

Librarians Meeting
Tuesday, March 31, 2004 @ 2:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room

Present: Kathy Arsenault, Deb Henry, Karilyn Jaap, Tina Neville, Jerry Notaro, Signe Oberhofer, Jim Schnur, Mika Slaughter.

Announcements:

1. The Art Exhibit, presented by Family Service and Florida Craftsmen Galleries, has set up its displays. A reception celebrates the opening on Friday evening, April 2, between 5:00-8:00. Kathy has requested that the items suspended in the atrium be relocated away from walkways. Jerry will contact Phys Plant for the use of a ladder.
2. The SAPL Book Fair will take place on Friday and Saturday of this week. The books will be moved tomorrow from the Storage Room to DAV130, beginning first thing in the morning.
3. Faculty/Staff Luncheon is on Friday, April 2. Your book suggestions are being used for the theme and decorations.
4. The Library will celebrate National Library Week April 17-23. During that week, we will have our annual staff lunch. Our banner will be displayed and we will offer candy treats to our patrons.
5. At SAPL's Annual Meeting, April 30, Karen White will be the guest speaker.
6. A request has come from Student Government for longer Library hours during exam week. A discussion followed pointing out these concerns: security issues, the necessity to enlist non-students as monitors, other pressures on the staff such as taking away busy service hours during the day in exchange for the slow hours of the evening. Suggestions included offering to remain open until 6, and the possibility of having the study location be in the CAC. Door counts will be made at hours 8:00, 9:00 and 10:00 to determine activity.
7. Progress is coming along on the complex Reference web page.

Tina has been checking to see if our ILL charges have decreased now that our holdings have been put on the Florida Electronic Library—no noticeable change so far. Tina asked about progress on the new reference desk. Kathy will check with Jim Grant.

All agreed that the introduction of the new signup sheet for the use of public computers has significantly reduced the problems Reference was encountering.

Jerry asked that POY217 no longer be locked, since the College of Nursing needs access to this room at off times. Jerry also reported that negotiations with the Faculty Contract are coming along.

Mika remarked that Distance Learning requests are slow at this time.

Deb announced that three names have been submitted for consideration by the Search Committee for the Asst.VP/Research and Community Partnerships

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position. Deb spoke of questions that have come up in the Faculty Council concerning who is eligible to evaluate top-level administrators. At the present time, faculty evaluates only the Dean of his/her College.

Signe asks for more input with the Web OPAC stress test. Soon all electronic material and Special Collections will be cataloged. On Friday, there is another Web Advisory Committee meeting.

Jim requested all to get in their feedback comments on Bonnie Yegedis, AVP/Academic candidate. On Tuesday and Wednesday of next week, the second finalist, Dennis Gayle, will visit campus. Jim has completed a 391-page history of Pinellas County. He has also written a journal article using some of the material.

Karilyn—Although there is an impasse on the budget, please continue on the yellow cards, so that we'll be ready to do the orders as soon as funds are available. Many items will be cancelled at the end of the fiscal year, now that they can be found online: several journals on microfiche, New York Times, London Times, Wall Street Journal (and their indexes). It was also agreed to cancel the nursing journals.

Kathy reported that there will be an open budget meeting in late April. The Strategic Plan needs updating. A full staff meeting will be set up soon at which Maria will again present the FMLA/Sick Leave program.