

LIBRARIANS MEETING
Tuesday, February 8, 2005, @ 2:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room

Attendees:

Kathy Arsenault, Jerry Notaro, Deb Henry, Anita Lindsay, Mika Nelson, Berrie Watson, Signe Oberhofer, Karilyn Jaap, Jim Schnur, Jean Ferguson

Discussion:

Kathy went over a list of dates of upcoming events. On March 4, the library will be hosting Partners in Progress, a reception for major donors, which may be slightly disruptive toward the end of the day. Spring break will be from March 14-18. The library will be closed for Easter on March 27. April 2 is the date for the SAPL Book Fair, which may be the last one. The Family Service Center will have a reception on April 7. April 10-16 is National Library Week. The SAPL annual meeting will be held on April 27, with a presentation by Lee Irby, author of 7,000 Clams. Spring Fling, the campus open house, will take place on March 7 for high school juniors and seniors. Kathy asked if the library was interested in setting up an exhibit, and all agreed, with Berrie suggesting an emphasis on the wireless network and Jerry stating that the library contained the largest media collection in the county and an increasing number of graphic novels.

Kathy complimented Anita on her ILL display, and the others joined in. Kathy also stated that the tree on the second floor would have to go unless somebody kept it watered. "Green thumb" Notaro volunteered. Barbara had asked Kathy to remind the librarians that the faculty activity reports, originally due January 17, still needed to be completed. Kathy indicated that the annual review date was somewhat flexible, so Deb and Jim agreed to March 9. Kathy mentioned that she was still awaiting word on Deb's promotion.

Kathy then gave a brief review of her ALA conference in Boston. She saw demos of Metalib and ExLibris and said the final products sounded good. A collection evaluation program by World Cat was slick. And Blackboard was presented as the coming thing. Deb asked if the librarians could have formal training on Blackboard, and Kathy said she would check with Cynthia Bean.

On the topic of library searches, Mika announced her hiring of an LTA, Carissa Santana, with Karilyn commenting that that would be the third C in Circulation. Mika said the position would be from 9 to 6 in the beginning. Jim said he had received 24 applications for the Head of Collection and Technical Services position, but that many were too recently graduated from library school and didn't have the needed experience. He said he would meet with the committee after the screening date of February 20. Signe commented that people often want to be the last to apply, mistakenly believing they'll get extra attention. Jim spoke of a number

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of listserves on which the position had been advertised. And Jerry indicated that three people had contacted him to ask questions about the position. Kathy said the library would be advertising Jan's position when she sets a firm retirement date.

Kathy stated that it was getting to be budget time and that the cycle seemed to be alternating between the library and A/V, with this probably being A/V's turn. She said there would soon be a summit of the deans, and that it was time for a course designer/concept person. She indicated that Circulation would be a continuing issue after the dorms are finished, with a minimum of six people needed in order to extend library hours. Signe pointed out that the Tampa library has a pool of graduate students from which to pull. Kathy also stated that the bonding for the dorms had been straightened out.

Signe complimented the SAFE team for always being around at library closing time, and the other attendees seconded her, saying they've also helped in dealing with troubling patrons.

Deb brought up the Academic Affairs search, with a faculty council meeting scheduled for tomorrow with Dr. Karen White. She also mentioned that training for faculty in the administration of grants would be held in the future.

Karilyn spoke at length on the subject of periodicals. She had previously given everyone a list, and she was recommending 15 of those; they were either not available online or were refereed or covered an area we don't cover very much. She stated that contacts pages and abstracts weren't cutting it, as students were no longer comfortable using print materials. Karilyn recommended October and Flash Art International, while Signe asked about Paris Match. Chris Meindl's titles were covered next, and Karilyn recommended Tequesta and Adaptive Behavior. Kathy then suggested that the periodicals topic be continued at the next meeting.

Jerry announced the hiring of former student assistant Michael Mathon as a regular employee.

Berrie stated that the firewall is now a done deal. Commenting on the email problems of the previous Friday, he said that the exchange was down for six hours and that recovery took five hours, but that everything had gone well. He was ordering new drives, working with Tampa to incorporate our Nelson addresses, and changing from Windows 2000 to Windows XP.

Kathy closed out the meeting by asking Mika to check with Virginia on Coastal Management, a periodical that was mentioned during Karilyn's discussion.