of the Library of Congress.

Open Access Journals: Economics, Incentives, and a New Model Proposed to Solve the Crisis in Scholarly Communication by Phil Davis Wednesday, February 25, 2004, 12-1pm
Olin Library, Room 106

Open Access journals are being proposed as a solution to the inability of library budgets to keep pace with spiraling journal prices. This model requires the author (or third party) to pay the entire publishing costs up front so that everyone can enjoy free access. The economics of traditional and Open Access publishing will be described and an analysis of current market conditions will be provided.

Phil Davis is a Life Sciences Bibliographer at Cornell University. He is responsible for selecting books and journals, as well as licensing electronic journals and databases. He is currently a member of CUL’s Open Access taskforce. Phil serves on the executive board of Project COUNTER; the editorial board of the library journal, Portal; is a reviewer for JASIS and College & Research Libraries; and recently served as a member of the library advisory board of the New England Journal of Medicine.

Call to Engagement:Panel Discussion and Community Dialog
Monday, January 26, 2004, 12:00-1:30pm
700 Clark Hall

President Lehman has issued a broad appeal to the Cornell community – faculty, students, staff, and others – to engage a set of questions that will “help shape the long-term future for the university.” The eight questions that comprise the President's Call to Engagement touch a number of issues of profound importance to the Library, and this discussion of "Cornell's fundamentals" provides CUL the opportunity to articulate the Library's evolving position in the larger institution. Formal and informal discussion is already taking place in many of the Library units and functional groups, and LMT plans to compile and submit an official CUL response to the Call in early 2004.

Panelists:
- Sarah Thomas, University Librarian
- Ross Atkinson, Associate University Librarian for Collections
- Anne Kenney, Associate University Librarian for Instruction, Research and Information Services
- Janet McCue, Associate University Librarian for Life Science

For a look at how members from the CUL community have responded to the call to engagement questions visit, http://www.library.cornell.edu/pdc/archive/engagement/responses.html

What's in a name? IRIS' World Areas Collections, David Block db10@cornell.edu
Tuesday, December 16, 2003, 12-1pm
Olin, Room 703

World Area Collections (WAC) is one of the divisions of Instruction Research and Information Services (IRIS). Join WAC director, David Block, as he describes the form and function of World Area Collections. “What's an area; what's a world?” Find out.

To China with Karen Calhoun & Teresa Mei
Monday, November 10, 2003, 12-1pm
Olin, Room 106

Join Karen and Teresa for an informal overview of their recent trip to the Chinese cities Beijing, Shanghai, and Hangzhou. They plan to talk about two aspects of the trip–business and touring. Come talk with them about what they saw and who they met at Tsinghua University Library, the National Library of China, the Shanghai Library, Shanghai Jiaotong University Library, the Zhejiang Library and Zhejiang University Library. Slides of the sights, photographs and various souvenirs will be on hand for you to peruse.

Karen Calhoun ksc10@cornell.edu came to Cornell in January 1997. She has served as head of cataloging in Central Technical Services (CTS), director of CTS, and AUL for Technical Services. Team leader of the ENCompass Working Group, Karen traveled to China to give presentations on next-generation library systems that unify access to electronic resources and digital collections.

Teresa Mei tkm2@cornell.edu has primary responsibility for cataloging the library's materials in the Chinese, Japanese, and Korean languages. She has 26 years of cataloging experience and 10 years of experience as a bibliographer for the Wason Collection. She holds bachelors and masters degrees from the University of HongKong, Kyoto University in Japan, and Syracuse University.
Without understanding usage statistics within the context of online user behavior, any numerical analysis can be easily misinterpreted. Unfortunately, very little is presently known about online user behavior. Most publishers only provide librarians with aggregated statistics (i.e. the total number of downloads or searches for a given time period). This presentation will describe two recent studies analyzing electronic journal data from the American Chemical Society at the level of the IP address. The first describes the patterns of full-text article downloads, and the second describes the information-seeking behavior of Cornellians by analyzing referral URLs from ACS transaction logs. Both studies have been submitted to JASIST for publication.

Philip Davis is a Life Sciences Bibliographer at Mann Library. He is responsible for selecting books and journals in the life sciences, as well as licensing electronic journals and databases. He serves on the executive board of Project COUNTER, an international committee of publishers and librarians defining standards for reporting usage statistics. He also serves on the library advisory board of the New England Journal of Medicine.

This session is aimed at those of us who either don't yet own a PDA (aka Palm Pilot) or who own one but haven't figured out how to use them in a library setting. Did you know that you can surf the Web, send and receive email, chat, and even use EndNote on a PDA? Learn some of the pros and cons of mobile wireless computing before taking the financial plunge.

If you're curious to see how these devices can be of benefit both to you and your patrons then don't miss this opportunity. Michael will bring along PDA's and peripherals for you to try out.

Michael Cook is the Coordinator of Public Access Computing at Mann Library and is a co-chair of the Committee on Professional Development. He has given conference presentations on academic library PDA applications at the North East Regional Computing Program and the Charleston Conference; his current project is a study of wireless access to Cornell Library resources, detailed on the Mobile Mann Computing Home Page. Michael is a graduate of the University of South Carolina with master's degrees in Philosophy (1994) and Library Science (1998). He has worked at Mann Library since 2000.

The Cornell University Library Fellows Program: An Overview and Discussion, Presentation by Susan Markowitz and Ira Revels

Follow HR Director Susan Markowitz and Library Fellow Ira Revels as they describe the origins of the CUL Library Fellows Program and what it means for diversity and recruitment within our campus library system. Susan will provide an overview of the CUL program, while Ira will compare it to other residency and recruitment initiatives around the country. They will follow up by encouraging a discussion on other means of achieving diversity in library recruitment.

Ira Revels ir33@cornell.edu came to Cornell University Library in the summer of 2001 as a Library Fellow. Since then she has worked at Mann Library and the Office of Distributed Learning and as a consultant on numerous projects throughout the library system. In the final six months of her residency, Ms. Revels is working as an Instruction Librarian in the new Department of Instruction and Learning in IRIS. Beginning in August 2003 she will continue her role as Instruction Librarian within the Department.

Susan Markowitz sem2@cornell.edu has been Director of Library Human Resources for the past five years. In her previous life as a science librarian, she has worked in all of the science libraries at Cornell except the Mathematics Library.

The USA PATRIOT Act, passed in the weeks immediately following September 11, 2001, gave new powers to law enforcement to gather information on library patrons and their use of information. CUL has a policy in place on how library staff is to deal with law enforcement requests for patron information, and a recently formed task force is coordinating policies on patron data retained at CUL. As a follow-up to the December 11 satellite conference "Safeguarding Our Patrons' Privacy: What Every Librarian Needs to Know About the USA PATRIOT Act & Related Anti-Terrorism Measures" (http://www.library.cornell.edu/pdc/patriot.html), this practical program will provide the local perspective on this very important topic.

Pat Court ppc1@cornell.edu is the Assistant Director of the Cornell Law Library and served earlier this year as chair of the CUL Task Force on Law Enforcement Access to Library Records. Pat has a law degree and is professionally very interested in questions of patron privacy.

Jesse Koennecke jtk1@cornell.edu is Access Services Librarian at Mann library and served earlier this year on the CUL Task Force on Law Enforcement Access to Library Records. He continues his work in this area as a current member of the CUL Task Force on Record Retention.
This session will cover the history and implications of the regulations that govern Web Sites under the Americans with Disabilities Act in New York State. Morgan Elmore and Holly Mistlebauer will provide a general outline of the guidelines and explain the priority levels assigned to the various provisions, focusing on those regulations that should already be met on all Web Sites. They will introduce some resources available to assist you in meeting the guidelines. To clarify the basis for the guidelines, the presenters will also demonstrate some of the technologies a person with disabilities might use.

Morgan Elmore mle8@cornell.edu is currently working in the Digital Libraries & Information Technology division in Olin Library. Holly Mistlebauer hlm7@cornell.edu is serving as Operations Manager in Information Technology at Mann Library.

"Luke, I am your father." Is an FTE journal-pricing model our destiny? Presentation by Phil Davis

The university-wide site license has changed the way publishers think about financial models. As the library becomes the sole subscriber for the academy, a new pricing model is being proposed that will charge different rates to libraries for the very same content. Is this a fair model? It depends on whether you are commercial or non-profit. Whether we like it or not, this may be the library's destiny!

Philip Davis pmd8@cornell.edu has been a Life Sciences Bibliographer at Mann Library since 1999. Between 1995 and 1999, he served as the instruction librarian at Mann. He recently authored two articles, "Where to spend our e-journal money: Defining a university library's core collection through citation analysis", in Portal January 2002; and "Effect of the Web on Undergraduate Citation Behavior: A 2000 Update", in College and Research Libraries also in January 2002. He has a background in Biological Sciences and Philosophy from the University of Guelph in Canada.

What makes a book rare? Ever wonder about the qualities and characteristics that distinguish plain, old books from rare, valuable ones? Katherine Reagan, curator of rare books, Division of Rare and Manuscript Collections, will offer a "show and tell," providing examples based upon CUL's recently adopted "Policy on the Transfer of General Collection Material to Special Collections." This session is for those who handle older books as part of their job, or for anyone curious about the artifactual values of books.

2001-2002

What Makes a Book Rare? Presentation by Katherine Reagan

Terry Kristensen, Associate Director of the Flower-Sprecher Veterinary Library, will demonstrate the Veterinary Procedure Web Site developed as a collaborative effort between the faculty, the Office of Education Development and the Veterinary Library. She will review the steps taken to create the site – and the next steps to keep it dynamically growing.

Patterns in Electronic Journal Use: What the Publishers Don't Want You to See with Phil Davis

Phil Davis, Life Sciences Bibliographer, Mann Library takes a behind the scenes look at NorthEast Research Libraries Consortium (NERL) usage patterns for the Academic Press IDEAL package electronic journals.

Live Reference with Paul Constantine, Maureen Morris and Virginia Cole

Paul Constantine, Division Head OKU Reference, and OKU Reference & Digital Services Librarians, Maureen Morris and Virginia Cole will discuss their experiences providing Live/Chat Reference services.

From Asia to Ithaca with Karen Calhoun & Tom Turner

Join Karen and Tom for an informal overview of their recent trips to Japan and Hong Kong. They plan to talk about two aspects of the trip—business and touring. Come talk with them about what they saw and learned at the Dublin Core Metadata Initiative’s annual meeting in Tokyo, at four Hong Kong libraries, and through their travels around these two great world cities. Photographs and various souvenirs will be on hand for you to peruse.

Presentation Slides:
- Dublin Core 2001 Workshop and Conference
• Visits to Hong Kong Libraries

Research Writing with Christian Boissonnas
Tuesday, November 6, 2001, 12-1pm
Olin 703

Christian Boissonnas works as a Research and Statistics Librarian, and has published many articles on cataloging, acquisitions, and management of technical services. He will discuss his experience with researching an article and seeing it through to publication.

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Travel and workshop funding options through Cornell University Libraries, Presentation by Linda Bryan
October 26, 12-1pm
201 ILR Conference Center, Ives Hall

Implementing wireless technologies in the Cornell University Libraries, Presentation by Jay Datema and John Saylor
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Additional Readings

ENCompass at Cornell, Presentation by Lynne Personius
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Collection development on eBay, Presentation by Brenda Marston
Thursday, April 5, 2001, 12-1pm
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Virtual Class - Vital Links, Presentation by Leah Solla and Pat Viele
Wednesday, May 2, 2001, 12-1pm
Olin 703

Technical Services: The Other Reader Service, Presentation by Christian Boissonnas
July 26, 2001, 12-1pm
ILR Conference Center