The group met with reference and subject librarians to discuss possible changes to the main home page following a semester of comments from students and faculty. Juhl outlined the positive and negative comments and the main complaints/suggestions that should be addressed. These include:

- Difficulty in locating "the catalog" as distinguished from the books tab
- Left navigation menu too subtle and hard to see as compared to search tabs
- Exhibit images and library "ads" don't make sense together
- Media & More Tab not descriptive enough

The group discussed these and other possible shortcomings of the current page. Some suggestions that seemed to achieve consensus were:

- Keep Articles and Books tabs in the same order as currently, with the same names
- To make space, remove the "Whole Hog" tab in June and remove the word "Course" from the Course Reserves Tab.
- Bring back rounded tabs; consider using CSS to create angled tabs
- Add "Top Ten" link to Databases tab
- Media & More
  Alternate and complementary ideas, may need to offer a few different drafts for comment:
  1. Create a tab for Music & Movies to host links to custom searches for audio, video, and scores; or at least try using Music or Movies or both.
  2. Create a More tab for everything else, add options for an Ebooks search and an images search (link to images list of databases)
  3. Add a tab for "Catalog" for people who miss that wording. (Question: Would the content be the same as the Books tab?)
- Articles Tab
  1. add Index Arkansas to pulldown options
  2. add "Select One" to pulldown options; make default search still go to Ebsco (?)
- Left Menu
  1. Perhaps make text bigger and bolder
  2. Rename "Research Tools" to "Find Resources"
- Consider a submenu bar under the black menu for campus library links: Chemistry and Biochemistry, Fine Arts, Law Performing Arts, Physics, Special Collections
- Ads and Exhibits
  Make one ad rotator to the right of the news items, which should have a hard margin and not wrap around the ad rotator.
  Move exhibits thumbnails to bottom of news items.

Juhl then outlined some possible summer projects and asked for feedback about their relative importance to reference and instruction. These include:

- Mobile version of mobile apps page; links to mobile versions from database lists
- Article Finder tool for fall, based on Lafayette College hack
• Catalog updates
  o Bring tabs into conformity with LibGuides tabs (better cross-browser display); add tabs for some special formats; keep tabs as main navigation element
  o Consider making Advanced Search the default page, if it can be de-cluttered and if it would work consistently (seems to break after each software upgrade)
  o Add Google Books preview, HathiTrust preview
  o Need to redo pages to be standards compliant for latest browsers

• EResources – merging Free and Subscription
  o Web Services will turn this on June 1st so that librarians have time to re-weight their combined links. Juhl will send out instructions again on this.

Projects which were NOT ranked as priorities for this summer were:
• Locate this function similar to Brown University's. Reason: ongoing shifting in stacks; need to put more thought into how specific the maps should be; need to open discussion in public services on bringing back the term "bay"
• Citation maker a la NCSU libraries. Reason: many similar tools in databases or elsewhere on web.

Respectfully submitted,

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