

**MINUTES OF THE BRACKEN HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Tuesday, January 24, 2012 3:30 p.m.**

Present: B. Banfield, C. Donnelly, R. Flanagan, D. Magee, S. Maranda, J. McKay,  
S. Murphy, J. Jia Ren, A. Smithers, A. Sutherland  
Regrets: D. Edge, D. Hurlbut, I. Rodger, G. Wang

Roundtable introductions were made.

**1. Agenda**

The Agenda was approved as circulated.

**2. Minutes of Meeting of October 24, 2011**

The Minutes were approved.

**3. Feedback from Student Representatives**

- students are having problems booking the study rooms. S. Maranda stated that she knew there were problems earlier in the academic year but thought that they had been resolved. **ACTION:** *S. Maranda will investigate and see what can be done to resolve the situation.*
- Residents are not able to request articles from home without paying for them – yet in the hospital they can access them for free. S. Maranda explained that Residents are both Queen’s students and hospital employees and so access to hospital services can only happen when physically in the hospitals. It was noted that the book collection housed in the KGH Library is very outdated. S. Maranda explained that it was never the intent to maintain a print collection at the hospital location. The Library content is available electronically or physically at Bracken Library. It was agreed that some sort of signage/notices would be posted in the hospital library indicating how to access e-Resources and how to contact a librarian. The librarians are also available to give group sessions to the Residents upon request.

**4. Feedback from Faculty Representatives**

- There are still occasional e-resource access issues.
- Positive comments about the “Book Christmas tree” in the Library
- C. Donnelly reported that the OT accreditation is next week and also that the School of Rehab. Therapy is looking for a new Vice-Dean.

**5. Business Arising**

- Journal titles in Orthopaedics: A. Smithers reported that D. Hurlbut informed her of 3 titles that colleagues had access issues with. These issues have been resolved. All users are encouraged to let Library staff know when they encounter access issues.

**6. Library Space**

**S. Maranda**

S. Maranda reported that the flooring in the lower level lounge is in need of replacement. It was decided to modestly improve and expand the lounge space when the flooring is installed. This necessitates weeding and consolidating the book collection. This work is on-going.

Another driving force behind revamping the lower level of the Library is the decreased use of print journals. E-journal access has meant that where the library has both print and electronic formats, the print format sits unused. The space that it takes up would better serve the users by providing study and collaborative work areas.

At the same time the Dean brought up the issue of Animal Care Services needing more space and that one solution would be to take over some of the Bracken Library lower level. There has been no decision as to whether this will happen and if it does, how much space the Library might lose.

What this all means is that some print journals will need to be moved to a storage area at Stauffer Library or discarded. A company will be hired to do the physical work of moving journals. For those items that will be discarded Bracken Library is working with the Queen's Waste Information Co-ordinator to ensure that the material is recycled. Some older books are being considered for the Special Collections area in Douglas Library.

## **7. Collections Update**

### **A. Smithers**

Bracken Library now subscribes to approximately 70 print journals. Two journals that are moving to electronic format only are:

- Journal of Clinical Oncology
- Journal of Neurosurgery, including Paediatrics & Spine Sections

The decision has been made to cancel the print subscriptions to such standards as: BMJ, JAMA, Lancet and NEJM. The library has full and permanent access to each of these journals. Oxford e-Books will also be cancelled due to less than 10 users accessing them in the past year.

A. Smithers asked for feedback regarding e-Books in general. Feedback included:

- Problem with eye strain trying to read from a screen
- Library-purchased links aren't available on mobile devices
- The publishers are concerned about downloading of books
- No consistency amongst publishers re. the timing of e-Books releases. Some are released after the print so if it's an important title we end up buying both formats.

BMJ Point of Care is now called BMJ Best Practice. It incorporates a Clinical Evidence product as well as Drug information with Martindale's.

There are 7 new evidence-based healthcare e-Books through The Joanna Briggs Institute that are available on the Ovid platform.

Bracken Library is now buying e-books on the eBrary platform. It can be a challenge printing/downloading from this platform. Let A. Smithers know if you have any problems. Also let her know if you are aware of an e-book that is available and would like the Library to purchase it.

There was a demonstration of Ovid-MD as well as Primal Pictures/Anatomy & Physiology Online. Librarians are currently exploring the possibility of using these images in lecture slides and issues around copyright.

**8. User Services Update**

**S. Maranda**

S. Maranda reported that the Stress Relief activities that the Library held at exam time were well received. Bracken Library will investigate whether or not to do it again during spring exams. It would be harder to choose a week since various Schools' exams run at different times. It will be done during the Christmas exam period again next year for sure.

**9. Outreach Services Update**

**S. Maranda**

A new contract between Bracken Library and Corrections Services has been signed. The Library will provide literature searches and documents.

**10. Announcements – Staffing**

**S. Maranda**

One librarian has returned from maternity leave at reduced time. Another librarian will be going on maternity leave in the spring. We are hiring a one-year contract position effective April 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM