

University Library Committee
Minutes
October 25, 2013

PRESENT: Deb Carver, Christopher Sinclair, Debra Merskin, Tim Jenkins, Michael Young, David Wacks, Denise Gigliotti, Gordon Sayre, Jimmy Murray

GUEST: Ann Miller, Head, Collection Services; Laura Willey, Head, Lending Services; Mark Watson, Associate University Librarian for Research Services; Andrew Bonamici, Associate University Librarian for Media and Instruction

Introductions

Deb Carver, Dean of Libraries, welcomed everyone. Introductions followed.

New Library System

The Orbis Cascade Alliance is implementing a new library information system to be shared by all 37 members of the consortium. Following an extensive RFP process, the Orbis Council in July 2012 selected Ex Libris as the vendor for the new Shared Integrated Library System (ILS). Ann Miller, Head, Collection Services, provided a brief overview of the plan for transitioning to the new system this summer. The go-live date for the change is expected to take place the end of June. There will be a 2-3 week technical services down time when there will not be use of our database for acquisitions, cataloging, and processing. The Shared ILS committee will be determining how to handle rush reserve requests. The closing of the "books" for new purchases will be mid-May, rather the June 30th. This will require that new monograph orders be placed, received, and paid for by mid-May.

The changes that users will see:

- Easier to view Summit holdings due to the integrated database.
- Full text searching directly through the public interface. There will be no jumping through FindText as there will be a direct link – for example, to JSTOR articles.
- Users can customize the system to receive notifications; e.g., save a search strategy and receive a weekly update on whether new items have been added to Primo.

The new Shared ILS will provide greater access to larger and more diverse collections. Ann asked the members for suggestions on how to best inform faculty about the implementation of this system. Several suggestions included email notifications, subject specialists having discussions with their departmental reps who in turn inform their faculty, subject specialists attending departmental meetings, notifications on banner, library's home page, and possibly Blackboard.

The library's Shared ILS team will keep the ULC informed of its discussions on how to communicate this change to campus.

Loan Rule Changes

Laura Willey, Head of Lending Services, distributed and reviewed the handout (below) “FAQ on Proposed Circulation Loan Policy Changes.”

FAQ on proposed Circulation Loan Policy changes October 25, 2013

What are we doing?

- We are revising the loan policies of the UO Libraries to allow migration and implementation of the Shared Integrated Library System. The existing loan policy has not had a major overhaul since 1983 and the time is right to simplify the rules.

Why are we doing this?

- The new system requires simplification of loan rules. We are allowed only 25 loan rules compared to the 80 we use now. Simplified rules will improve the user experience and encourage use of our collections.
- We reviewed ARL comparators as well as Orbis Cascade circulation policies and found UO policies fairly restrictive and fines relatively high.

What is the major impact on faculty and students?

- Faculty and students will be allowed to keep most types of checked out materials longer than the current policy allows. We are extending original loan periods for some restricted collections – for example, videos from three days to six days.
- Renewals for already checked out materials will be automatic and users notified when renewals occur.
- Late fines are being reduced for general collections and slightly increased for reserves.
- The changes will not take place until our new system is implemented in June 2014.

Because fines will be reduced, the library will need to investigate how to generate that lost revenue – approximately \$250,000/year. There was some concern with videos only having a six-day loan period. Laura responded that videos can be booked prior to classes and will have automatic renewals.

Program Review Update

Deb discussed the library’s response to the Program Review held last spring. Overall, the report was positive. There are several concerns included in the report which the library is addressing. The ULC will be involved in the discussions with several of the areas – primarily focusing on the following two:

- 1) **Physical space:** taking into consideration what makes sense for the campus. The library will be appointing an internal space committee who will meet with the ULC often to share ideas. Some ideas mentioned today:
 - Library support for programmatic partners.

- Continue providing quiet study areas.
 - More comfortable meeting spaces for students. Chris suggested making the area in the Math Library (old Fenton Hall) more inviting to attract students – many are unaware of this space.
 - Space to expand tutoring program to other disciplines. [Similar to the Math Library tutors.]
 - Compact shelving. Deb responded that compact shelving is very expensive and can only be placed in certain areas due to its weight.
- 2) **Funding:** the UO is ranked 99 out of 128 ARL libraries for expenditures (2012). UOs expenditures also include some unusual obligations, e.g., Blackboard and classroom technology. University Administration has been receptive to faculty concerns about the library's funding levels. The library will be submitting budget requests the end of winter term. It is beneficial to have a letter of endorsement from the ULC included with those requests. It was reported that Cal Berkeley just released a report on major reinvestment to their library. That report can be downloaded [here](#).

Review of Blackboard/Learning Management System Update

Deb reported that requests for proposals (RFPs) have been submitted. The LMS committee will review the proposals early December and narrow the vendor selection to 2-3 before winter term. Those products will be tested in several classes during winter and spring terms. It is expected to make the final decision by the end of spring term. The current Blackboard license has been extended to continue throughout this process - which may take up to a year to complete. The vendors who presented to campus last spring included Blackboard (different version), Longsight/Sakai, Desire2Learn, Canvas by Instructure, and Oba.

If any ULC members are interested in testing one of the selected platforms in their classes they should let Deb know. Faculty and student input will be essential in the selection process. Michael mentioned that several faculty are using "Piazza" and that the LMS committee may want to look into that platform. It is important that clickers work with whatever platform is selected.

To follow the progress of the LMS process, you can visit the LMS committee blog site at <http://blogs.uoregon.edu/lmsreview/>

Dean of Libraries Search

Deb announced that she will be retiring, effective March 31, 2014. She has agreed to continue until the new dean has been hired. The ULC will play an active role in the interview process. The search committee consists of:

- Barbara Altmann, Academic Affairs (Chair)
- Paul Elstone, Development
- Melissa Woo, Information Services
- Forest (Tres) Pyle, English
- Andy Karduna, Human Physiology
- Josh Snodgrass, Anthropology

- Gabriela Martinez, SOJC
- Mary Ann Hyatt, Library (Law)
- Bruce Tabb, Library
- Annie Zeidman-Karpinski, Library (Science)
- Laura Willey, Library
- Shane Turner, Library
- Kathy Flynn-Purvis, Library

Library Instruction

David Wacks suggested that the library consider adding more Freshman Seminar classes. The 'History of the Book' that James Fox teaches has been very successful. Doing so would bring new undergraduate students into the library. Deb will pass this on to the library's Instruction Team.

The next ULC meeting is scheduled for December 12, 2013 at 11:00 a.m. [12/4 update: this meeting has been canceled.]

Submitted by Sheila Gray