



BCLA ALPS December Meeting

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6 December 2013, 9:30am-4:30pm

Lillooet Room, Irving K. Barber Learning Centre, University of British Columbia

- SFU
 - Renovations at the Bennett Library
 - The University Librarian has accepted a position in Miami and the search for a new UL has now begun
 - SFU had previously been using a Matrix structure for its liaison services. In this structure, a librarian would have an administrative home and subject areas, but would also be on several teams (e.g., Instruction, Scholarly Communication).
 - The librarians would all report to a supervisor, but had different supervisors.
 - It was felt that the amount of work, the type of work, and the number of meetings could vary quite widely.
 - Initially, it was thought that the teams would be together for a couple of years and then shifting would occur.
 - The new structure will have a smaller number of librarians reporting to a supervisor, as well as having monthly meetings. Different individuals will likely be drawn to different projects.
 - The idea of teams brought up the question of how much of a generalist or how much of a specialist a librarian should be? There are certain positions which require a level of expertise and in-depth knowledge and may not be well-suited to a team-based approach.

- UBC-O
 - Currently, UBC-O works out of one library to serve the entire campus. The library itself was designed for less than half of the students which are now being served.
 - Recent renovations were undertaken, but these renovations did not lead to new space.
 - The Library heard feedback that there was not enough space, but that was anecdotal and not so helpful when trying to make a case to administration.
 - UBC-O recently partnered with the Development Office and launched a web site (morelibrary.ok.ubc.ca).
 - Between Monday and Friday, the site received 184 responses.
 - Part of the success was due to the fact that the survey was very short (only two questions).
 - The survey was added as an advertisement to the library homepage and the message was spread through social media.
 - The library was targeting respondents from outside of the library. Coffee and pizza were handed out at a few different points on campus.
 - UBC-O is also currently looking for a new chief librarian.
 - Interviews are complete and public presentations have been given.
 - Moved to a merged desk model



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- Staff training is still in progress and rewriting job descriptions has been necessary
 - Librarians are not scheduled to work specific desk hours, but they are on call for 8-10 hours per week. When on call, they are expected to be in their offices and respond immediately to requests.
- UBC
 - UBC is also reexamining its liaison model, but at the moment the discussion is preliminary.
 - UBC has transitioned to LibGuides.
 - UBC lost two librarians, one to retirement and the other to a different position. Neither position has been filled.
 - The Science & Engineering library and the Music library have moved. Staff and some collections have been relocated to other libraries on campus.
 - Two hospital branches also closed (St. Paul's and Women's & Children's). The librarians from those branches were moved to the main campus. There is some concern as UBC is now no longer serving clinical faculty through those hospital sites
 - The Robson Square Library was also closed.
 - At the moment, a lot of the Heads are acting, and generally there's uncertainty.
 - It was noted that there was also a trend of creating positions that hire MLIS graduates under different classifications rather than tenure-track librarian positions. The positions are within library departments, generally report to librarians, and it was felt essentially had the duties of librarians.
 - Camosun
 - An information literacy module was created using LibGuides
 - Last year, Camosun implemented the EDS discovery layer.
 - There has been some discussion of how to go about incorporating the discovery layer into library instruction.
 - A representative from UBC noted that they will no longer be teaching using their discovery layer during the information literacy sessions for mandatory English courses.
 - Feedback from instructors and students indicated that the students were not engaging with the content, as they felt that they did not need instruction in using the discovery layer.
 - Professors wanted more of a focus on Boolean and advanced search techniques in databases.
 - It was also noted that there was a lot of inconsistency and difficulty in replicating search results, which complicated instruction for the librarians.
 - UNBC
 - Recently welcomed a new university librarian in September 2013
 - At the beginning of the year, there had been preliminary discussions about altering the liaison model, however no decisions were made



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- A new library web site is set to launch in the new year and the development of an institutional repository is currently underway.
- Kwantlen
 - Developed a plagiarism tutorial
 - Currently investigating different discovery layers, although no decision has yet been made
 - An institutional repository is also in development and should be launching in the Spring
 - There has also been a changed instructional model which will incorporate teams for teaching in heavy request areas, like English and Criminology.
- UFV
 - Preparing an application for the BC Digitization Grant in order to digitize local historical newspapers from Abbotsford
- Emily Carr
 - Research blogs were developed using Wordpress in lieu of purchasing LibGuides
 - One blog was developed for each faculty area
 - Students are also blogging about different parts of the collection
 - The Interactive Table is a project in which there's an Epson projector hooked up to a Mac Mini and a document scanner which records both 2D and 3D objects and video. There's also a motion sensor which allows users to control the computer through gestures. A wireless stylus is also provided so users can draw digitally.
 - Ten new iPads were purchased for borrowing by faculty
 - A resident artist came to spend time in the library and both worked with the collection and developed public programming
 - A new campus is being built, but the timeline has been pushed back. Emily Carr will maintain some presence on Granville Island, but the library will be moved to the new campus location.