

Library committee meeting minutes

May 18, 2011

Present: Alice Hanson, Roberta Lembke, Todd Nichol, Steve Reece, Steve Soderlind, Paul Zorn, Mary Barbosa-Jerez, head of collection development, attended as a guest.

Minutes from April 6 meeting approved.

Updates from Roberta:

1. Library construction project to start on day after finals, hammering during evenings.
2. An upgrade of Bridge catalog is underway for roll-out in September and full implementation in January 2012. The improved user interface will run on the Carleton server at first; the long-term plan envisions a remote hosted server.
3. Mary Barbosa-Jerez is working to appraise the “vault collection” for appropriate insurance.

Collection Development Policy. De-selection having been approved in the abstract, library staff is preparing documents to clarify goals and procedures. Over the next year the Library Committee will review documents focusing on retention and de-selection, one-time purchases, study levels, etc.

Much of our collection is classified at the “Advanced Study Level” as defined by ALA Guidelines. The library cannot, as a rule, offer substantial support for specialized research of the faculty unless such materials also support other goals of the collection.

VHS to be de-selected. VHS technology now considered obsolete, the library will be moving to other formats, primarily DVD and Streaming. This will involve de-selection of format and unused titles over the next five years. Expect no distribution of de-selected VHS tapes to departments and no free table. Titles available on preferred formats will be repurchased via acquisition protocols. Desired VHS items that do not become available in updated formats will be retained so long as VHS players are available on campus.

We should expect a faster cycle of music/video storage formats in the future. Also expect a growing number of digitized collections and formats to be considered for acquisition.

Video Clips. The Digital Millennium Copyright Act has been amended to allow the creation of video clips for teaching, commentary, and creative use. Our vendors of streaming video are developing clip-creation devices for their online products.

Looking ahead. We identified several items for Roberta’s and Todd’s summer schedules:

1. Acquaint Dean Sorter with this committee and its work.
2. Begin preparing a report to the faculty on our work related to collection development.
3. Prioritize agenda for fall.

Respectfully submitted,

Steve Soderlind, secretary pro tem