

Librarian's Meeting  
Oct. 4, 2004

Present: Gary, Pam, Bev, Laurie, Steve

Gary asked whether Reference Service is working well. He was concerned that our new “away from desk” system may not be working as well as it could. He wanted to know if we should implement the system that would help us stay in-touch with the desk, even if we were wandering around the building or beyond. He asked if we would actually use the short range radio system that we were considering last semester. Laurie had some concerns about whether we would use the system. She was also concerned about the noise-level that this system would generate. Given these parameters, we looked at the possibility of exploring a pager/cell phone service. We are particular interested in a product/service that is quiet. Gary will follow up on it.

Steve told us that Holly Yates will join the Herrick library staff as a staff person who will work ½ time in Access Services and ½ time in Collection Management.

Steve filled us in on the Dean’s Council Meeting. Specifically, Steve wanted to know if we would be concerned if the administration changed the grid, so that faculty in the school of art and design could attend meetings on Wednesday afternoons. Everyone agreed that they didn’t have any problem with it.

We spoke briefly about the continuing possibility of library renovation.

We spoke at length about the Thin Clients. We agreed to start limiting community members to the PCs. The Thin Clients will not be logged in as “Publicac.” Only students, faculty and staff with a network account will be able to use the Thin Clients.

Laurie/Steve asked us if we would consider putting a link to the ILL Web forms when a patron does not get any results from a catalog search. There was some concern that we would get ILL requests from people who had not fully searched the catalog. Gary reassured everyone that ILL requests frequently turn into reference questions. Still, Gary thought it would work best if we also put a link to the “Ask A Research Librarian” as well as a link to the ILL book forms.