

Library Management Team

Notes from the April 19, 2006 meeting

Attending: Karen Calhoun, Lee Cartmill, Claire Germain, Tom Hickerson, Anne Kenney, Janet McCue, Jean Poland, Sarah Thomas, Ed Weissman. Guest: Xin Li

1) Announcements

a) Anne Kenney reported that Nancy McGovern, Head of Research & Assessment Services and Digital Preservation Librarian in the Division of Instruction, Research and Information Services (IRIS) accepted a position as Digital Preservation Officer and Assistant Research Scientist at the University of Michigan's Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research. She'll begin work there in September. Also, interviews of three candidates for the position Director of Collections, Research, Instruction and Outreach (CRIO) in IRIS will take place in May.

b) Janet announced that Phil Davis was accepted as a Ph.D candidate in Communications at Cornell. He is resigning his position to begin full-time study. Also, there will be a "Topping Off Celebration" next Wednesday on the Ag Quad as a way to show appreciation to the workers for their hard work in the renovation project.

c) Claire reported Stephanie Hoffmann, a student assistant in the Law Library has won a 2005-2006 University Student Employee Recognition Award. She is one of only a handful of students chosen for this Award, from the 92 nominations received campus-wide. She was nominated by Sue Hills, Senior Records Assistant, in Technical Services.

d) Lee announced that the front entrance to Olin Library will be closed for renovations this summer and that a new two-door entrance would be made available closer to the Lib Cafe during the renovation period.

2) Catalyst

Xin Li, who is serving as the project lead for Catalyst Project, presented a status report to the Library Management Team about Catalyst. Much has happened since Xin last briefed LMT on November 22. A market analysis performed by Informed Strategies in January and February confirmed that there is substantial need for space to house collections among the New York State libraries surveyed, a strong interest in having a JSTOR repository that would allow institutions to discard their print copies of these titles, and that the Catalyst service model featuring a consolidated de-duplicated shared collection, rapid physical and digital delivery, and other innovative services was viewed quite favorably. These findings were reinforced by several follow-up interactions with directors at several institutions. In her report, Xin recommends a phased approach to implementing Catalyst. Phase I (summer 2006), would consist of a storage service that would allow a limited number of key institutions to meet their immediate needs for collection space. Phase 2 (summer/fall 2007) would be when institutions could sign up for the Catalyst service. Consideration will also be given to the creation of a "dim archive" for key journals from JSTOR and other sources (phase 3 in late 2007). These developments would be informed by collection overlap studies utilizing the OCLC WorldCat Collection Analysis Service that will allow us to identify collections of value to the Cornell community and the Catalyst community as a whole and to help us avoid adding duplicate copies of little used materials to Catalyst. Xin described the pricing models she is developing. The next step is for Sarah to brief university administrators.

3) Budget

Lee Cartmill provided the Library Management Team with an overview of the 2006-2007 endowed Library budget.

Edward Weissman