University Library Committee

Minutes
April 24, 2009

PRESENT: Deb Carver, Alisa Freedman, Andy Karduna, David Levin, Gina Psaki, Gordon Sayre

GUESTS: Andrew Bonamici, Associate University Librarian for Media & Instructional Services; Mark Watson, Associate University Librarian for Collections and Access, Sara Brownmiller, Head, Library Systems, JQ Johnson, Director, Scholarly Communication and Instructional Support

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Gordon Sayre, chair.

Deb announced that last evening's event acknowledging this year's undergraduate award winners was very exciting. There were six recipients this year with representation from Political Science, Art History, History, Journalism, and Economics. Barbara Jenkins will be chairing the committee in the future. One change that is going to take place is the submission date. Instead of calling for nominations winter term, faculty and students will be able to submit an application at the end of the term in which the paper/project was completed. Details on the process can be found here. She asked committee members to let Barbara Jenkins know of courses that include research-based projects.

NEW INTERFACE FOR THE LOCAL CATALOG
Sara Brownmiller, Head, Library Systems, gave a presentation on a new interface for the catalog that the library is considering - WorldCat Local. Below is the text from her handout discussing WorldCat Local.

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A next generation catalog:

- improves discovery through a simple search interface
- allows the most relevant results to rise to the top of the results list
- provides faceted results to allow the user to drill down through a results set to increase the precision of the results
- provides spelling prompts
- provides intuitive links to other library resources and discovery tools
- reduces information silos for our users, allowing them to search for and retrieve a variety of different types of materials.

WorldCat Local at the University of Oregon Libraries targets the information needs of general undergraduate research and serves as initial search engine for more in-depth research or for researchers beginning the investigation of a new topic. Faculty and students may still need to use the library's specialized indexes, including the current catalog, for a thorough search of

discipline specific information.

In a single interface and database, students and faculty will have access to citations from the library's current local catalog, to the resources available in the Summit catalog, and to the resources available in the WorldCat database. Faculty and students will no longer need to use three different systems to look for an item and request it should the item not be available in the UO Libraries.

A growing strength of WorldCat Local is the integration of journal article citations. Currently there are more than 58 million journal article citations included in WorldCat Local, obtained from the ArticleFirst database, Pubmed, ERIC and British Library Serials. Plans are also in place to add citations from several major EBSCO databases, which may include Academic Search Premier and Business Source Premier.

The library's Next Generation Catalog Initiative reviewed several products for a new interface, focusing most specifically on WorldCat Local and Encore. Both products offer many desirable features, but WorldCat Local's tight integration with Summit and the inclusion of article citations gave WorldCat Local the edge. Price is also one factor in the Initiative's decision. The first year cost of WorldCat Local will be $25K, while Encore would be $35K. We estimate that WorldCat Local will cost the library $98,213 over five years, while the cost for Encore would be $176,250.

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Sara also demonstrated several searches using WorldCat. She urged the members to perform their own searches by going to http://uolibraries.worldcat.org/ .

Deb asked the committee to send her feedback, after doing test searches, on whether the investment in a system like this is something we would want to consider at this time. Gordon felt that the price is reasonable, but that we might try to consult with the students to see if they feel they need more search pages than what is currently available. We should also consider whether this would somehow increase our costs in ILL and summit.

UPDATE ON BIG IDEAS
The big ideas are posted on the Provost's website. Deb will keep the committee posted on whether their submittal, Teaching the Scholarly Method, advances in the process.

GUIDELINES FOR OPEN ACCESS JOURNAL SUPPORT
For background on this agenda item, see the minutes from the March 10 meeting.

JQ Johnson distributed and discussed the library's draft webpage explaining the "Open Access Publishing Support Fund." It discusses the program's goals, eligibility and funding guidelines, and the funding process. He researched similar programs at Berkeley, Wisconsin, and NC-Chapel Hill to help in putting this together. Before the pilot program moves forward, he would like feedback from the ULC on the information in the document. Also, how involved does the ULC want to be in the decision-making for funding requests?

The committee suggested changing the $1500 max reimbursement per article to $1000, but to leave the $3000 maximum reimbursement per person. There was also discussion on changing the wording in the area that discusses available grant monies to cover publishing costs. The committee agreed that it is not necessary for the ULC to be part of the approval process because applications simply need to meet the specific criteria. There is really no decision-making involved.

The revised funding guidelines reflect implementation of all the ULC's recommendations.

Deb will talk with the VP for Research to see if he would be interested in matching the $50K in order to expand this resource.

PROSPECTIVE BUDGET REDUCTIONS
Deb reported that Library Administration is in the process of modeling out a 5% budget cut. She will keep the committee informed on those discussions.

There will be one more meeting during the first week in June. (June 1, 10:00 a.m.)