

LIBRARIANS MEETING
Thursday, July 15, 2004, @ 3:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room

Attendees:

Kathy Arsenault, Jim Schnur, Jerry Notaro, Tina Neville, Jackie Jackson, Karilyn Jaap, Mika Slaughter, Jean Ferguson for minutes

Discussion:

The impromptu meeting resulted from an email by Karilyn asking if she should post signs at the public access terminals limiting the "townies" to two sessions per day. This led to a lively email exchange among the librarians as to what should be done, prompting Kathy to call for a librarians meeting.

On the subject of the sign-up sheet for public access, Jim volunteered to draft a set of guidelines which would limit patrons to two sessions per day, with a half-hour time limit if others were waiting, and all concurred with Karilyn's suggestion that the sheet should be kept out of sight and that patrons would give their last name.

Further discussion on the usage of all library computers led to agreement on the need for more computers or at least the best use of the computers now available. Kathy raised the question of whether pornography was protected speech or harassment, with the librarians agreeing that if they found a patron viewing it, they would ask that patron to shut it down or leave. All agreed that the police must be called in the case of child pornography. On the topic of computer games, all agreed that children could play them only if their parents remained with them, which fortunately often discouraged the practice. They agreed that the computers are for academic research and that the library policies are too vague, prompting Tina and Mika to volunteer to work on a more developed statement on library computer usage, even if it led to the end of public access. They will meet with Berrie Watson to see about the possibility of converting the usage of one of the computers to where there's a greater need. They will also ask him for assistance on the problem of how some faculty members are loading programs into Blackboard. Students printing out some Blackboard files are overloading memory available on the networked printer.

Kathy brought up the issue of security and the status of the hiring of a new police captain. All agreed that when one is hired, they will invite him/her to meet with the librarians to discuss library security. In the meantime, they should use their best judgment and proceed with a sense of caution, especially when working nights. Kathy stated that the police had told her that if anyone is found sleeping too soundly in the library to respond to a verbal request, the police should be called to rouse them, since it might be unwise to startle them awake.

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Jerry announced Bob McKenzie's resignation and his positive letter complimentary of the library. He mentioned the hiring of Jamie Norman as an OPS, while interviewing commences for Stephan's position.

Jackie stated that she'd been notified that the URLs on E reserves must be changed.

Tina commented on the shortage of Access Services candidates, and the others agreed that USF can't compete with what SPC has to offer librarians.

The librarians expressed concern over college enrollment being down and discussed the price of parking and the fact that "gold" parking isn't enforced after 5:30 pm.

Kathy asked if Metalib had a problem, as she couldn't get in earlier in the day, but Tina answered that it was functioning, as she had helped a student use it.