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Faculty Assembly
Academic Affairs Committee's Library Sub-Committee Meeting Report
May 8, 2001
10 – 11:00 am
Video Conference Rooms

Present: David Mokler, Tom Leach, Karen Pardue, Andrew Golub, Stew MacLehose, Sharon Eckert, and Barbara Swartzlander who compiled these minutes.

Update on the UNE Libraries progress this past fiscal year, 2000/01

UNE Libraries homepage <http://www.une.edu/admin/lir/library/index.html>

Remote access < http://www.une.edu/admin/lir/library/database/remote.html> is a big goal that has been met. All students, faculty, and staff with a current UNE ID card can access all UNE Libraries’ databases from on or off-campus. The Libraries will continue to promote this service. We’re working to download Banner records into the Libraries’ Innovative Interfaces, Inc. database so that users will automatically be registered. Web Access Management (WAM) software tracks usage statistics of remote access to databases, a factor in renewal decisions.

State of Maine Databases <http://www.une.edu/admin/lir/library/database/dbalpha.html> are accessible at no cost to us from the UNE Libraries web page. These include, among others, ABI INFORM Global, Academic Search Elite, BIOSIS, Clinical Reference Systems, EBSCO Animals, Funk & Wagnalls New World Encyclopedia, MAS FullTEXT Ultra, and netLibrary. This makes for an expansive list of databases available to the UNE Community.

Test databases <http://www.une.edu/admin/lir/library/whatsnew/testdb.html> that are potentials for purchase, can be accessed under “What’s New” on the home page. Comments on these are welcome.

Wireless access is now available on UC, and will be added to WCC next fiscal year. Use of this resource requires purchase of a Network Interface Card (NIC) for laptop or desktop computers.

Additional T1 line is being added to the UNE shared network for Fall 2001 which will help the congestion problem. Another additional T1 line will be installed just for students by Fall 2002 to speed up internet connections.

e-journals <http://www.une.edu/admin/lir/library/ejournals.html> collection continues to expand. ScienceDirect has been a well-received pilot. Most e-journal links are made with IP recognition. If a user name and password are needed, the standard that we use for both is “une1lib.” If this doesn’t work, call a reference librarian for the correct one. Subject access and journal title access are two separate approaches for access to e-journals. The continued addition of e-journals and other e-resources to the UNE Libraries collection will make the distance between the two campuses less of an issue for materials access.

e-books <http://www.une.edu/admin/lir/library/ebooks.html> include netLibrary, over 4000 full-text books in many subject areas, and Project Gutenberg.

e-forms <http://www.une.edu/admin/lir/library/services/index.html> for reference, interlibrary loan, and book renewal requests have been added from “Hours and Services” on the Libraries homepage. We are working on a UC/WCC intercampus request e-form for articles and books.

Ariel, a document delivery system, purchased by the UNE Libraries, expedites interlibrary loan by using equipment to scan documents for electronic delivery between participating libraries.

Diversity exhibits & web pages are periodically exhibited. Examples for this year included Native American History Month, Women’s History Month, and Earth Day.

WCC Library renovation project is underway. The University is paying for these renovations. This is primarily the addition of Heating/Ventilation/Air Conditioning (HVAC) to the building. ADA requirements are also being addressed, particularly aisle widening for access to materials.

CHP move, bringing challenges to be resolved, is being supported by the Libraries. Journals and books will be moved to the appropriate campus for support of curricular offerings. From now on, all cataloged materials in the UNE Libraries will have LC Classification Numbers. The Dewey Classification System at WCC has been closed. e-journals and e-books will continue to improve access for all users, and provide the most “bang for the buck” for both locations.

Maine Info Net Statewide Catalog <http://130.111.64.9/>, accessible from the UNE Libraries home page from “Maine Library Catalogs,” combines and links library collections. When the system is fully implemented, a single search will scan 10,000,000 items in more than 300 libraries. A built-in requesting and transaction management system allows patrons of libraries using a qualifying online system, which includes the UNE Libraries, to make online interlibrary loan requests. At the present time, your entire UNE barcode number is needed to request items.

Bigelow Laboratory for Ocean Sciences Library Automation Project is in process and in the next year, the BLOS Library’s holdings will be accessible via Maine Info Net.

User instruction in the curriculum continues to be a goal of the UNE Libraries. Reference staff attended Core Curriculum Revision Meetings in the hopes that library skills will be built into the CAS curriculum. It is hoped that library research, a life-long learning skill, will be built into the curricula of CAS, COM, and CHP for all students. Potential electronic solutions, some currently being implemented, for library user instruction are:
WebCT, which in collaboration between librarians and faculty, could provide tailored library skills for classes.
TILT <http://tilt.lib.utsystem.edu/> which could offer generic library instruction skills via the internet from the Libraries homepage.
Subject Guides <http://www.une.edu/admin/lir/library/webtool/subguide/index.html> can be developed.
Library Research FAQs <http://www.une.edu/admin/lir/library/webtool/libfaq/index.html> are mounted.

Maine Women Writers Collection <http://www.une.edu/admin/lir/mwwc/> has a new web page, and its physical space in the WCC Library has been beautifully renovated, including HVAC & fire suppression.
Healy Chair, Jennifer Tuttle, will begin her new position in the English Department this coming Fall.

An overview of future direction for the UNE Libraries primarily focused on the support that the Library Sub-Committee expressed for continued collection development in the form of e-journals, e-books, and e-databases. They also expressed appreciation of the Libraries’ staff and their excellent services to the UNE Community!

Thank you very much! to David, Karen and Tom for serving on the Library Sub-Committee! Their recommendations, advice and support are appreciated!