Reference and instruction meeting 12/2/15

Present: Lehman, Lennertz, Juhl, Kulczak, McKee, Torres, Youngblood, Laincz, Salisbury, Gilbertson, Boyd, Parker-Gibson, Johnson, Jones, Spiegel, Gibson, Zou, Freedle

Lora
- For folks that report to Lora, please talk to her if you plan on working extra hours to off-set taking the two days of vacation that happen over the holiday break
- The Honors College has grants for faculty intended to support getting technology or equipment that would assist honors students. They’re still working out the details but intend to have two application deadlines during the year. They hope to have application from library faculty. Please speak to Lora with ideas and before submitting applications, but she is encouraging faculty to apply, as well. As part of a discussion a small group – Molly, Sarah, Necia, and Jonathan – volunteered to consider the idea of creating a maker space within the library.
- Training need regarding data management plans – Lora and Judy will be meeting with other folks on campus as part of developing procedures, expectations, and guidelines for data management plans on campus. The Libraries will be playing a role in this and one of the questions to be answered is: What can we assist with the endeavor of preserving, protecting and making research data accessible? Just a sample of some of the questions and discussions points that came up are:
  - How do we (or the campus) ensure compliance with data management plans?
  - Faculty need to have standard formatting and wording to use for plans; need to know what options are available for storage
  - How do we store the various format of things (images, data, text, etc.)?
  - How does data management fit in with the IR?
  - Library faculty want to learn more about what bepress can do. Beth provided this link to the UA bepress site, which is still under development http://scholarworks.uark.edu/

Kathleen
- In case you missed it, U of A ISIS will become UA Connect in January.
- As stated in the Newswire, the Union is having extensive electrical work done between Dec 19th and Jan 10th and will be completely closed during that time. As you might imagine, this will probably mean more traffic for us. UITS plans to have some of their smaller equipment available for students to check out (through the UITS system) in Mullins during that time.

Beth
- The IRC reviewed a draft of the catalog overhaul – it is being redesigned to be in line with the campus webpages. A staff survey and review worksheet has been developed to gather feedback; that information will be distributed after the Web Group is able to review the new catalog design in their meeting tomorrow.