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UFA AAC Library Subcommittee Meeting 10/31/18 - Notes

Attending: Bethany Kenyon (chair), Patricia Long, Tessie Stansbury, Nancy Simpson, Richard Peterson, Stew MacLehose, Elizabeth Dyer, Emily Dornblaser

Library Events since spring meeting:

- [MWWC Conference](#)
- Donna M. Loring Lecture – [Wabanaki Basketmaking](#)
- Art galleries spring/summer/fall exhibits ([PC](#) & [BC](#)) – new show at PC reception 11/8
- Virtual Reality open house at BC (PC in future) – Oculus Rift + Embodied Labs empathy software available for faculty to test; COM, PA, Nursing, and PT students have used it.
- Paywall screening (Full movie: <https://vimeo.com/273358286>) – re: open access publishing; Beth noted recent European push toward “Plan S” for open access publishing ([article here](#))
- Frankenreads (Frankenstein book discussions) at both libraries on 10/30
- Archives Fair 10/18; October is archives month; libraries have 6+ special collections available for research
- [Make Shift Coffee House](#) (Race conversation)

Library scholarship: Beth Dyer, Barb Swartzlander, and Marilyn Gugliucci's VR [article published](#); Bethany Kenyon @ NLM in DC for Research Management course; Sonya Durney @ National Library Legislative Day in Washington DC; Amanda Leen @ UXLibs 2018 in Sheffield, England; Beth Dyer @ Medical Library Association in Georgia; Amanda Leen presented at Maine Library Association (UX presentation), Cadence Atchinson presented at MLA (ME Libraries Engage & Lead experience), Sonya Durney led marketing and academic interest groups discussions at MLA, Cadence Atchinson & Sonya Durney served on MLA planning committee.

Services/Updates:

- Chat service continues based in library web pages; staffed M-F 8-8 + Sunday afternoons (FAQs and Ask a Librarian always available); good utilization from patrons so likely to continue
- Every academic department has an assigned [Library Liaison](#) who is eager to partner with and support their department
- Librarians want to hear from faculty what resources they find useful and are always open to suggestions/requests for materials to support the curriculum
- Facilities updates: Ketchum Information Desk & main floor space updated due to new flow through library from Ripich Commons (tile, shuffled computers, service desk facing traffic), new Ketchum study furniture added to upper floor per student requests.
- Library web pages redesign begun; originally in tandem w/UNE site redesign but will likely be complete ahead of UNE pages (possible summer 2019 implementation); intent is to streamline access to library materials/services
- Change in databases ([Digital Maine Library](#)) – ME state databases moved from Ebsco to Gale
- DUNE materials update; most recent additions include CGPS student materials; reminder that DUNE is repository for UNE community – faculty should keep it in mind as a mechanism for collecting and disseminating their own and their students' works.
- Ongoing Library 'New Model' environment (flat structure, function and project –based working groups) and use of Microsoft Outlook Teams to increase transparent communication; 10 at 10 implementation (10 minutes at 10 a.m. daily staff gathering to document current projects/goals)

Questions:

Emily wondered whether library staff was capturing student assessment information on the co-curricular events we hosted. Librarians do typically gather statistics for these events, but not pre- and post- assessment information.

Rick wanted to know if there is tracking embedded in research instruction given by librarians – e.g. is there a mechanism to know whether students are utilizing the instruction? Beth noted that one of the better methods for accomplishing this is to structure an assignment around the research instruction. Bethany noted that there might be a method for tracking if instruction material is made available specifically to students through their Blackboard course management system, but we do not track user movements through library resources.

Rick wondered whether the Virtual Reality equipment was available for members outside the UNE community to trial; Beth noted that folks outside the UNE community have already done so, and others are welcome. Barb Swartzlander is the contact on the BC, Beth Dyer on the PC.

Rick thought other groups on campus would be interested in learning about Library Services' experience implementing a flat, team-based structure. Library staff does intend to share their experience, but is currently reviewing the model for improvement/feedback, and thought wide dissemination might be premature. We are early implementers of the Microsoft Teams software, however, and would be happy to share our experiences with that.

Emily noted that it would be useful if the libraries could find a forum for regularly highlighting its resources, as there are many, many interesting and useful resources, but likely not many faculty have a good handle on how much/what the libraries offer.