Storage

Tess Gibson shared questions that Judy would like the selectors to think about in relation to Storage. How are we doing? What do we want to do? How should we move forward? Do any of the materials need to be brought back to the main library due to heavy use?

The storage retrieval process as it stands now is labor intensive. Tess would like to see Storage treated as a branch with part-time staff and a scanner. A bookeye scanner costs between $16,000 and $18,000. People are using the materials as the spreadsheet shows. From reviewing the spreadsheet, two titles may need to be moved back: Parasitology and Animal Behavior. Tess will resend the spreadsheet with the department and user status included.

Some selectors wondered if more monographs should be sent to storage and some of the unique journals brought back. This choice would be discipline specific. Space is an issue everywhere, both in the libraries and in storage. This brought up a discussion about weeding. Some said ARL is no longer putting an emphasis on volume count, but now rank the status by funding amount.

Displays

Jennifer Rae showed the selectors the virtual display. The images in the display were labor intensive, so if you would like to have something like this for a topic of your choosing there will need to be advanced notice of about a month. More information from Jennifer Rae:

“The Facebook photo album featuring poetry books selected by library folks is up: https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.10151565054234844.1073741828.96992574843&type=1

Call numbers will be added to each image later today. Kentrell Curry, the graphic design student employee, created all of the images from scratch.”

We also discussed the physical displays again. The group discussed several possibilities about how to make this possible including a location code or a surrogate patron. The group thought the best idea was to investigate the possibility of sharing the “On Display” code that Cheryl mentioned in an email. We will need to check with Jason Dean about using that code.

Some ideas for displays were discussed such as Arkansas Authors or Faculty Publications. Luti mentioned a celebration that the provost has every year for those who publish a book. We may be able to get a complete list of faculty publications from that event.

Phil asked about a QR code for the display to link to the catalog record. It is too time intensive to do these for all of the books on display, but it may be possible to do just one. Molly stated that they would imagine less than a dozen would be a good number of titles to display on one topic.
Book Jackets

Elizabeth stated that it was time to start retaining the book jackets on the books. We decided this was a topic to discuss at a later date.

YBP/ebrary DDA

There was not much time left for a discussion about the value of dda, but it was unanimous that it is a valuable service and that keeping it with YBP as a selection tool in Gobi is also valuable to the selectors.

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