

LSAB November 8, 2018 - Minutes

Present: Leeandria, Faith, Jordan, Lilly, Kat, Jessica, Nabila, Annie, Rebecca, Maryke

Updates : Thanks for your suggestions! RE: checking out markers and erasers for study rooms, we asked our people on the public desks how often these are requested and it isn't very often. We'll make sure these are replenished every few weeks or so, which will be less work for our staff than creating a permanent system for checking them out.

Finding the vending machines! they will show up better on the big hanging signs the library has just ordered. Also, Maryke will add signs inside the Coffee Commons this month.

Programs! This Wednesday we did a Pop-Up Library (similar to bookmobile) on Front Quad. It was fun to do something different, you may see us out there again!

Election Exhibit: we did the exhibit, and also put out (non-partisan) information about voting. Keep letting us know what current topics you'd like to see exhibits on. Even better: suggest books for the exhibit 😊

Upcoming Programs : Who wants to help us advertise the **FY Write-In on Nov. 27**? Kat and Lilly offered to help with Senate announcements and the FY Facebook page. The write-in will feature a librarian and tutors to help with projects, as well as snacks and door prizes.

Snack suggestions for **finals** included sweet and savory, chips, Doritos, Cheetos, pretzels, apples, protein bars, cookies, tea, sodas, hot chocolate, gummies, pomegranates and multiple calls for goldfish crackers.

Mindful Exams: who wants to help design/organize in the Spring? Kat, Faith, Leeandria and Jessica are interested in helping us form a small "working group" to help get mindfulness into exams at the library. If you're interested in joining the group also, please let Rebecca or Maryke know.

Our next exhibit will feature some very cool books made by Jennifer Printz's bookmaking class.

E-books : The librarians are having conversations with faculty about impressions of e-books, and we'd like to hear your feedback as well. Your impressions of the e-book platforms from the library:

- The search-in-the-book function is helpful, use it a lot.
- Chapter descriptions are great (when included, Ebsco doesn't have this)
- Ebsco e-books are pretty easy to navigate
- JSTOR books are hard on a phone 😞

Scenario: you find a book which is available from both HU, and as an E-book. If you came across this, what would you do? What about requesting from RC vs. E-Book?

- Some vote for physical, others go with e-; yet others want both!

- Qualification: if more than a couple of pages are needed, may switch from e- to print.
- E- is more convenient if it's needed right now.
- E- is a worry because of printing costs, would rather just have the whole thing in print.

What's most important to you about e-book functionality? (printing? copy/pasting? downloading for off-line use? annotating/bookmarks?)

- Copy/paste (lots of you said this)
- Search inside the book

Are there times when you're doing research that you'd prefer an e-book // Are there times when you'd prefer a print book?

- E- is helpful when trying to decide whether or not go get the physical item.
- Research: e- is OK. A book you want to get lost in should be in print.
- How-to books should be in print. The e-format is only good for searching/reading but it's a pain when you are physically trying to do something.

IV – Questions & Suggestions:

- Is water filtration better? Yes, it is much better: try it and see 😊
- Could we get professor recommendations for the bookmobile some time?