In the 'Words from the Director' section of the library's 2015-2016 Annual Report, I mentioned that we would be planning to host a series of conversations to talk about the future of the library. It is our hope to engage our community members in conversations about our spaces, our collections, and our services. I want to provide a brief context for these discussions.

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### John Kim's new book published in library's Digital Commons

This summer the library worked with Cultural and Media Studies' John Kim to publish Rupture of the Virtual in our DigitalCommons repository. This is the library's second open access monograph published in Digital Commons. Kim's work is now featured along with the work by Sears Eldredge, Captive Audiences/Captive Performers.

### Barbara B.Davis SPACE

Have you visited the new SPACE in the library yet?

Room 309 has been renamed the Barbara B.Davis SPACE (Scholarship, Partnership, and Community Engagement). This 'space' has new furnishings to make it a more flexible and collaborative meeting and study area as well as a new interactive whiteboard.

During 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., this room is intended to be used for faculty/staff discussions and will be the new location for Center for Scholarship and Teaching events including Conversations about our Scholarly Lives and Talking about Teaching sessions. After 5:00 p.m., the area will be
Center for Research Libraries Update

Many of you know that our library joined the Center for Research Libraries (CRL) last year, giving us full access to their unique collections and services. CRL is a consortium of libraries whose members may borrow rare, hard-to-find materials from a central repository in Chicago.

Macalester faculty and students have already started discovering some of the unique and fascinating offerings of CRL including Apartheid-era African newspapers, materials about labor unions in the 1930s, dime novels from the 1800s, and newspapers published in areas of extreme political upheaval or armed conflict, to name just a few. Even better, most of these items came to us fully digitized as searchable PDFs.

CRL filled 530 requests for Macalester library users during the 2015-16 academic year -- that was 7.1% of our total ILL article requests for the year. And CRL recently announced that all public domain materials they have digitized to date will be made open access as of January 1, 2017. The library will keep you posted on what this new initiative will mean for your use of these materials.

2015/16 Library Annual Report

The Library’s 2015/16 Annual Report is now available in our DigitalCommons.

It was another year full of activities, workshops, new initiatives, as well as national recognition for the outstanding work and contributions by all members of the library staff.

Check it out! In addition to news about the library's events and activities, take a minute to view our statistics section to identify which division had the most research consultations with librarians and which academic discipline had the most instruction sessions.

New Faces at the Service Desk

Michael Vieaux

We are pleased that Michael Vieaux has joined us as our new daytime Circulation & Interlibrary Loan Supervisor. Michael may be familiar to some of you since he has been working the evening and weekend shifts at the desk for the past year. Michael and Connie Karlen work as a team to help ensure excellent service at our desk -- especially through their top notch training and supervision of our many service desk student employees.

Nate Nins and Madisen Egan

We also are thrilled to welcome Nate Nins and Madisen Egan as our new Evening/Weekend Service Desk Supervisors, also strong contributors to our quality services. Madisen and Nate are both starting their graduate school studies in Library & Information Science this fall. We invite you to stop and introduce yourselves when you are in the library.

Meet John Meyerhofer, our new Digital Scholarship Librarian
John Meyerhofer has joined the library team as our new Digital Scholarship Librarian this fall. However, John has been working with us part-time over the past year supporting our web and digital scholarship initiatives. He is thrilled to be here in a full-time capacity and is busy learning and absorbing. John is excited to meet many members of our community, but in the meantime, here is a brief introduction:

**Where did you go to college?**
I attended St. John’s University, Collegeville MN where I majored in math. I particularly enjoyed applied math and subjects such as operations research--basically classes made up of massive, complex story problems.

**You received your Masters in Library Science from Univ of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. What compelled you to go to library school?**
I always had a love for libraries, especially collegiate libraries. I truly enjoy being surrounded with books, information, and people who want to learn. Macalester is exactly the environment I always wanted to be in.

**Do you have any other special training that has prepared you for your career?**
Before becoming a stay at home dad, I was a computer programmer. I have a deep knowledge in a variety of programming applications and languages. I have benefitted from on-the-job training, occasional classes and self-taught skills and knowledge.

**When you went to library school, did you plan to weave your librarianship and tech skills together?**
Not exactly, but other people saw that connection and told me “with the computing background you will be in good shape”. However, I see my technical skills as a tool to do a much bigger job here in the library. Exactly how that will develop and what that will look like is what I will be focusing on this first year. Right now, my priority is to listen to others and understand needs before I come with solutions and defined methods of addressing needs. I want to listen and learn, not guess and tell.

**Where have you worked before this job?**
I worked for as a programmer for St. Paul Companies and MetLife, and as an Information Specialist for The Central Minnesota Libraries Exchange.

**What is most rewarding about your job?**
I love the work environment here. Everyone is welcoming, willing to help and supportive. That hasn’t always been the case in my previous jobs so it is a welcome change.

**What fresh approach are you bringing to your job?**
Given my work in a corporate environment, I feel I bring a new perspective that might be different than others who have worked in libraries exclusively. I think I bring unique insights and experiences to the issues and projects we are working on.

**What is one thing about yourself that most people don’t know?**
I ran two Twin Cities marathons, in 2005 and 2015. The second one went much better! I am also into SciFi and gaming.

**Anything else you’d like to add?**
I aim to please. I am excited about the opportunity, to learn and to help where I can.

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