

Council on the Libraries  
Meeting of February 7, 2008

Present: Kirk Endicott, Bob Graves, Jeffrey Horrell, Elizabeth Kirk, Cynthia Pawlek, David Seaman, Barry Scherr, Roxanna Verona, Ellen Waite-Franzen, Kent Yrchik-Shoemaker

Excused: Doug Bolger, Mary Munter, Walter Simons, Sara Walker

1. Jeff Horrell welcomed the Council on behalf of Walter Simons who was unable to attend due to a teaching responsibility. Introductions were made.
2. Minutes of the January 3, 2008 meeting were approved.
3. Update on Dartmouth's Author Amendment (Elizabeth Kirk, Associate Librarian for Information Resources)

Eliz described the background leading to the development of the author's amendment over this past year, along with the efforts of Barbara DeFelice, Director, Digital Resources Program. The amendment provides the author the right to use their work in their classroom teaching, post it to their own website, etc. by not giving exclusive rights to the publisher. Eliz described how some faculty are using the amendment with their publishers. In at least one case, the publisher has rejected the amendment and Eliz is discussing the issue with the publisher on behalf of the faculty member. The Council felt it would be useful to have wider publicity on campus about the author's amendment. Eliz described Dave Kotz posting a list of "open access friendly" journals on the Computer Science website.

4. National Institutes of Health (NIH) – access discussion and implications (Elizabeth Kirk, Associate Librarian for Information Resources)

Eliz described the legislation signed into law at the end of December 2007 with a provision for NIH to provide online access to findings from its funded research. Eliz distributed two documents outlining the legislation. Procedure for complying with the law are not clearly defined at this point.

Again, the Council urged broader communication on this topic. Jeff mentioned the visits to academic departments scheduled with Eliz and the corresponding "library liaison" and these meetings would be appropriate for passing along the above information.

5. Discussions/relationships with Upper Valley libraries – (Jeff Horrell, Dean of the Libraries and Librarian of the College, Cynthia Pawlek, Deputy Librarian)

Jeff described the open access policy of the Dartmouth Library to members of the Upper Valley community. The administrative staffs of the Howe Library and the

Dartmouth Library have met twice in the past year. Both organizations have the same systems vendor (Innovative Interfaces, Inc.) and discussions of how each library could “point” its online catalog resources to each other are under construction. Dartmouth and the Howe are considering joint planning for an exhibit to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the incorporation of Hanover in 2011. The idea of “One Community/One Read” was also discussed in which Dartmouth (working with the First Year Office) initiates a program with the Upper Valley communities to all read the same book, possibly organize events with the author, and engage the wider community similarly to the way Hanover High School students and the Dartmouth community read *Mountain Beyond Mountains*, this past Fall.

Cyndy described the Dartmouth Library’s involvement with high schools in the area and students pursuing advanced research using our libraries and offering one month of borrowing privileges arranged through their respective schools. Ellen Waite-Franzen suggested reaching beyond the Hanover/Norwich area and Cyndy said we’re involving Lebanon, Bradford, Lyme, etc.

6. Update on January 29 Electronic Resources Fair (Elizabeth Kirk, Associate Librarian for Information Resources)

Eliz described the very successful fair with upwards of 500 students and faculty attending. She shared some of the comments which were very positive. The invited vendors (of resources licensed by Dartmouth) found the event useful and engaging.

7. Announcements

Cyndy Pawlek gave an update on the Director of Education and Outreach search. Over the next month three candidates will be interviewed and the search committee is pleased with the strengths of the candidates.

Cyndy described working with several students on ideas for improvements to the Novack Café and the first floor of Berry Library in terms of reupholstering furniture and additional lighting.

Cyndy also mentioned the Library’s new web presence is scheduled to be released on March 17. Usability testing is currently in progress and reactions have been positive.

Jeff mentioned there will be several events in the spring term to celebrate Dartmouth’s acquisition of the Morton E. Wise Maurice Sendak (author and illustrator) collection in honor of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Roth Center for Jewish Life at Dartmouth, including a May 2<sup>nd</sup> panel discussion of Sendak’s work sponsored by the Friends of the Dartmouth College Library featuring Nancy Canepa of the Italian Department, Patti Houghton of Rauner Library and Richard Gottlieb, a physician, who has written on the psychological aspects of Sendak’s work. A beautifully designed illustrated catalogue, with an introduction by Patti Houghton, will accompany the

Baker Library Main Hall exhibition which will run from April through Commencement and reunions in June.

8. Update on Masters Thesis and Doctoral Dissertation Digitization project (David Seaman, Associate Librarian for Information Management)

David announced the first permissions letters for Dartmouth alums for digitizing their dissertations will go out shortly. The goal is to digitize all the Dartmouth Ph.D dissertations and Masters theses.

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 PM