

Library Student Advisory Board – Minutes from 02/22

Present: Jordan Humphrey, Heather Willis, Mason Willis, Summer Eary, Aubrey Hobby, Brooke Shamblin, Lily Potter, Emma, Faith Hogge, Luke Vilelle, Rebecca Seipp, Maryke Barber.

I – Staff guest: Luke Vilelle.

Luke is the University Librarian and Liaison Librarian to the Social Sciences (responsible for buying materials, doing reference and instruction for all of the social science departments such as GWS, Political Science, etc.) As the director of the library and the only library employee with faculty status, Luke sees it as his role to advocate for the library and those who use our services, everywhere on campus.

Luke shared that he is proud of some of the special and unusual collections we have here, not just rare books in the Special Collections department but also our Zine Collection, and our extensive and well-used collections for Gender & Women's Studies. He is also a big sports fan 😊

The library staff are currently engaged in some conversations about print books (as opposed to E-Books): how do people use them today, how can we make our print collections as interesting and engaging as possible, etc. Luke asked a few questions about how LSAB members use the print collection for research, for leisure, and whether people browse around or just go straight to the book they need. We're going to try some things with displaying books around the library; look for more/different displays in the coming months.

II – Research Awards judging: two students are needed to join the judging panel for the Undergraduate Research Awards. You will be asked to read at least part of all 15 or so entries, which is usually a really interesting job – and you get to help decide who wins \$250 and eternal library glory! Contact Rebecca if you are interested.

Update: Two students volunteered – thank you! Be on the lookout for an announcement about the research awards reception in April where we will announce the winners.

III – Wikipedia Editathon: Art & Feminism! Save the Date & Help Spread the Word!

This awesome two-day event sponsored by the Museum and the Library seeks to address the gender imbalance in Wikipedia editing practices by getting more women involved as editors, while creating more content about cis- and trans-gender women in the arts. There will be on-the hour how-to sessions, and we will provide source materials for artists who are Hollins alums, faculty, and artists-in-residence.

Save the date: March 28, 6-9 p.m. at the Library, and March 30, 1-4 p.m. at the Museum

Bookmobiles: join Rebecca and Maryke at the next bookmobiles: March 7 and April 11.

IV – News: You Asked & We Followed Up

Location maps have been added to OneSearch: thanks for your feedback on priorities! Maryke asked whether additional locations should be included; there is some concern that if information pages include too much information, they just become harder to read. Suggestions included creating a bare-bones solution for finding non-General Collection resources that wouldn't distract from the G.C.

Signs for how to staple using MS Word, *and* physical staplers, have been added to all three printers. The printer on the third floor will be moved to a more visible location.

Update: the 3rd floor printer is now in the walkway between the stacks (next to the door to special collections)!

Subject signs also including large-print call numbers are being added to the General Collection stacks. Thanks for concurring that these would be useful – we’re getting some great feedback on this improvement already!

V. Other Suggestions & Questions

The basement is cold, can the heat be addressed? Luke will ask maintenance; additional suggestions included adding blankets and we’ll look into this also.

Brooke mentioned a contest for turning the library’s poetry collections into art for poetry month. Maryke & Rebecca are currently focusing on the Art & Feminism event and we may not be able to pull off two things in a short time, but we like the idea for future semesters.

Faith mentioned the need for handouts with research tips. Maryke reminded that most instruction sessions come with extensive Course Guides on which the tips are available, but it’s true that these are not sitting out for people to take. Maryke will work with Faith on a list of general topics that might make a good handout.