University of Arkansas Libraries
Reference, Instruction, and Selectors meeting 8/17/2016


- Leman (on behalf of Lennertz) – The chancellor is looking at using the Southern University Group (http://www2.gsu.edu/~wwwire/peer/southerngroup.html) as our new group of “peer” institutions.

● Collections

- Zou and Gilbertson - streaming video platforms – Tim gave an overview of the circulation data of DVDs and their average cost per use. When compared with some of the streaming collection (Naxos, VAST, and Kanopy) the physical DVDs have a higher cost per use. He also showed the change in video use across several of the streaming collections for FY15 and FY16. Mary reviewed the pros and cons of the PDA and subscription model, highlighting that there is less work involved for these models then the purchasing one by one of physical DVDs. Some question that remain are: Should we continue with VAST? Could we get a health sciences video collection? How do we want to manage video/media collecting/access going forward?

- Juhl and Smith - new databases added to ProQuest Central database collection – of the collections, several were selected to be listed out as separate databases so they will be easier to promote to users. Journal coverage for ProQuest Central is loaded in the catalog

- Lehman - reminder to review reference collection items this week. If you need more time please let me or Norma know. More time was requested. New due date of Friday, Sept 16th.

- J. Thornton – save the date: Sept 28th for a two hour information and update session with ProQuest. More information to follow.

● Research & Instruction

- Spiegel - Honor’s College engagement plan – the focus of the plan is to help with retaining students in the honors program. A common reason students decided to not pursue honors is the intimidation of the research/honors thesis requirement. The Honors Liaison will be the point of connect between the honors college and the library and will work to engage students with research earlier in their academic careers to make the task less daunting.

- E. Thornton - OER Initiative (visit http://uark.libguides.com/oer) – shared details about the work being done on campus to promote open educational resources. There are two initiatives
in the works to encourage the use of OERs on campus: one is funds of $3000 to faculty to review and adopt the use of OER materials in their classes (hope to have rolling by Spring) and the other is funds of $7500 to faculty to create OER to be used in their classes and be available to other schools to use freely, too.

**User Services** (Lehman)

- Have you seen me: [http://library.uark.edu/record=b3518576~S4](http://library.uark.edu/record=b3518576~S4)? This book, *Library Analytics and Metrics* is missing from the shelves and I have a strong suspicion that one of us has it.

- Reminder about the "Item Requests" tab on Desk Tracker: Please use this to capture patron requests for course reserve items (or non-course reserve items when it appears the patron may not follow up with an ILL request). Olivia and I will be monitoring the information gathered through this tab.

- If we have time, I’d like to share the very cool ScholarWorks@UARK publication download update email and author dashboard that authors contributing to Scholar Works receive. Authors who have contributed to ScholarWorks have access to data about how often and where in the world their works are being downloaded. While IR downloads is just one piece of the impact puzzle, this data could be very useful to faculty trying to make the case for the importance and impact of their work. For anyone who wasn’t there today, let me know if you’d like to have a look at my Author Dashboard, or I’m sure Cedar and Melody could provide more information, too.