

LALIC Meeting
Monday 23rd March, 2015

Leeds Beckett University
Sheila Silver Library, Leslie Silver Building

Present: Bronwyn Brady, Karen Fisher (minutes), Chris Graham, Shirley Graham,
Jayne Roberts, Ann Sproat

Apologies: Alison Park

The group welcomed Bronwyn Brady who is the new Senior Library Manager overseeing the art, music and lending library at Central Library.

1. Minutes and matters arising

The minutes of the meeting on 5th September 2014 were confirmed as an accurate record. It was noted that librarians from the University of Leeds should be invited to the next meeting.

Action: Chris/Jayne to invite Michelle Schneider and/or Kasia Drozdziaak to next meeting.
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2. News from members

Henry Moore Institute – Ann Sproat

- Whilst the Henry Moore Institute galleries have been temporarily closed there has still been a successful run of sculptural events outside the building in The Event Sculpture series. These have included performances and moving image and filmed copies are now in the library which is a useful addition to the AV stock.
- The Archive is currently closed because of a delay in appointing maternity cover, which has caused problems for some researchers who need access urgently.
- Jackie Howson will be leaving the HMI Library to work at the Leeds Museum Discovery Centre and the library graduate trainee role is on hold so there is currently limited staff working in the library.

Leeds College of Art – Chris Graham and Jayne Roberts

- The College of Art has recently had a visit from Lori Bailey at SCONUL because they are fairly new members of the SCONUL access scheme. The College students have been using it to visit the University of Leeds Library which they couldn't do before, and the College are in the process of changing over to the online system for joining.
- The Library Interventions exhibitions continue to be popular and a lot of events are been run in the library in this series. The artists' book collection is often incorporated into the exhibitions and many of them appear in the College's exhibition booklet which helps raise the profile of both the library and its collections. The forthcoming 'Non-Shhhh' day in the Vernon Street Library includes artists presenting their works alongside music which is a first for the library.
- The library has recently appointed two new staff and will be interviewing for a new part-time member of staff shortly.

- There has been a recent trial to Box of Broadcasts (BoB) which has proven popular and which will be subscribed to, and also the EBSCO Discovery Service is also been looked into.
- Fashion Photography will be a new course for the College.

Leeds Public Art Library – Shirley Graham and Bronwyn Brady

- There has been a major restructure within public libraries resulting in everyone having to re-apply for their jobs. There will also be big changes to the branch libraries which from the 1st April will become 'Community Hubs', offering multi-functional services, e.g. libraries, careers, housing, etc.
- All jobs have changed at the Central Library and a lot of people have already left, or are in the process of leaving. There will be less staff overall at Central Library.
- Emma Hayton will be the librarian in charge of the Art Library and it still currently has its own book fund. It is hoped that the Art Library will be the next area of Central Library to be refurbished. The Art Space has already been refurbished and has housed some really successful events, including a recent craft fair.
- Word Play is the steering group looking at programming the exhibitions in the Art Space. Dep Arts have been working alongside Leeds Library and Information Service to offer guidance on how to programme exhibitions, but from the autumn the Library will be doing this on their own. There has also been a successful 10 week community project with East Street Arts.

Leeds Beckett University – Karen Fisher

- The Sheila Silver Library at the City Campus is part way through its major refurbishment which sees a different floor being refurbished every summer. Feedback on the newly refurbished 3rd floor is really positive and it is being heavily used by students.
- A new BA Fashion course started in September and the Library was given an investment bid for this new area to buy resources. These included the Berg Fashion Library and WGSN, as well as new journals and books. BA English with Creative Writing will be starting in September which is another new subject area for the University.
- Recent new databases that the Library have subscribed to include Box of Broadcasts (BoB), Artstor and Bridgeman Education. The two new image databases were bought to enhance the image collections within the Library following the decision to remove the Slide Library. The slides are now housed within the Faculty and are currently in the graphic design studios where they're being actively used by staff and students.
- In December Karen visited the art librarians at Manchester Metropolitan University on a benchmarking trip. MMU continue to have subject specialist librarians in the same way as Leeds Beckett and there are a lot of similarities in how the two libraries work. One useful idea that was brought back from the visit is to have more of a presence outside the library and Alison and Karen have been doing 'Pop Up Libraries' where they have a temporary library help desk in the faculty buildings that is advertised to students through Twitter and the VLE.

3. LALIC website

Ann and Jayne recently met with Rose who showed them how to update the website. Currently the email address (editor@leedsartlibraries.co.uk) goes to Rose but the group needs to consider who this should go to. Ann and Jayne will upload the approved minutes from September 2014 and Ann is going to scan the old minutes obtained from Shirley and report back at the next meeting whether she thinks they will be suitable to upload as well. The group discussed whether the Union List of Journals is still relevant now that all institutions have online catalogues, or that links to individual catalogues and COPAC / SUNCAT would be more useful.

The group felt that a wider discussion needs to take place on the remit of LALIC and the website – what our purpose is and who our members should be.

Action: Ann to scan old minutes and report back at next meeting whether they should be uploaded to website.

Action: All members to bring ideas to the next meeting on LALIC's remit and also what the website should include.

4. Updating Art Researchers' Guide to Leeds

This was published in July 2011 and needs updating. The group discussed whether there was still a need for a printed booklet, or whether the content would be more useful replicated on the website. If a new edition of the guide was produced it may be more useful if it contained other areas for example Leeds and Bradford or even West Yorkshire. Or, it might be a more worthwhile publication if it contained additional content, for example essays. It was agreed that none of these ideas are decisions that LALIC can make on its own though and so Rose as editor needs consulting.

Action: Karen to email Rose to find out the procedure for updating the guide and to pass on our suggestions for the 2nd edition.

5. NCC ARLIS meeting

Jayne attended the 25th February 2015 meeting at the British Library. A main point of discussion was the 2015-16 Forward Plan Review which includes proposed actions such as possibly sharing collection development policies and sharing experiences of resource discovery systems. Jayne found the meeting useful and it was suggested that it would be productive if the same person represented LALIC for a block of meetings. It was also felt to be a good idea to schedule LALIC meetings shortly before a NCC meeting so that the representative can pass on an up-to-date report of our activities.

Jayne reported that there have been a lot of changes in membership of the NCC and she will circulate a list of current members.

Action: Jayne to circulate current ARLIS NCC member list.

6. Any other business

The group said farewell to Shirley Graham, thanking her for all of her contributions to LALIC and wishing her well in her retirement.

7. Date of next meeting

Wednesday 10th June 2015 at Leeds College of Art.

Approximate dates for future meetings (these may change to match the schedule for NCC ARLIS meetings):

October / November 2015 Henry Moore Institute
February 2016 Central Library
June 2016 University of Leeds

Action Points

Agenda Item	Action	Responsibility	Progress
Minutes and matters arising	To invite Michelle Schneider and/or Kasia Drozdziak to next LALIC meeting.	Chris/Jayne	Complete
LALIC website	To scan old minutes and report back at next meeting whether they should be uploaded to website.	Ann	
LALIC website	To bring ideas to the next meeting on LALIC's remit and also what the website should include.	All	
4. Updating Art Researchers' Guide to Leeds	To email Rose to find out the procedure for updating the guide and to pass on our suggestions for the 2 nd edition.	Karen	
5. NCC ARLIS meeting	To circulate current ARLIS NCC member list.	Jayne	Complete