

Library Student Advisory Board

Minutes, 9/29/2016

Present: Megan, Aubrey Hobby, Valen Bidleman, Tena Gilleard, Summer Eary, Em Louis, Marion Pickering, Rania Asif, Eden Anderson, Brooke Shamblin, Lilly Potter, Tristan Poindexter, Penny Stricklin, Rebecca Seipp, Taylor Kenkel, Maryke Barber.

I. Welcome new members!

Welcome Megan, Em, Marion, Eden, Brooke, and Penny! It's fantastic to have some many new students joining us. Thanks for taking the time – we hope you'll come back 😊

II. Meet Taylor, Technical Services & Metadata Librarian

Taylor Kenkel is the newest member of the WRL staff, joining us after finishing her graduate degree in Vancouver. Taylor and her dog drove across the country to move to Roanoke this summer! She has lived in Northern Virginia and studied for her undergraduate degree in journalism at American University in D.C.

Taylor ensures that books, journals, films and other items in the library's online catalog are properly described and findable; she is also in charge of the library's digital initiatives, including the Hollins Digital Commons. If you haven't looked at the Commons lately, [take a look](#): you'll find the Hollins Spinsters yearbooks, literary magazines (Cyborg Griffin!); also faculty publications and student work, such as the winners and finalists for each year's Undergraduate Research Awards.

III. New Stuff

Lots of new things came along this summer:

OUR NEW WEBSITE: The library's new website offers a de-cluttered home page, mobile responsive design, and other improvements based on your suggestions in last year's surveys and usability studies.

Thank you for your input into this process – we hope you like the result! A suggestion made in the meeting: put a button or link on the home page for CLE appointments.

LONGER BOOK LOANS, NO MORE LATE FINES: thanks in part to your feedback last year, [we convinced the administration to support our proposal to eliminate late fines from library books and films](#). We also extended the loan period on books from 30 to 120 days, for both Hollins and Roanoke College books.

If you ever have questions about how the library's policies work: how long you may borrow something, when notices are sent, how recalls work etc., "About Us" will take you to a page with [answers about all of our borrowing policies](#).

Important caveat: replacement fines are still in place (since we can't just give all the books away....). But they can be removed from people's records, once they bring their books back. If you or someone you know is in this situation, [please talk to us](#). We want to help you!

NEW STUDY SPACE ON THE GROUND FLOOR: Help us spread the word: after brainstorming ideas for the quiet corner that's past the bound journals on the ground floor, we've purchased lamps, bean bag chairs, and paint that allows you to use an entire wall as a whiteboard.

It's the newest study space in the library and it can be yours for the price of.....free ;)

Other suggestions about study spaces:

- Make it clear the white board wall can be erased.
- Add blankets .
- note from Maryke: we've just added some more, and you're welcome to use these throughout the building. To help our staff (who help us make sure the blankets are laundered regularly) we keep them in a basket in the first floor reading room.
- The blinds in some of the upstairs the study rooms need repair.
- The whiteboards in some of the study rooms need cleaning.

IV. Got questions or suggestions? Email [Rebecca](#) or [Maryke](#), or bring them up whenever you attend a meeting.