

LIBRARIANS MEETING
Tuesday, October 19, 2004, @ 2:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room

Attendees:

Kathy Arsenault, Jim Schnur, Berrie Watson, Tina Neville, Mika Nelson, Karilyn Jaap, Deb Henry, Signe Oberhofer, Jerry Notaro, Barbara Reynolds, Jean Ferguson

Announcements:

Kathy urged the librarians to attend the TBLC annual meeting on November 9. She stated that the Academic Convocation had been rescheduled to October 28 at 4:00 p.m. at the CAC. And she said that Academic Affairs would be hosting Final Friday on October 29 at 5:00 p.m.

Presentation:

Mika had attended a workshop on legal issues in libraries sponsored by the TBLC in late September, so she passed out a summary of that workshop along with several other handouts. She explained that libraries should base their policies on law, using legal language and being specific. Mika discussed what is and is not protected speech, covering such topics as CIPA (Children's Internet Protection Act), child pornography, obscenities, and the "Miller Test." She talked of the Patriot Act and the SAFE Act, with Kathy interjecting that if the library gets a Patriot Act request, the requestor should be referred to the regional chancellor's office or if it's on a weekend, to call the campus police. Mika explained the differences between subpoenas and search warrants, records and observations, and court orders, with Kathy reminding the listeners to look up USF SP's policy on the intranet. New technologies such as RFID (Radio Frequency Identification), virtual reference, and self check-out were identified as having major privacy implications, along with copyright legislation, the Induce Act, and the Don't Induce Act. Mika's thorough presentation made clear that libraries will need to make a real effort to stay abreast of current and future legislation affecting the protection of information.

Discussion:

Kathy brought up the issue of uniprint charges, explaining that the library makes a profit after Danka takes taxes off the top and charges for the card reader. She stated that the USF Tampa library is going to merge with Academic Computing and raise the uniprint fee. Karilyn then explained that the current system was designed to break even and not overcharge the students, and the others agreed that it was not the time to raise the uniprint charge at the USF St. Petersburg library. Kathy asked if the librarians wanted to host Final Friday in March, but they decided against it when they realized it would fall on Good Friday. Kathy pointed out that the Promotion Committee reviewing Deb's promotion would consist of Jerry,

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Signe, and Rue Herbert, and Deb expressed her desire not to receive the promotion packet back for review. She also indicated that she's planning to write a handbook on the promotion procedure after she finishes going through the experience. Kathy's final topic was MetaLib, which she believed had progressed enough to change the links.

Deb discussed the Search Committee for the Head of Access Services, indicating that it had reviewed everyone's comments and prepared its recommendations for Kathy. She stated that Mary Kay wants to remain a full librarian, and that Mireille continues to express an interest in the position.

Karilyn explained that she and Tina had emptied the ready reference bookshelves in preparation for their relocation to the children's department, and Kathy asked Jean to contact Physical Plant to coordinate the move. Karilyn then discussed the feasibility of canceling microfiche, which would save the library nearly \$15,000. She has prepared a list of titles to investigate for cancellation and will report back at the next meeting after everyone, at Kathy's request, has a chance to look at it.

Signe's topic was the periodical files, or as she called them, "the last remnant of the card catalog." She proposed getting rid of them, and the librarians all readily agreed.

Jerry announced that one of his OPS students, Kyle DePalma, had found another full-time job and was departing immediately. Due to the lateness in the semester, Jerry and his other employees will rotate Wednesday evenings rather than hiring another person.

Berrie stated that he has the spam filters in testing and would like us to contact him with any problems. When Karilyn said that she had been notified that the students can't use their copy cards at the COB (College of Business) computer lab, Berrie told her he would investigate the situation.