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Librarians Meeting  
Tuesday, April 29, 2003 @ 2:00 p.m.  
Library Computer Room

Present: Kathy Arsenault, Deb Henry, Karilyn Jaap, Jackie Jackson, Tina Neville, Jerry Notaro, Signe Oberhofer, Jim Schnur, Mika Slaughter, Berrie Watson

Announcements from Kathy:
1. At Monday’s Council of Library Directors, budget cuts were discussed. All libraries have been hit, some worse than others. Tampa’s may be 5-8%, Sarasota, 3-8%, Health Sciences, 10%, and FMHI, 10-15%. Some of Tampa’s cuts include $115,000 in electronic resources. Our cuts will probably be in the vicinity of 5 1/2%, which include those cuts previously made. However, none of these figures have been finalized yet.
2. Entry procedures have been changed at Health Sciences and FMHI, due in part to terrorism concerns and new medical information protections, as required by HIPA. The procedures include ID-only access, installation of security cameras, and mandatory name tags.
3. The new web page, created by Mika and the USF Libraries Web Advisory Committee, will debut on May 12.
4. Ex Libris – though there was a big delay for the first group, the second group’s implementation, including us, should probably be more or less according to the original schedule with a Summer 2005 rollout.
5. Kathy attended a Space Planning meeting which covered big relocations soon to take place on or about the campus in order to accommodate the new faculty and administrative positions. COB will be moving by July 1 to a leased building (the location of which will be announced shortly). However, since they must vacate their current offices by next week, the College will be occupying some of the Library’s study rooms in the interim. If necessary, Berrie will handle system and network printer hookup.
6. Kathy encouraged all to check out the Quicklink from our website to the information produced by the Task Force Committee.

Signe said the Library is still feeling the FAXON effects, with many titles still lost. She announced that her last day this semester is Tuesday, May 6, but that she would still be in town until the end of the month.

Karilyn is following John Keeth’s advice to continue buying. Though a couple of staff volunteered to bring in the Tampa Tribune, the decision was made to reinstate its subscription by ordering it directly. Karilyn asked to be informed whenever Cynthia does not come in. The McNaughton monthly catalog will be put at Reference for those interested in taking part in the book selection. Karilyn announced a very poor response to her faculty survey.
Berrie is continuing work on the new laptop and the cloned area, and is waiting for the rest of the FCLA equipment to arrive.

Deb announced that Larry is asking for requests for enhancement funds. At the end of the year, we will receive all the print copies of the American Geophysical Union (AGU) journals, so that they can be bound. This procedure is gratis for one year. Deb reported that she was impressed with the presentations she attended at FLA this year, and she invites all interested to stop by and look over the summaries and materials from the meetings.

Kathy said a decision would be made about ALA Toronto at a meeting held today.

Jackie announced that, in light of the upcoming relocations on campus, Reserve material will be returned to faculty members as soon as possible. Susan plans to retire soon. Jackie and Charlotte will be working together on the PeopleSoft Fundamentals Tutorial, which is required before training on the new financial system. The new system should ease some activity at Circ since it will automatically bill for students’ fines, which must be paid at the Business Office. There are many unknowns connected with the new system. For instance, we may lose our capability to forgive fines. New student orientation will take place this Thursday and next.

Jerry – Student Appreciation Luncheon is this Friday at noon. Jerry attended the viewing for Bob McKenzie’s father, and said that Bobby seems to be doing OK.

Jim and Kathy both remarked on the success of Friday’s SAPL event honoring Gene Patterson.

The meeting concluded with Tina’s excellent presentation on reference services.