



Librarians Committee Meeting Minutes

Peace College, Lucy Cooper Finch Library

Friday, October 29, 2010, 9-10:30 a.m.

Convener: Anne Burke

In attendance: **Peace College:** Anne Burke, Director of Library Services; **Saint Augustine's College:** Linda Simmons-Henry, Director of Library Services; **Shaw University:** Jahala Simuel, Reference Librarian; **Meredith College:** Laura B. Davidson, Dean of Library Information Services; Melanie Fitzgerald, Media Services; **NC State University:** Carolyn Argentati, Associate Vice Provost & Deputy Director of Libraries; **CRC:** Jenny Spiker, Director.

Ms. Burke opened the meeting by welcoming everyone to the Lucy Cooper Finch Library at Peace College. The minutes of the 2009 meeting were approved with a correction: a sentence was changed to read: The overall numbers of loans from the NCSU library to the other colleges was down by 40 from the previous year (748 compared to 788).

She then invited the members to share news from their own libraries.

Updates from Members

- **Peace College:** Anne Burke talked about the success of one year in the renovated library. She said they've had three times as many visitors as in the average year in the old library and a 150% increase in use of the major databases. She also said she's just finished her first YouTube video for how to request articles through inter-library loan links.
- **Meredith College:** Laura Davidson said that this past year has been "the year of the building." They have had to respond to roof leaks and consequent loss of office space. But they've also finished the renovation of the lower level (ground floor) for small group study and other use and are very happy with that change. They also now house the music library in the main library. Melanie Fitzgerald added that media services is arranging for an information literacy class for its students at their satellite campus in Italy through Skype.
- **NC State:** Carolyn Argentati talked about the progress on the new library on Centennial campus and that they have hired a new person, Marian Fragola, to focus on outreach and events related to library services, such as a recent event tied to "Banned Books Week." She said Mary Chimato, head of access and delivery services and an active member of this committee, has left for a position in California. James Harper is serving as interim head of that department. NC State is going through strategic planning with the new chancellor and she is serving on the campus culture and community committee. The university has received a technology incubator grant and with that has a special room devoted to such things as scientific visualizations. She also said she would let the group know about some videos and tutorials they've created that would be easy to share.
- **Saint Augustine's College:** Linda Henry reported that she and everyone else on campus have been heavily involved in preparing for the SACS accreditation visit to be Nov. 9. She also said they have some new furniture in the library, a very welcome addition.
- **Shaw University:** Jahala Simuel talked about their new president, Dr. Irma McClaurin, and all of the events related to her arrival this fall. She said Interim library director Musette McKelvey is currently on personal leave.

CRC usage chart

The group looked at the CRC usage chart provided by Ms. Argentati at NCSU. (See attached.) The overall number of loans from the NCSU library to the other colleges was down by 25.8% from the previous year (555 compared to 748). There was a significant decrease from Peace (77 compared to 205), most likely because the Peace library was closed last year for the addition and renovations.

Overall CRC Update

- CRC Director Jenny Spiker announced that the first CRC website is now up in its “soft launch” stage. She asked committee members to review the section on libraries and suggest any changes or additions. She also said that the CRC public access television channel has had its first live shows this fall with the Red Rally kicking off NC State’s basketball season and the Installation of NC State’s new chancellor, Randy Woodson. She said the emphasis for this year for all CRC committees is to follow the model set by this committee of involving a broader range of participants in CRC activities.

Professional Development Workshops

- The committee looked at the report from the third summer CRC Library Workshop, “The Blended Library: Blending Teaching, Technology and Talent,” on July 15, 2010 at Meredith College. They were pleased with the positive assessments, agreed that the workshop had been very valuable and voted to have another workshop this coming summer. Several people commented on how these workshops are especially good for encouraging all staff members to improve work quality. They also liked the idea of including some people from others groups important to library staffs, such as faculty members.
- Topics to consider: instructional technology—what does it mean? Information literacy
- Time and place: mid July again, being sure to stay away from other professional library workshops. Anne Burke was going to check on the possibility of using Peace once we get a date.
- Each library director will appoint someone from her staff to serve on this year’s subcommittee to plan the workshop.

Possibility of Inviting Wake Tech or Campbell Law to join CRC: The CRC Board has had some tentative discussions about inviting those schools to some kind of membership. This group reminded us that sharing library resources would have to be carefully considered because of capacity issues. Anne said Peace is talking with some people at Wake Tech about possible collaborations with adult education and distance education. The group encouraged inviting the non-member colleges to participate in appropriate events, like we did last year. Campbell Law sent two librarians to our workshop.

Regular reminders encouraging collaboration: The group encouraged Ms. Spiker and others to regularly share ideas about future collaborations of all kinds.

Next meeting: The full committee will meet next October at NC State University. Date TBA.

--Jenny Spiker, Director, Cooperating Raleigh Colleges