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LIBRARIANS MEETING  
Tuesday, October 25, 2005, @ 2:00 p.m.  
Library Conference Room

Attendees:

Kathy Arsenault, Berrie Watson, Deb Henry, Jerry Notaro, Jim Schnur, Mika Nelson, Patricia Pettijohn, Tina Neville, Anita Lindsay, Karilyn Jaap.

Discussions and Announcements:

Deb spoke of the upcoming Faculty Council meeting at which an ad hoc campus-wide committee will be formed to work on guidelines for tenure and promotion, annual reviews and, especially, a code of ethics. Because she feels the Library should have a presence, she asked for a volunteer. Patricia has agreed to serve on the committee. Deb also needs someone to sit in on this Friday’s meeting.

Kathy announced that the Library will have Trick or Treat-ers on Friday; there will be approximately 40 children coming over from the Family Village. Kathy asked for suggestions for non-candy handouts.

At least three Library staff will be working at the Festival of Reading this weekend—Jim, Robert V. and Tom Hagood. Parking will be at a premium, but the campus police will be present to assist. Attendance is estimated to be around 15,000. From 2:00-4:00 in POY217, the Library will be hosting book “evaluations.”

Under the new Sexual Harassment Policy, all are charged with reporting to the Office of Diversity and Equal Opportunity anything observed or brought to their attention. When in doubt, report it, no matter how insignificant or even if the offended person wishes to remain anonymous. Of course, anything of a criminal nature should be reported to the campus police.

Joyce Walker, English Department, will be working on a grant in the Library. She will be using one of our Study Rooms for student interviews; she is attempting to track students’ research processes and the sources they use.

In addition to all the changes and adjustments Aleph has brought about, NOTIS will be going down relatively soon, according to Berrie. This unfortunately eliminates an important source for resolving Aleph problems.

Karilyn reported she has put in another order in October, but that delivery of ordered material is still very slow.

Jerry: The CAS Dean search, with Bob Dardenne as committee chair, has been cut to seven candidates, all of whom have impressive credentials. There are no internal applicants. The committee is anxious to bring in candidates around the holidays.
Progress on the Head of Access Services search: the Position Vacancy Announcement should appear next week, an ad will be placed in the December issue of C&RL News, and online postings will appear on HigherEdJobs.com and on many other sites. Members of the committee are committee chair Jerry, Karilyn, Jim, Virginia and Carissa.

Kathy will be going to ALA Mid-Winter in January, and she announced that the decision has been made to hold the annual conference in New Orleans next year.

Jerry reported that a new FLA support/discussion group has been formed, called GLBT Library Services Support Group

Serials are now appearing at a new location in Aleph. There was discussion about dropping or adding new ones. Karilyn has been sending up to 200 titles a week to Tampa.

Tina: Information Literacy Group, formed to determine how much students know or need help with, has met a couple of times. Anita said she has done literacy skills programs for composition classes. There have been no BI classes so far this semester.

Mika and Anita are in the middle of transition training. They are waiting on patron accounts to load. Notices should be printing soon, but not recalls. Communication is slow, and there are problems with Sarasota ILLs

Deb is going to FACRL in Orlando on Friday with Tina. She is still working on second Florida libraries manuscript. In response to her question, those present had no problem with the Faculty Council name change.

Jerry reported that the Library’s satellite dish handled the recent storm all right. One of the reasons is because it is tied down most of the time and only released when needed. AV is very busy digitizing classes.

Jim, with some welcome assistance, has been working on the Special Collections backlog. He is also busy taping for some upcoming TV presentations. He will continue contributing our library’s latest news to Library Leads.