

LIBRARIANS MEETING
Tuesday, April 10, 2007 @ 2:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room

Attendees:

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

Discussion:

Kathy began the meeting by making a number of announcements. She mentioned the Faculty/Staff Awards Luncheon tomorrow at noon in the CAC, Partners in Progress on the last Friday in April, and the SAPL Annual Meeting on the next Friday. She said she would be out of town from tomorrow afternoon through the weekend, and Patricia offered to attend the Thursday morning leadership meeting in Kathy's absence. Kathy stated that the library must do inventory to give an evaluation of the library and its contents. This is for insurance purposes and has never been done before, but it was due yesterday. She commented on the ongoing Tampa situation, with Patricia saying that they're trying to set up a meeting about electronic resources by videoconference. Kathy suggested instead that she and Patricia go to Tampa next Tuesday. Kathy had previously told Derrie that St. Petersburg couldn't take over Technical Services by July 1, and Derrie agreed. St. Pete will be sitting on the budget until it has new staff for cataloging. There has been no legal change in our status. Kathy reminded everyone that the faculty/staff campaign is in process, with the university encouraging broad participation. She then spoke about her trip to ACRL, first offering a gift bag which Virginia took for Carissa. She related how the University of Illinois collects games and gaming books and checks out MP3 players, making it very hip and postmodern. Kaya suggested that if we go that route, we should get electronic licensing for games, but Berrie didn't see how it fit our mission. The University of Wisconsin rethought its reference activity and centralized it. Their theme is "privilege the digitized," and they have an open use software package for statistics that could be useful to Tina. Other topics included toxic emotions in the work place, inside the academic mind, the major pet peeve of IT/library conflicts, and the library as the new front porch of the university.

Kaya expressed some of her frustration with producing a faculty newsletter once a semester. She discovered that MS Outlook can't handle more than about 50 names per distribution list, and she has about 200 names. Berrie suggested that each college should have its own distribution list.

Marcy spoke about a presentation she'll be making on May 22 in El Salvador to a group equivalent to our ALA.

Virginia asked if Room 247, formerly used by Kaya, could be reclaimed as a study room, and Kathy said yes.

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Berrie announced a new staff thumb drive policy, with no more floppies, and offered to provide them to all staff members who don't have one. He also said some would be bar coded and checked out to students for a seven-day period, with Christina cleaning them out after each use. He mentioned the new systems team newsletter, the migration to a new server for the P drives sometime in the future, and new desktops ready for testing by the librarians. Berrie said he would be around to set up spam folders for the staff, though it was voluntary, and to talk to him before going on vacation to keep the spam from overwhelming the system. He stated that he would not be installing a new version of Internet Explorer on the staff computers, and that in the future, DL would have a new server cluster.

Tina talked about making online tutorials with David Brodosi, saying that the Captivate software was working extremely well and could even do close captioning.

Kathy passed around a handout about a microfiche scanner which impressed everyone.

Deb mentioned that the reference scissors were gone and that the copy cards also frequently disappear. She also complained that our "policies" (actually guidelines or procedures) couldn't be readily found on our web page but need to be, and Berrie offered to assist.

Jim offered his appreciation for the quick appearance by the campus police the other night after a disturbance by an individual who turned out to be a convicted sex offender. He mentioned Shelly Hoffman's donations of various U.S. Maritime articles, as well as Patricia's donation of Ronald Reagan's autograph. He announced that Heritage Village had received a statewide award, in part based on some of his past research. Jim closed by asking that the librarians send comments about the new library dean position to him by the end of the week.