

LIBRARIANS MEETING
Tuesday, February 13, 2007 @ 2:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room

Attendees:

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

Discussion:

Kathy began by announcing that the library would again host the Florida Craftsmen Exhibit in April. Jerry said that Lucy Trimarco had asked him about using the library, specifically its cases, for doing exhibits and wanted to know if we had a formal schedule. Jim and Kaya offered to work up a master schedule for that purpose. Kathy then mentioned the upcoming College Day in March and commented that last year the students didn't seem particularly interested in the library's table. She suggested that the librarians instead offer assistance to any students visiting the library. As for the issue of Tampa's taking control of the USF Library System, Kathy said that she would be meeting on Thursday morning with Karen White, Judy Genshaft, and other key figures about that. She indicated total support for USF St. Petersburg's position from the Library Committee, SAPL, and the Faculty Senate. Regarding Friday's Town Hall meeting, Jerry pointed out that it was a chance to ask other questions as well, such as why the state won't pay for domestic partnership coverage, causing USF to lose out on potential candidates. Kathy mentioned the good news that International Oceans Institute would be establishing an office here in the area. IOI will be an "affiliate" of USFSP like NOAA or USGS. She also gave a catalog to Jim and Patricia from a company offering used expandable shelving units for sale.

Jerry continued the topic of shelving by stating that A/V would be moving its DVDs and pulling out VHS and would need slotted shelving. Tina said she had some in Reference that he could have. He also mentioned that his area now has two 32" Samsung flat panels available for showing movies in the library.

Patricia asked that if any requests came from faculty for new journals, to please put them in. She said Tech Services was on track with the budget and that materials seemed to be coming in more quickly. Kaya wondered if the new book list could be in the form of a blog, and Patricia replied that David Cipris had it on his to-do list. Kaya also asked about the list being put on Tampa's web site, and Berrie said we could do that.

Marcy reminded everyone about the Ronald McDonald House dinner this evening, and said that anyone bringing food was welcome to follow Barry McDowell from the library parking lot after loading up at 4:30.

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Kaya passed out maps of the library's first floor and explained that she and Lexi would be doing an ethnographic observation, i.e., a survey of students' use of the first floor, sometime in the future.

Tina asked if non-students would be allowed to use the newly installed Apple computers on the first floor and was told no as they were loaded with proprietary software and actually belonged to Journalism, not the library. She said that Deb was not at the meeting because she was at TBLC learning Lib 2.0 so she could pass it on to the librarians. Tina also brought up the library's desperate need for more chairs, and Kathy asked her to get a specific count so that we could order more. Kathy also mentioned that 36 chairs were going to be reupholstered.

Kaya said that Jean would be ordering a business card holder for Reference and asked everyone for their business cards. Jerry stated that he didn't want his given out.

Berrie commented that he was working on lots of projects. He said his new assistant Christina was working out, that she would help with cloning, and that he was trying to show her things one at a time rather than overwhelming her with everything at once. He mentioned having 39 computers sitting in his area for which he would be creating master images, and that he was also working on eliminating more spam. Patricia wanted to know if she should ask Christina about cleaning the keyboards in the zoo (Kathy also added the computers in the stacks), and Berrie said that he would work with her first on that project. He also stated that there's been much interest shown in Linux-based "stuff," and he asked for patience.

Virginia stated that Lexie feels that the library's night traffic is picking up and that people are staying later.

Jim announced that last Saturday a gentleman came to Snell House with goodies from the old Manhattan Hotel. He said next Wednesday he would receive a site visit to evaluate the Florida Studies program. And he wanted us to know he'd be bringing sweet treats and refreshments this Thursday in honor of the Chinese New Year.

Jerry indicated that the College of Business was thrilled with Marcy's weekly presence as mentioned at the Faculty Senate meeting. Marcy then wrapped up the meeting by telling the librarians of the Career Fair on February 22 and of her work on a company-research workshop at the Career Center in advance of the fair.