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Director’s Corner

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Support for Designating a Portion of Our Ongoing Budget for Open Access Initiatives

On October 3, we met with faculty members who are the Library Representatives for their departments and shared a copy of our Sustainable Collection Development Plan.

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Special Collections Adds Qur'an Folios

Archives and Special Collections recently acquired a special study collection of thirteen mainly...
Qur’an folios. The works’ origins range primarily from 9th/10th through 19th century Iran and Turkey, and show a variety of script and ornamentation styles. These manuscripts provide much-needed breadth to the collections housed in the Rare Books Room, and have already been used by students in two classes this Fall: ART160-01 Art of the West, and ART 282-01 Art and Architecture of the Islamic World.

Mamluk Qur’an, probably 14/15th century Egypt
We are preparing for our annual collection review process. For those of you who are new to this process, a review enables us to balance our mission to provide a vibrant collection that supports the current curriculum with our space and service needs. We are committed to connecting our community to the resources they need for their scholarship and teaching. We do this through the collections on our shelves, the content we license for online access, and our partnerships with other libraries (e.g. interlibrary loan).

We will be using the criteria listed below to identify titles for a withdrawal list. Faculty will be involved in the review process. Because we are looking at a shorter span of publication dates than in past reviews, the list of titles will be much shorter. The total number of items on the list will be fewer than 800 titles. Based on faculty feedback, we will also be flagging titles in the stacks for those who would like to see the titles in the context of the other related materials on the shelves. Our plan is to share the title list with all faculty by mid-February 2019, with a review deadline of June 1, 2019. We will be sending out more information and guidelines as we get closer to the review start date.

We are using the same criteria as in our previous reviews. Titles on the withdrawal list must meet all of the following criteria:

- were published in 1999, AND
- have not been checked out in at least twenty years (as far back as our data goes), AND
- are held by at least 100 other libraries in the U.S., AND
- are held by at least three other libraries in Minnesota, AND
- are not in special or non-circulating collections.

Thank you all for your efforts in helping us with this review. Again, we will be sharing more information as we get closer to the review start date, but please let us know if you have any questions before that time.
We provide a number of film streaming options for use in classrooms. These can be found on our A-Z list of Databases. We work with vendors whose licenses allow public performance rights. On average, it costs $150 to license a single film for classroom use for one year. Since Netflix and Amazon do not provide public performance licensing, we do not facilitate streaming through them. Kanopy and Swank are the best options for finding popular movies. However, not all films are available through these vendors. Because streaming options for any particular film can be difficult to find, we encourage you to contact Trisha (tburr@macalester.edu) or Denise (tyburski@macalester.edu) for assistance. We are happy to work with you to find the best match for the resources you need.

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Updates on Staff in the Library

We are pleased to announce two new staff members will be joining us in January. Marina Ito is our new 4-year, temporary Research & Instruction Librarian; Lyneshia Robinson is our part-time, temporary Reference Assistant. We invite you to meet and welcome both Marina and Lyn to the library and to the college.

Meanwhile, Ron Joslin (Research & Instruction Librarian) is currently out on leave. Faculty in the Science division may contact Dave Collins for any instruction needs.

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