

Council on Libraries Meeting of March 6, 2007

Present: John Crane, Teoby Gomez, Robert Graves, Jeffrey Horrell, Gary Johnson, Elizabeth Kirk, Mary Munter, Cynthia Pawlek, Barry Scherr, David Seaman, Jennifer Taxman, David Webb, Walter Simons. Excused: Alice Farnham, Alisa Koonce, Ellen Waite-Franzen.

The meeting opened at 12:10pm.

1. Introductions of those attending.
2. Minutes of the February 1, 2007 meeting were approved.
3. Announcements (Jeffrey Horrell, Dean of the Libraries and Librarian of the College)

On February 23, the Book Arts program organized a successful Wood Type Weekend, with a workshop and lecture by historian Richard Zauft. The Dartmouth-Duke Mellon project concluded its work on Digital Asset Management; librarians and officials of the universities of Michigan, Yale, Brown and M.I.T. provided feedback to its report. On April 1, an exhibit drawn from material in the archive illustrating the history of the Pilobolus ensemble will open in Baker Library's Main Hall on the occasion of Dartmouth's acquisition of Pilobolus's archive. The exhibition was co-curated by Jay Satterfield, Head of Special Collections, Wess Jolley, College Records Manager, and Genevieve Haas of Public Affairs. Phyllis Gilbert of Rauner, Dennis Grady, Deborah Howe, and Mike Beahan all participated in the planning, design, and installation of the exhibit. A symposium and a panel discussion with artistic directors of Pilobolus, sponsored by the Montgomery Endowment are scheduled for April 3 and 4, in conjunction with an exhibit at the Hood Museum. In a series of events organized by the Friends of Dartmouth Library, art historian Joy Kenseth will speak on "Collectors and Collecting" (April 12). This has subsequently been postponed until Fall term. On March 21, the library will open its Theodor Geisel Room on the ground floor of Baker. Finally: a tally of traffic going in and out of the library on February 14 (a day of heavy snow) counted 3200 individuals in 24 hours, with 610 people in the period between midnight and 2 AM.

David Seaman announced a new "Journal of EMedia Studies", edited by Mark Williams, to be inaugurated in the spring. Ivy Schweitzer, with college archivist Peter Carini, is directing a project to digitize the manuscript materials in the Samson Occom archive. The collection is expected to be available for consultation on the web by the fall term.

4. Storage Space and Related Issues (Jennifer Taxman, Head of Access Services)

Jennifer reviewed the current guidelines governing the transfer of materials from campus libraries to the Storage library, as well as the consultation of Storage materials either at the Storage facility or on campus. There are currently about 400,000 items in storage. She noted that according to recent projections, campus libraries will be "full" in about three years (space is even a more pressing issue at Paddock and Kresge). A lively discussion ensued about the measures to be taken. Although current projects to digitize materials and cooperation with other research libraries may help to alleviate problems of space, we obviously need a campus-wide conversation to plan ahead, which the library will initiate.

The meeting adjourned at 1:10pm.

Future Meeting Dates

Thursday, April 05, 2007

Thursday, May 03, 2007

Thursday, June 07, 2007

Noon - 1:30 p.m., Treasure Room, Baker Library (lunch will be served at each meeting)