

MINUTES OF THE BRACKEN HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING
Thursday, February 13, 2014

Present: D. Andrew, J. Dantes, L. Flynn, D. Hopkins-Rosseel, D. Hurlbut (Chair), M. Legassic, S. Maranda, B. Ogundimu, A. Palmeri, J. Si, A. Smithers, D. Tregunno, T. Watson

Regrets: G. Blohm

1. Agenda

One item was added to the Agenda at the end of the meeting: #13. Upcoming Construction

2. Minutes of the Meeting of October 23, 2013

The Minutes were approved.

3. Feedback from student representatives

- A. Palmeri reported that the nursing students find the library staff very helpful and friendly.
- T. Watson reported that he surveyed the rehabilitation therapy students but hasn't received any responses. He feels that his classmates are generally happy with the library.
- M. Legassic surveyed the medical students and several themes emerged:
 - Students like to use the library for studying – it's a nice change from the medical building.
 - The lower level noise level can get too loud at times. **ACTION: the Commissionaires will be reminded to enforce the Quiet Study designation on the lower level and at the same time allow conversation noise levels on the main level.**
 - Proxy issues are still occurring. **ACTION: students and faculty should report these issues to the Library.**

4. Feedback from faculty representatives

- D. Hopkins-Rosseel solicited feedback from faculty members and received multiple emails, all with positive feedback. Noted in particular was the "fabulous" assistance that librarian Paola Durando gives to the School's faculty. They also like the fact that Interlibrary Loans are now free to them.
- D. Hurlbut received feedback from between 13 and 15 medical faculty colleagues. About half the responses were positive: they were happy with the resources and the helpfulness of the library staff. Web proxy access was reported as a problem. Some QCH outreach members wondered if they had representation so that they can give feedback to the library. D. Hurlbut asked them to contact him.

- The major complaint is that the library doesn't subscribe to Up-To-Date. There was discussion about the need to develop a strategy to communicate to the users about the alternative resources that can be accessed via the library. Something that grabs the user's attention is necessary. One suggestion was to have the word Up-To-Date front and centre on the Bracken Library homepage and then users will think it's a link. Once they choose it they're told the library doesn't have this tool but here are other similar tools that they can use. **ACTION: S. Maranda and colleagues will work on this.**

5. Business arising

- Copies of core texts in Rehab. Therapy
Anne Smithers reported that although she never found out the title of the text in question she is aware that some publishers do not allow libraries to purchase certain textbooks in electronic format. Vendors want to preserve the print market and increase revenues from electronic book sales so their strategy is to allow the library to purchase only the print and students are then required to buy their own copies of the e-textbook. There was discussion about what can be done to fight this trend. **ACTION: the Chair will followup with Anne Smithers and if needed will draft a letter on behalf of the Committee to the University Librarian requesting that the University, in conjunction with other universities, put pressure on publishers to change this practice.**

6. New resources demonstrations

S. Maranda

- Dynamed & Isabel
A point of care tool that is comparable to Up-To-Date but much less expensive. It can be found on the library's main page under Collections, Point of Care Tools.
- Health Sciences Research Guide
This resource was created by librarians and is found under Guides on the main library page.
B. Ogundimu wondered whether the librarians would be willing to present this information to the Residents as it would be very helpful to know about it. **ACTION: B. Ogundimu will ask her supervisors to invite the librarians to their Research Day (summer 2014).**

7. International Centre for the Advancement of Community-Based Rehabilitation (ICACBR) & Bangladesh

S. Maranda

Bracken Librarian Paola Durando went to Bangladesh in 2013 as part of the ICACBR group. She helped teach the librarian there what electronic resources were accessible to them. In April of 2014 she and Suzanne Maranda will be going back to Bangladesh thanks to a grant application that was approved.

One of the outcomes of that first trip is that Bracken Library and the Centre for the Rehabilitation of the Paralysed (CRP) library in Bangladesh are officially sister libraries. This was done through the Medical Library Association (MLA). The benefits of this designation is that it shows that there's a relationship between the two libraries. There will be a plaque mounted at each library acknowledging the relationship. There is also the possibility that the librarian in Bangladesh could receive funding through the MLA to attend the MLA Annual Conference being held in Toronto in 2016. Suzanne will spread the word about this arrangement. She will report about it to the AFMC librarians in April, in Ottawa (we meet as part of the CCME).

8. Collections Update

A. Smithers

The low Canadian dollar is significantly impacting the library acquisitions budget. About 98% of Bracken Library's material comes from non-Canadian sources. There is now a spending freeze on the budget. The publishers can tell what electronic resources are being heavily used and they base their pricing on usage. Therefore the popular databases and journals go up in price more than the less used resources. It becomes difficult to justify the purchase of resources that aren't heavily used. **ACTION: Let the librarians know what resources were useful to you in your research.** This kind of information will be useful for the librarians to make their case to the University Librarian and the Provost when discussing budget allocations. They need to know if the library is serving its users well. It is also helpful for cyclical reviews and accreditations.

9. User Services Update

S. Maranda

- Flat screen monitors in Group rooms
Flat screen monitors have been installed in the 6 group rooms on the main floor. Overhead projectors are still available at the Circulation desk but hopefully the new monitors will be easier to use and take less set-up time.

10. Outreach Update

S. Maranda

Bracken Library has still not heard about the outcome of the RFP for Library Services to the KGH. The library made a presentation to the KGH RFP Committee last Friday. KGH staff have been calling the library to ask how they can get access to our resources.

11. Announcements

S. Maranda

None.

12. Next Meeting

It was decided to hold the next meeting in May 2014, once S. Maranda is back from Bangladesh. A Doodle poll will be sent out to choose the date.

13. Upcoming Construction

The City of Kingston will be doing road reconstruction this entire summer. The streets affected are: Stuart, Arch, O'Kill, George. The construction timeline is from May to October/November 2014. L. Flynn stated that the construction noise will definitely affect the Library users. S. Maranda said that the Library will supply ear plugs to users as was done many times before. Certain services may have to be relocated. **ACTION: S. Maranda will make the University Librarian aware that this is happening and that Bracken Library users may need to find other locations to study.**

S. Maranda mentioned that she had heard that the Schools of Nursing and Rehabilitation Therapy are investigating a move to West Campus. This would have a huge impact on the library. Discussions around this issue are ongoing.