

## **HSL Advisory Council Spring 2023 Meeting April 4, 2023**

Meeting began via Zoom at 1 pm

Attending: Denice Adkins, Jon Stemmler, Sherri Ulbrich, Dongsheng Duan, Jenny Bossaller, Kate Wessler, Deidre Wipke-Tevis, Gayle Mooney, Chris Pryor, Diane Johnson, and Terri Hall

Chris welcomed everyone and thanked them for taking time out of their busy schedule to attend.

### **UPDATE HSL Renovation project:**

This project is now in full swing. The library was closed to users last week during spring break so that staff could start packing up items. Chris shared some photos of what that looked like. Staff and student workers boxed 10,500 items between the regular collection and the rare book collection. The regular collection will be housed in Ellis Library, Room 27. Once the material is unpacked and reshelved at Ellis, HSL staff will have access to the materials and items will be available for check out via library lockers located by the first-floor elevators in the Medical Sciences Building. When a student requests a book, a bar code is emailed to them, they scan the bar code, the locker pops open and they can retrieve the book. Diane placed a link for info on the locker in the chat box. <https://library.muhealth.org/services/circulation/24-7-pickup-lockers/>

The Rare Book Room is now completely packed. Preservationists from Ellis Library provided guidance. Many of the items were bubble wrapped and boxes were purposefully left partially empty. The boxes will be stacked in the depository on Lemoine Industrial Drive for the duration of the project and contents will not be available during the closure. The materials in the Rare Book Collection need to be handled as little as possible and requires a climate control space such as the depository. Dongsheng asked how one defined a rare book. Most common definition is that the item predates 1900. Most of our rare items are covered by insurance and are housed at Ellis Special Collections. Other things that dictate a book as “rare” include how the publication was produced, how many issues were printed, etc. Dongsheng asked if our collection was fixed or if we were still looking for items. Chris said that while we are not actively pursuing to increase our collection, we always evaluate any rare item gifted to the libraries. Diane said that another reason an item might be considered “rare” is if it of local interest, such as an History of SOM that is autographed by Hugh Stephenson. Chris added that the Rare Book Room had been a gift from the Department of Surgery. It is the only part of the library that is not being renovated except for a HVAC update.

Chris shared the current floor plan of the new library. She anticipates having a fair amount of new furniture in the space once it reopens. There will be a new service desk, one that is not permanently built in, which allows us the ability to adjust over time. We can take components out, move them around, set up two service points, etc. We will utilize the testing furniture from the 1<sup>st</sup> floor to create carrels instead of reusing the old wooden ones from the 1980s. The newer carrels will have a wider, longer desk area. Chris called attention to the teal piece of furniture, saying we will have several of these spread across the floor space. Each will have wiring and

ports so people can charge their devices. We expected to have about 126 seats not counting the study rooms. That should put us in pretty good shape – head counts for the past few weeks have averaged about 50 students. Once we have the final floor plan, we will send out bids. One of the issues we may run into is that we may not be able to launch all the rooms with technology. Chris has been working with CAVES on the issue. We would love to have zoom bars with monitors in the rooms but there is some resistance from SOM to put AV in all study rooms.

Another area of contention is the north wall. The renovation of the Medical Science Building requires temporary location for faculty. If plans move forward as outlined, small cubicles will be installed along the library's north wall as SOM touch down spaces. Chris stressed that the library does not think this is an ideal use of that space. The cubicles will be open, and staff will want to use their cell phones in that space. We have been told that the Med School renovation would be 12–18 months. That is a long time to give up space when we'll have already given up 2/3 of our space to accommodate offices. Kate Wessler asked about removal of the temporary cubicles once the Med School project is finished. Chris said that it would be a major noise distraction and she has a feeling that there would always be some reason to have faculty in that space. She is concerned about user implications regarding faculty spaces in the library and continues to push back on this solution, believing neither faculty nor patrons will be happy with the outcome.

Since we are not reusing a lot of our current furniture, we were able to repurpose much of it at other MU libraries. More than 100 testing pieces on first floor will be housed somewhere in SOM until they can find a use for it. We can't store everything, though, and some of the older pieces will be sent to surplus.

Chris said the last day HSL will be opened to users is Friday May 19. Then we will take the next two weeks to empty everything out. We are anticipating reopening mid-July 2024. The library space will be the last part to reopen since it wouldn't make sense to try to have library users in the space while active construction was happening on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> floors. Most of the staff will be moving to a work from home scenario. HSL circulation staff will move to Ellis with our collection, scanner, and main phone number. Staff will also be running back and forth to the library lockers and getting HSL mail. Circulation staff will be able to touch down in FCM Library, and the School of Nursing has offered a touch down spot for Rebecca as needed. The recent pandemic has prepared us for remote work and our IT staff is meeting with everyone individually to make sure they have what they need while the building is closed. We are also developing a QR Code for virtual service. Chris feels overall the transition will be pretty seamless.

#### **Other HSL updates:**

Taira Meadowcroft was recently hired as our new Public Health & Community Engagement librarian but was unable to attend today's meeting. Taira had already been doing a lot with library communications and we hope that at the advisory council's fall meeting she will have a presentation of what her role entails and what she envisions it becoming.

Staffing is down in our circulation area, but it is a little hard to fill positions right now with the upcoming closure. Before we reopen in 2024, we do plan to fill those two positions.

Chris said she is still serving as the interim head of the Acquisitions, Collections and Technical Service unit at Ellis. Search for a permanent hire is ongoing and should wrap up in the next few months.

We are making progress with launching the open journal software which will bring open access publishing to campus. The implementation is pretty much done. The Director of Digital Initiatives, Steven Pryor, is working now with the School of Medicine on the inaugural issue. SOM already had a journal they were wanting to publish, and we were able to come in and do it. Chris said that she and Steven were presenting on this at a conference tomorrow and anticipates that Steven will present on this to the advisory committee in the future. We are hoping that there are others at the university who are interested in starting their own journals.

Early last month, we hosted the Network of the National Library of Medicine site visit. They are housed out of the University of North Texas at Fort Worth. The visit lasted a few days, and we were able to connect them not only with the Health Sciences Library but with public library people as well as other MU library folk.

Chris turned the meeting over to Diane Johnson to discuss more updates.

### **Information Services Update:**

Through a student success grant awarded by the provost to enhance teaching and learning, the University Libraries got funding to expand our access to ProQuest eBooks in support of some of our most rapidly growing distance programs which includes health sciences. We were not only able to buy new eBooks that we hadn't had available in any format before, but we were also able to upgrade some of our paper books to eBooks. We were also able to increase capacity on some of our eBooks to allow more people to use them at the same time. Although we aren't able to afford a site license to the APA style manual, we were able to buy electronic access to a 900 page manual with examples called "A Pocket Style Manual: APA Version":

<https://proxy.mul.missouri.edu/login?url=https://ebookcentral.proquest.com/lib/umcolumbia-ebooks/detail.action?docID=7099184>. Since the official APA Style Manual, used in the School of Nursing and recommended for a variety of courses, is only available to use in a print version, we wanted to let you know about this potential online substitute to the paper version. We only have a single user license for the eBook so we ask that you encourage your students to log out when they are through.

We are changing the process that deals with textbooks owned by the library and currently used in courses. Diane is looking for names of people in the various departments who maintain a list of what classes are being taught currently or in the future, what books they are using and preferably who is teaching the course. She said she had already asked Evan Prost – who couldn't be here today – and he had given her the name in the Physical Therapy Department. That person ended up being a wealth of information for other people in the School of Health Professions. Diane would like to contact as many people as possible to see if we can streamline the process and get more complete book lists onto the website.

Diane pointed out that while much of our collections will be in storage during this renovation, all the print reserve books are going to Ellis Library and will be at the Ellis Library Circulation Desk. We have been trying to buy electronic versions whenever possible to make more

accessible. We have been looking into different ways to provide electronic access to our course reserve books that aren't for sale as eBooks.

Diane said that even though we have been hearing about open textbooks for a long time, with nursing and to a lesser extent with the other health sciences, not many were available. Now, finally, there are a few basic nursing texts that are available through LibreText, and she offered to send more information if anyone is interested. They have also partnered with a couple of other groups such as Open RN/NextGen RN Project as well as some technical colleges to create NCLEX exam questions with background reading associated with each question. They are going to make this available to be integrated with Canvas and grade books.

Diane said many times a faculty member will plan their class and select their learning material before looping the libraires into the process. It would be beneficial to the students if we were brought in at the course development process so we can help explore options for providing open access learning materials at no cost to the students. Looping us in earlier also could help level the playing field across the various campuses as far as the pay walls some of them run into. Diane encouraged faculty to talk to her about making it a little easier for students to get access to course materials.

### **One book tool demonstration**

Diane said this is something we have had for a while but since our migration to Folio much has been changed and upgraded. Diane shared her screen and walked through the process of getting a book. If you can't find what you are looking for in the University of Missouri Libraries, you now have the option to extend your search. If you already know what book you want and you have a title or ISBN, you can use the link *Search more libraries*. It won't just search all four campuses, but will extend the search to libraries, statewide and beyond, through the Mobius Library network. Mobius was originally a network of academic libraries across the State of Missouri, but we now have participating libraries in Oklahoma and Iowa. It will also allow you to have the book delivered to one of the libraries at MU. If you don't find the book in Mobius or the MU system, you will be able to request an interlibrary loan for the item. Diane showed the screen with the link to ILL. Once a person has logged in and requested the book, we will search worldwide for a copy of the book that you will be able to borrow for a short time.

Next item on the agenda is our new Leisure Reading Collection. It is the brainchild of Terri Hall and Chris turned the meeting over to Terri to discuss it.

### **Leisure Reading Collection**

Terri said she came up with the idea of having a leisure reading collection for the Health Sciences Library because classes can get so stressful and clinicians, researchers, and everyone else who works hard need a little downtime. As a result, now - in our lobby area - we have a small bookcase of mostly adult fiction. We also have a few Young Adult titles as well as some nonfiction. These are donations and books other libraires have withdrawn perhaps to make room for newer books. It is really a diverse collection. You don't need to bring an ID or go to the Service Desk. Just come, select a book and keep it as long as you like. Bring it back when it is convenient for you. The books can be returned to the Health Sciences Library or even one of the other MU libraires. It is a no stress loaning program. Chris said that there is a spine label on each

book so that other libraries know to return it to us. There is very little staff time involved with this. They are not cataloging the item – it is like the free libraries people have set up on their property, but perhaps a little more robust than those.

We are very happy we can offer this. Sherri asked if we are accepting donations and Jenny wanted to know if we'd consider a book sale if we ended up with too many. Chris said we are happy to accept donations and other specialized libraries have expressed interest in this model, so if we get too many books we will probably branch out to the other libraries. Ellis does have something similar, working with the Daniel Boone Public Library, but the specialized libraries were not part of that. We now have our own collection.

That completes the agenda for the meeting. Chris opened it up for any discussion or questions. Sherri wanted information on open access books for nursing and asked Diane if she could provide a summary of those titles that could be shared with the undergraduate faculty. She also wondered if any of them were graduate level books. Diane posted a link in the chat:

[https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&AuthType=guest&bquery=\(nursing\)&cli0=FT1&cli0=Y&type=1&searchMode=And&site=eds-](https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&AuthType=guest&bquery=(nursing)&cli0=FT1&cli0=Y&type=1&searchMode=And&site=eds-)

[live&scope=site&custid=s8436643&&profile=edsfolio&authtype=sso&groupid=main&profile=edsfolio](https://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&AuthType=guest&bquery=(nursing)&cli0=FT1&cli0=Y&type=1&searchMode=And&site=eds-live&scope=site&custid=s8436643&&profile=edsfolio&authtype=sso&groupid=main&profile=edsfolio)

and explained that these on open access are basic. The graduate level would be more for the Social Sciences or Research rather than Nursing. Sherri then said that she would contact Emma Huck at the school of Nursing and copy Diane. Emma has the master list of teaching assignments. Diane thanked her.

Meeting adjourned 1:50 pm