

Council on the Libraries Meeting of November 1, 2007

Present: Douglas Bolger, Kirk Endicott, Jeffrey Horrell, Hussein Kadhim, Elizabeth Kirk, Mary LaMarca, Cynthia Pawlek, David Seaman, Barry Scherr, Ellen Waite-Franzen, Sara Walker, Walter Simons.

Excused: Robert Graves, William Hickey, Alisa Koonce, Mary Munter.

The meeting opened at 12:10pm.

1. Introductions of attendees.
2. Minutes of the October 4, 2007 meeting were approved.
3. Library Website Redesign (Mary LaMarca, Library Communications & Web Manager)
Mary introduced and demonstrated the new website-in-progress, inviting suggestions of committee members. The new site offers more visual clues, is easier to access, and allows quick searches in the Library catalogue, Websearch 360, as well as in Audio-Visual materials and Reserve materials (these search boxes are on all pages). The homepage :(www.dartmouth.edu/~libtest/home/) has links to each library of the system and all major services (see mock-up of service page at www.dartmouth.edu/~speccoll/libtest/search2/~webpub1/services.html). It also identifies staff members. Specialists in each subject have their own pages (mock-up: history, at www.dartmouth.edu/~speccoll/libtest/search2/~webpub1/inside.html) which list their office hours, selected subject resources and links to related materials in department pages. For a look at the Rauner library testpage, go to www.dartmouth.edu/~libtest/rauner/. New features of the catalogue will be shown at a later committee meeting. The staff is now trying out the beta version; a beta version for the public will follow in winter term (please give feedback!); production of the new site is planned for the early spring term.
4. Digitization Project (David Seaman, Associate Librarian for Information Management).
Several projects are intended to serve teaching purposes, record keeping, and research at the college. They involve multiple media—digitization of theses and dissertations forms only one component. Here are a few project currently on-going or planned (see also library.dartmouth.edu/libserv/digpub.shtml):
 - U.S. Congressional Serial Set for 1817-1980. See library catalogue at libcat.dartmouth.edu:2082/record=b3103565, and the serial set at infoweb.newsbank.com/?db=SERIAL
 - Encyclopedia Arctica (Stefansson Collection)
 - Regiomontanus Astronomy Manuscript project
 - Dissertations (1300 PhD, 3000 Master's Theses)
 - Images from various collections
 - Stefansson Collection of Arctic Photographs
 - Dartmouth Film Collection.Jeff noted that certain resources on campus are potentially in danger and need to be digitized soon. He suggests faculty think of materials they want to use in courses immediately—this will help to prioritize.
David concluded the meeting by showing a delightful 1950s promotional film for Dartmouth from our collections. Your library as you have never seen it before!

The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 pm.