2018 Summer Library Collections News

DeWitt Wallace Library
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The Collection News publication schedule is:

- March
- June - summary of the year's collection activities
- September
- December

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide updates on our Collection Management Project as well as provide information on our collections and dates for upcoming events or deadlines.

Library Collections: how they are changing and will continue to change, and why we need your help

In the spring we held two conversations with faculty who were concerned about changes in our
Library Rep Meeting Fall 2018

Due to popular demand, we are bringing back Library Representative meetings! These meetings provide a time for library reps to meet library staff, and learn more about the representative role and changes taking place in the library. It is also a great time for us to hear from all of you about any questions and/or ideas you may have related to the library and our collections. We invite library reps to join us on Wednesday, October 3rd from 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. for this meeting. It will be a brown bag lunch; we will provide coffee and cookies. If your department's library rep is unable to make it, please send a substitute in their place.

Is there a change in your department's library rep for fall 2018? Please let us know in order to ensure that we are communicating with the correct person as we plan for the meeting. You can see a current list of Library Reps here.

Changes in Collection Development & Discovery (CD&D) Staff

We have had a few changes in our staff this summer. Jack Davidsen, our Acquisitions Specialist, retired in June. Jack made many contributions to our work and the community in his 10+ years here at Macalester. We will miss him and we wish him well in his retirement.

Denise Tyburski added on the role of Acquisitions Specialist effective June 18, 2018. If you have any acquisitions-related questions, please contact Denise. She may be reached via email (tyburski@macalester.edu) or via phone (651-696-6325). Denise will continue to manage the serials review process.

We are in the early stages of a search for a part-time staff member to help support the work of CD&D. We hope to have that position filled before the start of the school year and will share information out with you all once we welcome that new member to our staff.

And last but not least, Dave Collins joined the Access, Instruction, and Research Services (AIRS) group here in the library. We appreciate all of his contributions to our group, especially his work with the Collection Management Project. See the article below for additional information.

Changes in Research & Instruction Responsibilities for Natural Sciences and Mathematics
Given the projected increase in student enrollment this fall, we are making changes to the distribution of departments and divisions amongst our Research & Instruction Librarians. Dave Collins will be partnering with Ron Joslin as the R & I Librarians supporting the departments in the Natural Sciences and Mathematics division. Dave and Ron will be in touch with those departments this summer to provide more information about this change. Interdisciplinary departments previously working with Dave Collins will each now be aligned with the R & I Librarians as follows:

American Studies - Fine Arts & Humanities (Alexis & Ginny)
Education - Social Sciences (Aaron & Beth)
Environmental Studies - Sciences (Dave & Ron)
International Studies - Social Sciences (Aaron & Beth)
Women and Gender Studies - Fine Arts and Humanities (Alexis & Ginny)

Research & Instruction Librarians will be in contact with you all—especially first year course faculty—as we get closer to the school year.

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**Report on CRL Annual Meeting**

Katy Gabrio, Assistant Library Director in charge of collections, and Terri Fishel, Library Director, attended the Center for Research Libraries annual meeting in Chicago in May. The Center for Research Libraries provides critical access to primary resources that are particularly relevant for the scholarship done by faculty and students, so we want to be engaged in conversations about the directions CRL is taking. The promotional notice for this meeting stated:

“Contemporary source materials like news, government records and information, and economic and geospatial data are vital to original scholarly research in the humanities and social sciences. Historically, research libraries have ensured that the global information “supply chain” served researchers well. But since the advent of digital media and the web, money, politics and technology have altered the supply chain in ways that complicate the role academic libraries play in provisioning materials.” ([http://www.crl.edu/events/crl-global-resources-collections-forum-2018](http://www.crl.edu/events/crl-global-resources-collections-forum-2018))

The title for the program was “Global Resources Collections Forum.” And the focus was to discuss how today’s environment, including changes in politics as well as technology, are altering how information is collected and shared. Here are some examples from presentations we heard:

- “The LexisNexis Effect: The Metamorphosis of critical Data Providers.” A summary of how legal research data firms Thomas Reuters and LexisNexis (now owned by Elsevier), aim to become involved in the extreme vetting efforts of ICE by supplying data about immigrants, at a cost. ([http://www.crl.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/events/S1%20p1%20Lamdan.pdf](http://www.crl.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/events/S1%20p1%20Lamdan.pdf))
- “Social Science Research and the Challenges of Big Geospatial Data.” Provided information on how GPS data is being gathered and controlled. We also heard about the licensing efforts by some data providers to limit access to geospatial data by international students from certain countries. ([http://www.crl.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/events/S2%20Singer.pdf](http://www.crl.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/events/S2%20Singer.pdf))
“Smart Farming”: The Privatization of Information and the Implications of Data-Driven Agriculture. This gave us some food for thought as big businesses are collecting data on farming, but then are making much of this information proprietary and thus not accessible by researchers. Is the fact that Monsanto is now the largest collector of agricultural data, versus the federal government, a concern? (http://www.crl.edu/sites/default/files/attachments/events/S2%20Knezevic.pdf)

In addition to reports on various digital collections and the changing environment related to increased commercialization, the business meeting focused on budget and planning. During the discussion on strategic directions, we discussed two proposals that had been shared with the membership prior to our meeting. Those proposals -- Integrating CRL print in a North American shared collections network, and Aggressive investment in open access and shared digital resources -- were developed by the CRL's Board, management, and the Collections and Services Policy Committee. For faculty interested in reading more, a post on CRL's Common Knowledge blog summarizes the discussions.

Discovery of Open Access Resources

Open access is an increasingly important area of academic publishing as scholars have sought control over the dissemination of their own research. A variety of models have been developed as a response to ever-increasing paywalls that are imposed by publishers and scholarly presses. Sometimes, however, it can be difficult to find open access content.

On the library website list of databases, we have added an OA icon to signify which databases are open access. We have also included preprint services like arXiv and open access journal publishers like MDPI. We hope in this way to make scholars and students alike more familiar with all of the OA materials currently available.

Take a look at an interesting content comparison of Web of Science / Scopus versus OA platforms such as 1finder and Dimensions.

HathiTrust Shared Print Program
In addition to providing digital access to millions of volumes, HathiTrust also coordinates print preservation efforts amongst their member libraries. The Shared Print Program is an opportunity for libraries to share a commitment to retain certain print titles and protect them from de-selection. HathiTrust evaluates the holdings of participating member libraries, and creates title lists for library staff to review before finalizing their commitment. We have been invited to participate in Phase 2 of the HathiTrust Shared Print Program. The holdings analysis for Phase 2 will take place through the summer. We will make our commitment decision in Fall 2018.

Changes in Our Processing APCs for OA articles

For the past six years we have set aside funds specifically to cover the costs of Article Processing Charges for publishers who provided an open access option. Last year we were able to fund and open eleven articles, including several co-authored by students. The good news is that this is a terrific trend that we’d like to encourage; the bad news is our budget has remained flat for the past several years and while we will continue to fund APCs, we are going to have to limit the number of journals we can support.

Our new policy will be to focus on those journals that are truly OA (all articles published OA) and not commercial publisher hybrids (some articles published OA, for a fee). We will fund articles that are submitted for publication in one of the following:

- A journal published in MDPI (190 peer-reviewed journals across all disciplines) - [www.mdpi.com](http://www.mdpi.com) (we have a membership and get a discounted rate to publish in their journals.)
- A journal listed in DOAJ (Directory of Open Access journals, 11,639 peer-reviewed journals across all disciplines) - [doaj.org](http://doaj.org).
- A journal published by Open Library of Humanities (23 peer-reviewed journals) - [https://www.openlibhums.org/journals/](https://www.openlibhums.org/journals/).

Please submit requests for funding to Terri Fishel.