

Herrick Memorial Library

Librarians meeting

April 3, 2007

Signs in the renovated library

Ellen has a list of potential signs for the building, but signs will be difficult to order now given no knowledge of the accent colors and lack of access to the building. We decided we prefer to wait on specifying signs until –

1. Walk-through with George Benson in May / June to discuss signs, placement, font, size, and his schedule for making them
2. Provide G. Benson with a prioritized list of signs by July
3. G. Benson makes the signs in July / August (hopefully)

Blogs

The suggestion blog (closed – no direct posting; user comments are turned off) and the news blog (allows users to comments directly) are now up. Ellen's student helped with formatting the blogs. Suggestion: change the url from Scholes to Herrick.

Ellen will serve as editor of the news blog; she would like to involve staff in providing news items. Suggestion: Nic might write a news item for each month's book display. Second suggestion: post the news items to Alfred Today with a link back to the news blog.

Susan gets the online (and paper) suggestions and writes answers before they are posted.

Staff lunch

Steve will plan the staff recognition lunch.

ACRL

Ellen and Laurie attended the ACRL meeting in Baltimore. There were a lot of sessions and ideas on outreach from and marketing of the library, as well as many sessions on change – designing services around student needs and wants, Library 2.0. “AquaBrowser” software was an attractive product; it overlays the catalog with Google-type searching enhancements. Ellen Bahr will check whether SUNY will be adding that or a similar product; it may be unwise or impossible for HML to add it independently.

Literature Resource Center

After discussion of the relationship between Gale's online Literature Resource Center and HML's print volumes of their literature sets, such as Contemporary Authors, its revisions, and the criticism sets, we decided to discard Contemporary Authors and keep the rest of the sets until further notice.

Attending: Ellen Bahr, Steve Crandall, Laurie McFadden, Susan Strong

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