

Minutes

Council of Librarians Meeting

September 14, 2005 - Warren Hall

Attending: Ross Atkinson, Mary Beth Bunge, Jean Callihan, Lee Cartmill, Kathy Chiang, Pat Court, Barbara Eden, Terry Ehling, Oliver Habicht, Erla Heyns, Tom Hickerson, John Hoffmann, Martha Hsu, Bill Kara, Anne Kenney, Zsuzsa Koltay, Deb Lamb-Deans (for G. Law), Jim LeBlanc, Xin Li, Janet McCue, Jean Pajerek, Jean Poland, Oya Rieger, Steve Rockey, Pat Schafer, Marty Schlabach, Don Schnedeker, Jacie Spoon, Marisue Taube, Sarah Thomas, Martha Walker, Ed Weissman, Scott Wicks

Announcements

a) Ed Weissman – OCLC Visitors: On September 15, the Cornell University Library will host a visit by Phyllis Spies, Glenn Patton and Glenda Lammers from OCLC. They will each make a presentation during the day:

From 9-10 am in 700 Clark Hall, Phyllis Spies, Vice President, Collection Management Services at OCLC, will present: "How OCLC is Meeting the Challenges of the Google Age." From 10:30-11:30 am in 106 Olin Library, Glenn Patton, Director, WorldCat Quality Management at OCLC, will present: "OCLC's FRBR-Related Activities and Their Impact on WorldCat and Other OCLC Services." From 1-2 pm in 2B48 Kroch Library, Glenda Lammers, Global Product Manager for Cooperative Collection Management at OCLC will present and demonstrate OCLC's new Collection Analysis Service.

b) Mary Beth Bunge: - "Inside CUL" is posted on the 15th of each month. Ideas for articles are always welcome and should be submitted to Marty Crowe.

c) Tom Hickerson: Rhodes Hall Power Outage 9/24-9/25/2005: CIT has announced it will be shutting down all power in Rhodes Hall on 9/24-25 to install an uninterruptible power supply (UPS) to support the university's critical computing and network services. With no consultation, the Library received notice in early September of the planned shutdown. After registering his complaint about the lack of input from stakeholders regarding the choice of dates and suggesting that the shutdown would be less disruptive during the fall break, Tom was informed that the break weekend in October was not a choice for the shutdown because Rhodes Hall was booked for an outside conference. During the shutdown period, from 4PM on Saturday 9/24 through at least noon on Sunday afternoon 9/25, many central computing services will be unavailable including the following CUL online services: the Library catalog, e-Reserves, Find e-Journals, Find Databases, Find Articles and most digital collections. Tom intends to have the Library's contract re-written to require a 30 day notice for all future shutdowns.

The Future of Uris Library

a) Anne Kenney: Current use of Uris Library

Uris is the icon of Cornell, with its rich history and distinctive architecture. The current use of Uris includes all night study, collaborative learning (e.g. CL3), classes and course reserves. The collection no longer defines the library. The media collection has been moved to Olin Library. The collection is no longer growing. It is no longer the undergraduate library housing a duplicates collection. It is time to consider the future of Uris Library—how we will utilize the space and what kind of collection will be housed in the facility.

b) John Hoffmann: Current renovation plans (including the Dean Room) and constraints on use of the Uris Library facilities:

Since Uris is an historic landmark building, all plans for renovation must be widely shared with the Cornell community. The planned renovation should generate fundraising interest, certainly more than the Olin HVAC project. Holt Architecture has embarked on a small feasibility study taking into account programmatic issues and past, current and future needs of students. Differing from the unpopular renovations in 1961 and 1981, the plan is for a retooled space that celebrates the architecture. In the way the A. D. White library is quiet without signs, the hope is the architecture will enhance the atmosphere. The University architect is not yet involved but Holt has done elevation drawings for the Dean Room.

c) Ross Atkinson: Information about the nature of the Uris collection:

In the past, Uris was a stand alone library that contained a duplicative conspectus “level 2” collection. It also served as a public library with personal and entertainment materials: sports, games, movies, language tapes and other practical materials—a place for undergraduates to go that was separate from the scholarly environment in the rest of the Library. In 1995, Uris became part of Olin and parts of the Uris collection (LC classes M, N, and Q-T) were pulled and moved to other library units. The Uris stack collection for the most part matched Olin’s collection and it became harder to tell exactly what Uris Library was supposed to be. The Uris Library reference collection was unified with the Olin reference collection. In 2004, the decision was made to no longer build the Uris collection except for personal use and recreational material—mysteries, childrens books and “how to’s”. The media collection was been moved to Olin Library. The collection is no longer growing. From a collections perspective it is now time to dismantle the collection and move it out of Uris. Psychologically, as long as the collection in its present form is there, it is hard to think of Uris as other than an undergraduate core collection.

d) Comments and suggestions by Council members regarding Uris Library:

- Provide good public spaces in Uris, e.g., graduate study rooms, meetings. Olin does not provide good public spaces. Use the Uris stack space for special collections. The closed stacks would have separate use from the open space.
- Use the stacks on a short-term basis for surge space for Olin, Fine Arts and other units as needed.
- Use the open space for exhibits, community events and programs (e.g., dinners, concerts) – make it a hallmark space. Co-promote for other units
- Put special collections in the stacks, such as foreign government documents, the Native American Collection, LC class Z, circulating Icelandic materials.
- The design concept must be considered in defining the space in Uris. What is in the stacks should be an independent issue.
- Two visions for two spaces: one a gorgeous open public space, the other closed stacks. Uris should maintain its focus on undergrads because they are the main users of the space.
- The Library should be developing a good media services center to reflect the move from graphic language to media. Uris provides us with a great opportunity for this.
- The A. D. White library must remain a book space. Maybe house the mysteries.
- Anne asked that further comments be sent to COL-L

Library Annex: Implication of moving 1 million more volumes to the Library Annex.

a) Xin Li – Actions and Progress related to the new move.

The Annex expansion project is intended to provide for a long-term solution to the need for collection space. The process of selecting what will be moved to the Annex has involved many staff. Two teams visited each library unit to give guidelines for the selection of materials to be moved and to help develop the logistics for the move to account for the challenges unique to each unit.

The move will be chronicled on the website: <www.library.cornell.edu/newannex/working>. The plan is to move two thousand books each day beginning in early October. A listserv will keep each library’s designate up-to-date on essential information.

b) Ross: Opportunities this provides and questions this raises about collections:

LMT provided input that aided in the effectiveness of the selection process for what is to be moved to the Annex. The technical services and collection areas worked together well with Xin Li and John Mamora guiding the process. Ross stated that the policy is that we will not store duplicates in the Annex. The LARIS workforce planning report emphasized that duplicates in the collection be eliminated. As we move low use material to the Annex duplicates will automatically be dropped from the collection

c) Anne: Opportunities this provides and questions this raises about services

Services will be the challenge in the future. As more and more material is moved there, the Annex will house the largest collection of materials in the Library. We will have to beef up document delivery and ILL services. Will the Annex be the 21st library unit at Cornell? What about circulation, reference and other services and longer business hours? Another issue we have to consider is the vulnerability of unused space in the modules to other university demands if we do not use it for library materials.

d) Comments included:

- CUL shouldn't over-invest in low use material. We must provide outstanding document delivery and should consider 12x7 support but we should not try to turn the Annex into a "full service facility."
- We should assess user satisfaction with the current Annex services.
- Are we bringing back to central campus units, those items that have circulated three times or more from the Annex?