Librarians Committee Meeting Minutes

NC State University, Hunt Library

Monday, October 12, 2015, 3 p.m.

Convener: Carolyn Argentati

In attendance: Carolyn Argentati, Donald E. Moreland Deputy Director of Libraries, NC State University; **Laura Davidson,** Dean of Library Information Systems, Meredith College; **Nate Hellmers**, Director of Library Services, William Peace University; **Tiwanna Nevels,** Director of Library Services and Archives, Saint Augustine's University; **Julia Mielish,** Dean of Library Services, Wake Tech Community College; **Jahala Simuel,** representing Carolyn Peterson, Director of Library Services, Shaw University; **Jenny Spiker,** CRC Director.

Welcome and Updates: Ms. Argentati welcomed the members to the Hunt Library and asked for updates from each person:

- **NC State**—Carolyn said that the D. H. Hill and Hunt libraries have returned to a 24-hour schedule after cutting some overnight hours last year for budgetary reasons. She said that the Hunt Library has had such an influx of library visitors that they now have a staff member assigned to Visitor Experience and tours. She said they've had a particularly large audience of K-12 groups recently. They are also sponsoring more events, such as special films and speakers.

- **William Peace**—Nate talked about their new president, Dr. Brian Ralph, and his plans to create a student success center in the library. He said his library recently had an external review and Laura Davidson was a part of that. He will also soon be reporting to a new supervisor in their university administration.

- **Meredith**— Laura said she has had some major retirements from her staff this year—in media services, reference, and technical services. And the college's learning center is now in the library. She said that is working well, although they are working on an occupancy certificate. She now has a 16.5-member staff.

- **Saint Augustine's**— Tiwanna is in her third month as director. The university will be holding the inauguration of President Everett Ward later this month. She has four staff members with one unfilled position.
  They also have about 15 work study students. They are evaluating spaces, including making one classroom into a tutoring room and considering other kinds of functionality. They are also looking at some purchases and sources of outside funding. When asked about her background, she said she first worked in a library when she was a student at Saint Augustine's, then went to library school at NC Central, worked there and at the Durham Public Library and also at Elizabeth State and Alabama State.

- **Wake Tech**— Julia said that when we had our CRC library workshop in July she was the interim director and on Aug. 3 was made officially the dean. She had been a staff member at Wake Tech's north campus. She too is in a hiring mode. A month ago Wake Tech opened its 34,000-square-foot library on North campus. It has gone from 7 to 15 study rooms and now has 3D printers and vending machines in the library. Their theme too seems to be "flexible spacing." And again, their libraries are now seen as learning commons as well as traditional library spaces.

- **Shaw**—Jahala said that their director, Carolyn Peterson, is on sick leave so she was representing her. Jahala is the reference librarian and has been active on the CRC workshop committees. Shaw, too, has a new president, Dr. Tashni DuBroy, a new Vice President for Academic Affairs, and a new Associate VP in that department.

Minutes from the fall 2014 meeting—were approved.

Library usage charts from NC State: Carolyn pointed out the report from last year in the packets. It showed that direct borrower loans between NC State and the other colleges were down 45.8% from the previous year. The group noted that that was expected with the decreasing usage of print resources. Carolyn said that print circulation is going down within the NCSU Libraries as well. Jenny commented that CRC's emphasis with the libraries has changed over the last several years from student and faculty visits and shared circulation to professional development for library staff members as represented by the last eight years of summer workshops.

- **Follow-up on overdue books from NC State:** Carolyn distributed information on late or non-returned materials from NC State.

Topics:

- **Summer CRC Library Workshop:** Jenny pointed out the materials in the packet from this summer's library workshop. The group looked at the results of last summer's CRC library workshop and said they definitely wanted to continue with that project. Jenny asked those who had not yet appointed someone from their staff for the planning committee to let her know who that person is. The places suggested for this summer's workshop were Meredith or Wake Tech's northern campus. Anita Young is the contact at the northern campus. A possible emphasis for the content might be "How do libraries now coexist with other departments on the campuses, such as the learning centers?"
    - **Workshop committee suggestions:** The committee suggested CRC organize an optional social event at a local restaurant to bring library staff members together some time during the school year and that we encourage job shadowing experiences for individuals to learn from each other. The directors agreed that these were ideas worth pursuing.

- **Review of the CRC Library Agreement:** The committee looked at the library agreement and found that it was still appropriate.

- **Late-night access to the NCSU Libraries (after 10 p.m.):** Tiwanna said she had a few Honors students ask if they could use the D. H. Hill Library after 10 p.m. She's also heard that request from some faculty members. Currently only NCSU students can stay past 10 p.m. Carolyn said she would provide information on requesting an exception to this rule. The group stressed that this would not be a wide-open policy but would apply to individuals approved by their home library if they had special needs.

- **Tour of the Hunt Library:** Following the meeting, Carolyn took those who hadn't yet seen the Hunt Library on a tour.

--Submitted by CRC Director Jenny Spiker