University of Arkansas Libraries  
Faculty Department Heads  
4/16/15

Present: Salisbury (chair), Ganson, Gilbertson, Kulczak, Lehman, Lennertz, Nutt, Rogers, Zou

There were no formal agenda items.

Director Reports

Collection Management Services and Systems

Ganson reported that the digital commons institutional repository went live. Amy Allen is preparing the honors theses for ingest into the institutional repository. She is currently working to install the taxonomy of search terms that Bpress has identified to allow search across the repository. Ganson also announced that selectors have received a call for one-time purchases. She does not yet know the exact amount of funds to be expended, but the deadline will be somewhere around June 1.

Academic and Research Services

Lennertz reported that software issues with the new microfilm reader have been resolved, and Lynaire Hartsell is developing training. The searches in her division are progressing. Terry Wynn is working on StaffGuides to document circulation and reference procedures; these will contain discrete sections that can be used as modules for other guides.

Extended hours start next week, and once again this semester we will host a number of study breaks in conjunction with other campus partners. Some of these partners are repeat participants.

Department Reports

Physics

Lehman reported she should have information about new student orientation sessions by next week.

Technical Services

Gilbertson noted that her unit is still working through the orders received and that the calendar for purchasing deadlines has been effective in distributing the workload. Kulczak reported the search committee for the Head of Instruction and Liaison Services is reviewing applicants.

Performing Arts and Media

Zou announced they recently received two gift collections containing books and scores. Zou is reviewing usage data for the Kanopy and VAST streaming video products, and figures for both are good. He noted Theatre in Video and Opera (two Alexander Street products) are still popular. Zou recently met with Ellen Williams regarding progress on the binding of scores; Williams hopes to add this duty to the position currently vacant in her department.
Fine Arts

Jones reported that Catherine Petersen invited him to look at gift books Crystal Bridges received but will not add to its collection. Some are new titles and appear to be promising additions to our holdings, and Jones will be reviewing them in May. Jones brought a specimen artists’ book that had recently been added to the Fine Arts collection and thanked Tim and Judy for their recent purchases in this area (most of which are housed in Special Collections).

Special Collections

Continuing the discussion of artists’ books, Nutt announced Cat Wallack is working on an exhibit of these materials for next month. A fair number have just come in.

The department will be hosting a couple special events. On April 22, Earth Day, Jeannie Whayne will deliver the lecture "The Incidental Environmentalists: Dale Bumpers, George Templeton and the Origins of the Rosen Alternative Pest Control Center at the University of Arkansas." On April 28, Charles D. Morgan, founder of Acxiom, will discuss his new memoir, Matters of Life and Data: The Remarkable Journey of a Big Data Visionary Whose Work Impacted Millions (Including You). The Libraries will be sponsor the Society of American Archivists (SAA) class on digital repositories on Friday, April 17. Finally, the theme for the May 18 Tusk and Trotter event will be “Food of the Delta,” and July’s event will feature Arkansas’ vineyards.

Special Collections will acquire approximately 300 boxes containing the papers of Jim Burnett of Clinton, Arkansas. These pertain primarily to the Republican National Committee and the National Traffic Safety Board.

Chemistry & Biochemistry

Salisbury reported she is currently going through the book collection of a departing faculty member. Next week, approximately 60 honors posters will be displayed on the second and third floors of the Chemistry Building. Ganson asked about getting these donated to the IR, after which a discussion of author permissions and potentially competing repositories on campus ensued. Allen will contact Salisbury about the honors posters; these posters are already prepared in digital format.

Respectfully submitted,

D. Kulczak