Minutes for UCL Mee�ng October 30 2023

(18 members + 1 guest total on Teams) Mee�ng called to order by Jackeline Iseler at 10:01am

Neil: Extended thanks to members serving as chair and secretary.

Updates: October 17th, Elizabeth Demers started as director of MSU press; several years ago MSU press was brought into the library’s domain.

Facili�es: Starbucks in main library has more delays. Countertop installa�on issue leads to a likely opening in January. The center for teaching and learning innova�on moved into 2nd ﬂoor. This is not yet open; ﬁnishing door lock installa�ons.

Last week meet with Marlon Lynch - safety and security of university to discuss ini�a�ves in university to have beter safety security. Doing walkthroughs and audits of library spaces (main and business) to get recommenda�ons on considera�ons, e.g. cameras and perimeter doors. Want to balance privacy in library with patron safety.

3 East construc�on project (Special collec�ons) is a bit behind from supply chain issues with expected comple�on in November 2024.

Emilia Marcyk-Taylor (special guest) - Head of reference and discovery services

• Presenta�on of redesign of the discovery website.

• Go to library website. Have large search box on home page. Will search most of resources. This is good for basic exploratory searching and known item searching. Will give resources in all source types. In catalog interface, can do more reﬁned search. Also can search by �tle of DOI.

• Advanced search under main search box (most librarians go directly here). Have more control over what is being searched and can construct a more complex search.

• Catalog: switch to new integrated library system showed catalog not up to task. Internally worked on this task, using open source VuFind. Overall have beter experience with this. Most frequent problem: Links that don’t follow to desired website.

• (Showed example of search using this interface) �tle, availability status, where located, call number, browsing “get this” to request a page, can request oﬃce delivery, can request ar�cle scan. These are all available from the search results page. Can click for descrip�on, subjects assigned, similar items etc.

• Some confusion: It is important to click on ins�tu�onal login to get through MSU NetID screen. • Can now renew everything at once! Don’t have to do individual renew anymore. If logged into

library account, can create custom list of saved items. A good tool. Good step before using a cita�on manager.

• Have numerous ways of ge�ng in contact with library if have ques�ons of if have an ar�cle to star�ng a comprehensive literature review on a topic. Have technical support and network help. Can always get redirected to appropriate department (e.g. IT or subject mater librarian). Peer research assistant program – undergrads helping undergrads in the library.

• Issac Ques�on: share saved item lists? (don’t know if possible to share saved item lists • Sabrina: lots of interes�ng �tles in the examples. Emilia: lots of long fantasy

• Jackline: have PowerPoint in chat but needs permission. Fixed.

• Susan: caveats about ebooks – lack of call numbers classiﬁca�on, etc., more advanced research items? Idea to use more keywords to ﬁnd ebooks easier. Currently ebook vs print book treated diﬀerent in the catalog system. Poten�al to accidentally miss out on ebook resources. Emilia: searching for known ebook is easy but not unknown ebooks in a ﬁeld. Recommends if searching for ebooks, should reach out to librarians. Not the interface’s fault, but more on the data that is received for ebook vendors. Relying on metadata from vendors of ebooks as opposed to manually adding descriptors to print books. Some�mes link in catalog will link to wrong resource. Have to go through the vendor – can’t just ﬁx on library’s end.

• Lynn - 85% acquisi�on budget going to ebook electronic resources. How does this mesh with the ebook searching ability.? Other work arounds? Want this to be an issue of awareness. Op�on to put pressure on publishers to help this issue?

• Emilia: Had vendor visit last week. Got brought up several �mes at those mee�ngs. Concerns on metadata and discovery of available materials.

• Susan: recommend grad students not using just subject headings in search. Otherwise one will miss the ebook resources. Not an ideal situa�on. Recommend doing wider range of search. This is a complex problem – not just one place that could ﬁx everything,. Purchasing huge packages of ebooks, amount catalog can take in loading records in given �me period. This is a top priority, but will take long to ﬁx, make ~1 year or more. Again recommend keyword search and not solely use just ar�cle search. Recommends using subject speciﬁc databases instead.

• Emilia: men�ons example of a psychology database – can search using the type of study as a ﬁlter. But larger not specialized databases don’t have the same nuance of control on how to search. Lack of ﬁltering that would be useful for a given discipline.

• Lynn: Noted uphill batle with grad students – how to get to use speciﬁc databases. E.g. JSTOR vs a more speciﬁc database.

• Sabrina: Men�ons u�lizing diﬀerent databases for diﬀerent search types – just dipping in toes/more generalized search vs going in deep on topic (google scholar vs a more speciﬁc database)

Neil: want to con�nue discussion to have ongoing improvements.

Jackline: Round robin �me where people can men�on colleges, updates and concerns as necessary. A�er each update, the speaking person calls on another to con�nue the updates.

• Neil: Gave reminder that these don’t have to just be library-based, e.g. teaching and research in departments also of interest.

• Timothy: Introduces a librarian in the law library. 1st mee�ng. Introduc�on of self and posi�on. • Jackeline: Apprecia�on of members who secured recent acquisi�ons.

• Joshua: Head of user experiences. 2nd �me on commitee. Rep of library steering commitee. • Todd: Nothing much to share. Liked the presenta�on.

• Lynn: Talked about history and cultural interplay, as well as how to have electronic resources that area available. Op�on to pass on PowerPoint as good research for instruc�on (Emilia approved this).

• Issac: Stretch goal for library – help shi� faculty thinking so emerging technology is as easy as connec�ng students to subject librarians, primary/secondary sources etc. Want faculty to be comfortable so they can recommend these opportuni�es to students.

• William: No updates, happy Halloween

• Annete: Men�oned interest areas of open access publishing and also to research systema�c reviews • Tina: Undergrad student working at library.

• Sabrina: Interest in having a condensed walkthrough of today’s presenta�on on search page. Also happy Halloween.

• Yasumasa: No updates.

• Jeﬀery: Has been on this commitee for few years.

• Weiming: Joined commitee by mistake (thought it was a book club). Enjoys being on the commitee. Sends sympathies for the delay in the coﬀee shop. Had lab renova�on that went from 1 year to 3 years.

• Ryan: Nothing to add.

• Susan: Want to encourage people to talk about what isgoing on in the colleges, what are the needs. Aﬀects what gets done in the libraries. Interest in research data of libraries, open access, etc.

• Sydney: undergrad representa�ve. Replacing previous undergrad rep Emilia Breuning. Stated having more informa�on of the databases on library page would be useful.

Neil: Gave summary of mee�ng and things that have been learned regarding library updates. Have been genera�ng a list of topics that can be addressed by the libraries through hearing about departmental/ college interests e.g. in teaching and learning, new posi�ons and staﬃng in the library. Want to priori�ze things that are of interest to the university cons�tuents.

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