

Librarians Meeting
Wednesday, October 22, 2003 @ 2:00 p.m.
Library Conference Room

Present: Kathy Arsenault, Karilyn Jaap, Jackie Jackson, Tina Neville, Jerry Notaro, Jim Schnur, Mika Slaughter

Announcements from Kathy:

1. Kathy announced that Deb, who was unable to attend the meeting, would be presented with her 15-year Length of Service award.
2. SACS progress continues in the area of accreditation for Mass Comm.
3. With both merit and equity funds available this year for the St. Pete campus, one or the other will enhance salary rates for all staff. Work is progressing to ensure that these increases will be in place prior to the December 1 across-the board raise of 2%. The campus will also provide funding for the proportionate benefits increases.
4. Kathy reminded all that the Library is hosting this month's Final Friday event on October 24 (since Halloween is on the 31st). Plan to attend the party, which begins at 5pm.
5. Kathy asked for input on Tampa Library's 10/10 visit. All agreed that many useful ideas were presented, particularly in connection with catalog cleanup, FSX clarification and personal pages.
6. The library annual meeting is scheduled for November 6. Kathy encouraged attendance and/or participation with poster sessions. She will be preparing a PowerPoint presentation
7. Berrie is working on a website survey about computer usage in the Library. In addition, Kathy asked that librarians take approximately three minutes per reference shift to observe how patrons are utilizing the computers. It was noted that there has been a sharp increase in overall usage, especially for wordprocessing.

Jerry announced that he has been asked to write about a new database for College and University Media Review.

Tina is getting responses to the promotion tenure survey she and Deb sent out, but reminders are needed to get a better response. .

Karilyn The book budget is being spent more quickly than usual for this time of the fiscal year because of the need to catch up on a two- to three-year lapse in microfiche acquisition, due to non-renewal of the UMI subscriptions over several years..

Kathy was pleased to receive a book donation on bluegrass music from a SAPL member. Dorothy Harte said she plans to make other donations to the Library.

Jim The Florida Studies weekend event, "A Sunshine State of Mind," was a big success, with good attendance at each of its high quality programs.

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Jim announced that he would be working next on a new Library exhibit about the different aspects of censorship, including the Patriot Act.