

Library Committee Meeting **December 1, 2010**

Present - David Ellefsen; Eric Walsh; Larry Hyslop; Dwaine Hiles and Kathy Ewing.

Absent - Bret Murphy; Cyd McMullen; Bobbi Shanks

Meeting called to order at 2:04 P.M.

New Business

Budget: David presented the budget. The budget is reviewed at every library staff meeting. These figures show the current balance, but do not reflect all of the monies spent. David asked the committee if they had any request or ideas that would improve the quality of services provided to the patrons. David also indicated the increases, and future increases in electronic resources.

Statistics: David went over the statistics report. The objective of the report is to give a snapshot of the library and includes statistics on patron visit times, purpose, the number of patrons, and electronic usage. The Focused Reference Interview (FRI) numbers are included. The library tries to have personal contact with all students enrolled in English 102 every semester. Larry noted that the number of InterLibrary Loans is down; David thinks this is due to the electronic resources available to students.

New Databases/eBooks: David gave an overview of our three newest additions. ebrary is a collection of books we subscribe to. Some of our other collections are "owned" by the library, but Dwaine noted that electronic ownership differs from physical ownership. Newsbank is a new database that provides access to thousands of newspapers from all over the world. Credo is another electronic resource we have access to (on a trial basis for now). This resource provides access to 516 reference books and thousands of full text articles. One feature Credo has is the Concept Map, which shows visual links of subjects and related or subtopics. Eric compared it to Google's Wonder Wheel.

Personnel: Pat Loper is retiring effective January 1. Right now we are recruiting for her replacement, which will reflect some job description changes. Pat's retirement party is set for December 16 at 2pm. Another change in the library will be the reassignment of Sonny Hand. He will be working with Bob Hannu and the computer department.

Equipment Requests: There was discussion about making the meeting room in the library into an interactive room. David will need to check on costs. Eric explained he has had remote access with students, usually by phone and with LiveNet.

Around the Table: Larry asked about access to UNR's electronic resources. David explained that the real problem is with the vendors, who don't provide the extended access without compensation.

Meeting adjourned at 2:32 P.M.