

Meeting 1. The UMR LLRC met on Friday, October 12.

Andy Stewart presented a general Library update and introduction to the UMR Library. In general, the Library budget is in fairly good shape. A 2% increase was received on the materials budget this year and there are some small endowment funds. The Dougherty Fund, formerly administered by the School of Mines and Metallurgy, is now under the Library. In addition, the Library has good support from the campus administration.

In cooperation with Chartwell's and UMR Physical Facilities, a coffee shop (similar to "Cup A Joe's") will be located in the Library--near the stairwell in the northwest corner of the first floor. The UMR IT Walk-In Center has been re-located to the Library--also along the west wall of the first floor.

Looking ahead further, the Library is working with IT and Development to identify funding sources for an "information commons." This would potentially move staff desks away from the prime real estate of the first floor. Also under consideration is the installation of compact shelving on the ground floor. This would permit additional space to be used for student study/computer usage. More specific plans are yet to be developed.

Next, Andy mentioned that wherever possible, the Library chooses to subscribe to journals in electronic format. The print journals receive much less use, and this permits library materials to be accessible from outside the walls of the Library building, providing higher levels of service. It is possible there will be a need for additional support to provide permanent access to the electronic materials.

Meeting 2. The MO S&T LLRC met on Wednesday, May 7.

The LLRC viewed a demonstration of the S&T Scholars' Mine from Amanda Piegza. The Library staff is actively working on campus faculty publications from 2004 to 2008 and will go beyond that time frame soon. Extended discussion and question-answers followed.

Andy spent a few minutes going through the appearance and functionality of the campus Electronic Access Suite. This permits cross-database searching and greatly improved access to nearly 25,000 electronic journals.

A UM system-level libraries committee has chosen to change from Web of Knowledge to Scopus (from Elsevier). This change represents a major cost saving and appears to be top-down. If faculty members have further interest in this change, they should contact either their department's liaison librarian or Andy Stewart.

In March, Andy met with a small group of students (in cooperation with Student Council) and shared the results of that session with the LLRC. During the summer, the Library will begin freely delivering electronic articles or scanned pages to S&T faculty members (only). Requests will go through the ILLIAD request/delivery system. Any questions should be

directed to ILL Department. This is a pilot project to estimate demand and develop workflows.

Andy continues to express his gratitude to the committee for their time and interest.

Respectfully submitted,

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