

LIBRARIANS MEETING
Tuesday, January 9, 2007 @ 2:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room

Attendees:

Kathy Arsenault, Jim Schnur, Deb Henry, Jerry Notaro, Kaya Townsend, Tina Neville, Marcy Carrel, Patricia Pettijohn, Berrie Watson, Virginia Champion, and Jean Ferguson for minutes

Announcements:

Kathy reminded everyone to check their addresses in GEMS to be sure their W2s were delivered correctly. She asked if all had received the email about the Central Florida Library Cooperative seminar. She mentioned that Derrie Perez had fallen and was hospitalized but was doing ok. She announced that Florida's new governor, Charlie Crist, would have an office at USFSP for when he was away from Tallahassee. Kathy explained that Marine Science had called asking for special library privileges for SRI, but that she offered to provide the same policy as used for other affiliated institutions. She said a new refrigerator, paid for by SAPL, would be coming shortly. She reminded the others that Jennifer Baker would be coming to the library to present a FAIR review next Thursday. Dr. Durand only wants to see the summary form, but Zeynep will still do the entries for the AFD/FARs. Kathy complimented Jerry and David for their Media Services survey, as well as Kaya for hers, while reminding the faculty that others were still due for completion this semester. After she stated that the Annual Review Committee process starts on February 1, the librarians took a vote and agreed to have Jim continue as chair with Kaya as the second member. They also asked Kathy to contact Charles Gordon from Tampa to see if he would join.

Discussion:

Kathy asked how the new e-Reserves were going, and Virginia replied, "Not very well" on certain days when the "technophobes" were having difficulty with it. She did say that the paper reserves still existed. As for the new USF library web site, Tina hoped it would be an improvement though the subject guides were still a source of contention, while Jerry questioned why anyone would choose to look up St. Petersburg. No one was satisfied with MetaLib, and Patricia suggested cataloged subject guides.

Marcy explained that she had started working at her new office in the College of Business today from 9:30 to 11:00, and that the hours might eventually expand from 4:00 to 6:00.

Berrie enumerated his many activities, including the new group study computers downstairs, his new student assistant starting work on January 16, the USF library web

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site, the laptop cabinet, trying to get the MACs ready, making an active backup DL server for David Brodosi, his testing of the spam filter at home, the new PCs, and the survey for network security.

Deb happily announced that she and Tina had gotten the news that their manuscript had been accepted and would be published in the summer of 2008.

Kaya stated that her article would be coming out in February. She is planning an Oscars program that same month, and a professor who teaches a Latin American film class has agreed to give a talk and show a film in the library.

Patricia spoke about her new books report, explaining that Berrie was helping her and that it would involve downloading to a database. She said she was halfway through the foreign language materials and that they would be integrated into the regular stacks in a couple weeks. She'd gotten the periodicals off the bottom shelves and had many complaints about the microform readers. She had also been weeding the microfiche, which led to a long discussion about possibly selling it or giving it away.

Jim commented that he had a collection of faculty publications in his office to be highlighted at the library's Final Friday on February 23; it will provide an opportunity to recognize the faculty authors for 2005/06. He said nothing has been happening with the search committee for the Tampa library dean. And he will have two student assistants working with him this semester.

Jerry mentioned that he couldn't get his end of year deductions from GEMS but had called Payroll and they emailed it to him. He also said that A/V had been busy making all sorts of badges, including some for local school interns.

Kaya pointed out that Marcy had been taped for a web-based class and asked if Marcy might not get credit toward her teaching from that; Tina thought it was an excellent idea. Tina also commented that the new web site was the main thing going on. After a discussion by the other librarians about whether to make an announcement when Reference closes at 9:00, Tina agreed to make a sign for the desk.

Kathy asked Virginia how the late hours had gone last night after the first day of classes, and Virginia told her that after 10:30, only staff and security were in the library. The guard will continue making a head count on late library usage.