

Minutes
RILO Meeting
9:00 AM, February 29, 2008
Green Room

Present: Burnam, Byrd, Green, Jin, Kinzer, Peoples, and Szabo

Tom began the meeting by giving a brief report about the hiring of Emily Haddaway as the Digital Librarian. Her focus will be on the digitization of the Branch Rickey Collection. He continued by updating the group about the scheduled interviews on March 18, 20, and 25 for the Public Services Librarian position.

Tom then spoke about the faculty workshops for this semester. Doug Thompson's "OmniUpdate & the Ohio Wesleyan Web Sites" event drew an attendance of 9. Paul Burnam and Joy Gao's event concerning searching for legal and business information on the Lexis-Nexis Academic database attracted four attendees. He concluded his report on workshops by drawing attention to the student tours of Special Collections being offered on February 28 and 29.

Tom alerted the librarians to the Admissions Office's celebration of student scholars occurring on March 3. They will need to be ready to assist parents wishing to use the Information Commons or café workstations to check email by registering them in accord with the CALEA guidelines. It was recommended that the librarians be sure to logoff Information Commons workstations periodically while they provide coverage at the Reference Desk.

Tom announced that Jeremy Baskes (History), Amy Downing (Zoology), and Justin Kronewetter (Fine Arts) will be the new faces on the OWU READ posters for National Library week in April.

Deb was asked to update the group on the preparations for judging student papers for the Library Research Award. She asked the liaisons to check the databases for any publications their faculty may have produced over the last year that should be included in the faculty bibliography. If they find a publication, they should notify her so that she can make sure it goes into the bibliography and that she has a copy for display.

Tom described the upcoming practicum experience for Susan Kennedy Arango, working on her master's degree, in the Kent State University of Library and Information Science program. She will do her practicum during the fall of 2008. Tom asked for suggestions in terms of projects and ideas that she might do under the auspices of her practicum experience.

Pete passed along a request from Marsha Zavar that the librarians inform students that they cannot request textbooks through our interlibrary loan service.

Theresa asked Deb to speak to the highlights of the E-Science Report issued by the Coalition for Networked Information (CNI). She first noted that the report is directed at research libraries rather than our four-year baccalaureate institutions. She described how the essence of the report emphasized the construction of large data sets and how such data sets would be managed. Such datasets have the potential to manifest a new form of scholarly communication for the evolving electronic information environment. She concluded by saying that the management of such datasets will not be an issue for liberal arts colleges until a long time in the future.

Paul reported on the OhioLINK/KnowItNow virtual reference pilot program. Theresa expressed her gratitude that our library was a participant in this pilot. Kristine, Pete, and Xudong expressed

interest in becoming involved as virtual reference librarians if the project becomes a permanent OhioLINK service.

Kristine expressed concerns about the value of having student assistants staff the lower level Periodicals Desk. She related how she has little work for them to do at that location when she is not in the building. The consensus of the group was to continue to monitor the situation before making any lasting decision.

Pete asked if a key for the Corns 109 instruction lab could be made for the Beeghly librarians who teach in that venue. Such a key's availability would reduce the dependence on Information Services staff to get it when a librarian teaches in the lab. The decision was made to make another key that would be placed in the key box in Marsha's office.

Deb alerted the group to an article from *Library Journal* about "booking a librarian." The article dwelt on the movement to encourage public library users to set up appointments with librarians to get help with extensive research efforts. Deb also expressed her frustration with vendors making changes in databases without giving ample advanced warning when the changes are implemented. Such changes in mid-academic year have profound impact on teaching. The most frequent example occurred within last two weeks when the ISI Web of Knowledge launched a new look in its search interface. Deb also pointed out the link the to the bibliographical manager software, Endnote, that the Web of Knowledge has put up.

Paul asked the librarians who had not yet responded if they could attend a Five Colleges of Ohio workshop on scholarly communication scheduled on May 29.

Theresa announced Tom's appointment to the OhioLINK Catalog Enhancement Task Force.

Paul briefly reported about the faculty brown bag about scholarly communication that took place last Wednesday.

The next meeting was scheduled for May 9 in the Green Room. Paul will organize the agenda. Joy will take the minutes.

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 AM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Paul Burnam