

LALIC Meeting

Approved:

Minutes

5th September 2014

Leeds University, Brotherton Room, Brotherton Library

Present : Chris Graham, Shirley Graham, Rose Roberto, Ann Sproat.

Apologies : Jayne Roberts, Alison Park

1. Minutes and matters arising: minutes agreed.

LALIC members reported that they enjoyed the trip to Chetham's Library.

There was a short discussion about the website and LALIC historical minutes. Rose has agreed to continue updating the website for LALIC during the next year as a volunteer. Shirley offered older minutes of early LALIC meetings for the website, possibly in an area where people will need to drill down several layers to get access to it. Ann Sproat agreed to scan the minutes and then provide the digital versions to Rose for the website.

2. News from members

- **Leeds University:** Construction of the new undergraduate library, the Laidlaw, is going well and scheduled to be completed at the beginning of next year.

Rose showed the group a hand-out of the new University library restructure – academic faculty teams were replaced last July with for different teams along functional roles. The new areas are: Learning Support, Research Support, Collection Services, and Special Collections. Academics and library staff affected were not completely happy with this new structure which basically eliminates subject specialism as well as dedicated funds to grow specific subject areas of research collections. It is anticipated that this new structure will save money because books will mostly be purchased to accommodate reading lists, rather than areas that librarians know are important for learning and teaching, based on consulting with staff and students and their professional judgement, and because no new journals or databases will be subscribed to without dropping an already existing title. Former Faculty Team Librarians have been reallocated roles as “Learning Support Advisors,” “Research Support Advisors,” and “Collection Officer.” As there is no subject specialism in arts and design, continued participation in LALIC by the University will either be from Michelle Schneider, the new Learning Support Advisor who will be the main contact for the PVAC (Performance, Visual Arts, and Communication) Faculty teaching, or Kasia Drozdziak, the new Learning Support Advisor who will be the main liaison for Special Collections. Rose will be leaving the University at the end of next week to take up an AHRC funded PhD studentship at the University of Reading in Collaboration with National Museums Scotland. She'll be studying Victorian book illustration.

- **Leeds Central Library and the Henry Moore Institute (HMI):** Both institutions reported that Leeds City council plans on some steep financial cuts that effect both institutions directly. There is a target of 43% reduction for staff funding so there will be many layoffs in the library sector. E.g. A staff member who works across holdings of library, archives, and museum collections at the Leeds City Art Gallery and HMI will have her post “deleted” in March 2015. Shirley reported that she will likely take the voluntary leaving scheme to be offered for her job around the same time (as she was planning on retiring in 2 years anyway). She will report on who will likely replace her at the next LALIC meeting in March.
- **Leeds Beckett (nee Metropolitan) University (this was reported via email)**
The name, Leeds Beckett University, will be official on the 22nd Sept. 2014.
Library Online

The library website has been redeveloped using Libguides 2 from Springshare, in light of the university name change and that subject pages had already been using Libguides 1 we felt it was a good time to revamp the site. Library Online will be dropped as a name and from now on it will be referred to as the library website.

Refurbishment

The 3rd floor of the library is currently being refurbished and should be finished for the start of the new academic year. This is part of a rolling programme of building work which will be completed in 2017. The refurbished space should hopefully work better in terms of providing flexible working space, silent study etc.

Resources Lists

Our resource list management system is about to go live, students will be able to access their module resource lists via the VLE.

Alison has taken over chairing the Research Support group, within the Library Academic Support team.

- **Leeds College of Art:**
There was an increase in the College Library’s budget. The Library is going to be recruiting 1.5 new staff to replace leavers. TDAP (Taught Degree Awarding Powers) are being sought to replace validation of degrees by the Open University. The College recruited 2 Junior Research Fellows as part of its aim to enhance its research profile.. A research repository is to be established for research output (both digital and print). The library has instigated a programme of Library Interventions in which artists are invited to interact creatively to the inspiration provided by the library’s resources, environment and services. Funding has been provided from alumni for a visual art work of a new timeline showing famous staff and students of the College. There has been a lot of work with Keith Rowntree, the Archivist at Leeds Beckett, since the University Archive holds much historical material pertaining to the College.

5. Any other business

Rose showed and distributed Art Researchers’ Guides to Manchester and Salford along with invoices for the books, as she has been aware that there is a problem with Dublin Guides distribution.

Rose said she would be in touch with people around November about updating the Leeds Guide (which is in profit and still being requested by Blackwell’s) given that quite a few of the LALIC members are either rebranding or building new library. She

hopes that there will be a discount from the printer if the revised version can be finished and printed at the same time as the Cardiff Guide.

Rose will forward information about next ARLIS NCC meeting to the group.

6. Date of next meeting

March 23rd, 2015:Leeds Beckett