

Council on the Libraries
Tuesday, January 4, 2011

Present: Douglas Irwin, Seth Brooks, Molly Carpenter, Vladimir Chernov, Jonathan Erdman '12, Lisa Fleischer, Matthew Forman '11, Robert Graves, Matissa Hollister, Jeffrey Horrell.

Staff: Elizabeth Kirk, Cynthia Pawlek, David Seaman, Ellen Waite-Franzen

The meeting began at 12:05pm.

1. Irwin opened the meeting with a round of introductions.
2. Jeff Horrell reported that the Library had received approval to move forward with the first stage of the renovation of the Great Hall in Baker Library. He informed the committee members that there will be an opportunity to meet with the architects next Thursday, January 14.
3. Presentation by Jay Satterfield, Special Collections Librarian, on the Rauner Special Collections library. He noted that the special collections librarians have reached out to faculty and students to integrate the archival collections into the classroom experience. This has been successful in English and History, and many of the humanities, but has also worked for Biology. He illustrated how the collections can be useful for classes by discussing materials related to early debates about smallpox. Various questions arose about the criteria used to purchase articles for the special collections, and what types of materials get added to special collections. After the presentation, the Council was taken to Rauner to see some of the materials related to early medicine and the body, as well as early slavery books.
4. Tour ended at 1:30 pm.