Library Management Team (LMT) Meeting

2/4/2025 at 2:00 PM
<u>Attendees</u>: S. Cary, A. Huelsbergen, K. Peters, J. Pierce, S. Pryor, E. Shaw, J. Thompson, K. Whatley
<u>Support</u>: N. Whyte

Updates on Vet Med Library Move (Jenny)

- Materials from the Vet Med Library are being moved to UMLD due to poor conditions and Vet Med college reclaiming space for student use.
- Original completion date of May 1 has been extended to July 1.
- Serials at Vet Med are not barcoded, causing delays.
- Movers and Campus Facilities will remove shelving and install carpet in July.
- Unbound materials will be shelved at UMLD and processed after July.
- Furniture from HSL will be moved to Vet Med to prepare for reopening by August 13.

Hiring Updates (Kara)

Vet Med Librarian Position has been posted for six weeks now; ten applications received. Search committee has met and will have their second meeting next week to review applications.

Journalism Librarian Position is awaiting final approval; expected to post soon. Jeannette confirmed search committee has been finalized.

Social Sciences and Copyright Librarian Position. Paperwork in progress with primary social science area being psychology. Jeannette will chair the search committee.

Life Sciences and Research Technologies Librarian Position. Focus on research technologies, data management, and text/data mining. Janice will chair the search committee.

<u>Action item</u>: With so many searches in motion, unit leaders are encouraged to reach out to Kara and Jeannette to recommend or exempt team members from serving on search committees.

Remote Work Inventory (Kara)
University expected to conduct a remote work review to ensure compliance. Issues with the forms (e.g., freezing up, incorrect campus addresses) were noted by the group. More details about the inventory to become available after President & Provost cabinet meeting on Friday.

Library Assessment Conference in 2026 (Kara)
ARL is looking for hosts and/or co-hosts for the Library Assessment Conference next year. Kara asked for group's thoughts regarding potentially co-hosting with WashU. Commitment would

involve staffing the conference and potentially receiving free registrations. Discussion around whether we'd have proper infrastructure, meeting rooms, hotels, shuttles to host in Columbia. **Action item**: Kara will talk with Mimi Calter from WashU and Andrew Pace at ARL to gather further details regarding financial and logistical commitments.

Improving Work Quality of Life for Staff (Kara)
Ideas discussed by group include:
- **Service Desk Redesign:** Replace current desk with ADA-compliant, flexible furnishings.
- **Staff Lounge Refresh:** Replace couches and coffee tables with higher quality furniture.
- **Hot Water Access:** Explore feasibility of restoring hot water to buildings.
- **Lighting Improvements:** Install natural light bulbs in areas like UMLD and 52.
- **Carpet Cleaning and Wall Painting:** Address cleanliness and aesthetics in staff areas.
- **In-Service Day:** Close the library for a day to focus on professional development or team activities.
- **Designated Vacation Periods:** Identify slower times of the year to encourage staff to take PTO.
- **Celebration of Service:** Combine with an in-service day, include activities like board games, chili cook-offs, or baking contests.

Next steps: LMT to put in further creative work to come up with plan(s) to honor staff and events team can help with logistics.

Data Rescue Efforts (Jenny, Jeannette and group)
Concerns about disappearing data from federal and state websites. Missouri-specific data preservation identified as a focus area of importance. Current efforts include participation in LocksDocs and HathiTrust for government information archiving. **Next steps:** Consider sharing information about existing efforts with staff, perhaps invite an expert to talk to at SAG meeting.

New Digital Asset Management Platform (Shannon)
University has adopted "IntelligenceBank" for managing photos, graphics, and templates. **Next steps:** Shannon to share out with everyone after more is learned.

AI Chat Tool for Students (Jeannette)
"Rory," a new AI-driven chat tool has been launched for undergraduates. Library-related questions tested; peer navigators may be in a good position to provide feedback.

Next LMT meeting is scheduled for Tue Feb 18 at 2 PM