



University Library Advisory Council (ULAC)
Monday December 4, 12:30 - 2:00 PM
Mills Library Community Room: Mills L304
Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions (N. Kevlahan)
2. Presentation – McMaster Experts (Dale Askey)

Experts, powered by VIVO

- Experts is a new online platform (created by the Library in partnership with Research & High Performance Computing) to showcase McMaster researchers and their work.
- Runs on open source software called VIVO.
- 5,492 McMaster Faculty represented
- Profile includes 2 major elements of data:
 1. Basic person data (fed from Mosaic data warehouse). In working with UTS on project, there have been noted improvements and additions made to the data warehouse.
 2. Publications – De-duplicated lists of citations are pulled in from a subscription service called Elements. Publication lists are updated as claimed.
- The activity graph attached to each researcher's profile is based on their last 10 years of activity. Activity is cumulative so the trend line is always positive.
- Elements auto claims when ORCID is entered in profile; in posting publications, research areas include controlled vocabulary
- Experts supports a wide range of scholarly activity (articles, books, composition, exhibition, media etc.). Allows researchers to manually add entries that aren't picked up automatically.
- Researchers can suppress items from public view.
- Not linked to Faculty profiles on department pages; Faculty is encouraged to enter data into Elements to feed other websites
- Brighter World/Daily News – stories naming researcher(s) will automatically link to Experts profile

How members of group can help project?

- Curate profile, add information (degrees etc.) – use tool to fullest functionality – ex. reporting analysis

3. Updates from the University Librarian (V. Lewis)

Budget

- 2017/18 – Project finishing the year in a balanced position - due to salary gapping (12 retirees 2017) and revenue bumps, not sustainable.

- 2018/19 – Projecting a deficit. Have asked the Budget Committee for additionally funding. Believe that the presentation to the Budget Committee was well received.

Bertrand Russell

- Celebrating the 50th Anniversary of the collection coming to McMaster.
- Key event: Opening of the Bertrand Russell Archive and Research Centre (88 Forsythe).

Stuart McLean

- Library acquired early 2017; event planned for 2018 to recognize and celebrate collection

Makerspace

- Opened in 2017, heavy use indicates interest in space.

Other - Direct Borrowers Card

- 2009, U of T discontinued free borrowing for individuals from other Universities.
- McMaster funded cost of \$300 pp/per year for Faculty & Grad Students.
- Will be eliminating funding for Faculty entirely and fund only \$50 of cost for Graduate students as of January 2018.
- Total cost of program dropping yearly - Vivian to provide spend on program; noted concern to library deficit in budget & cost of program.

4. Review of the University Library's 2017/18 Strategic Initiatives

(K. Ball)

- Several multiyear initiatives include Digitization and Downsview Shared Preservation Facility (tied to initiative 10)
- Truth and Reconciliation Commission Report (14) – initiative has been framed out, conversations with staff to determine next steps in responding to the 94 Calls to Action.
- Web Site Redesign – applying 'Brighter World' template

5. Member Queries?

Topics to discuss at our next meeting:

- a) Intellectual property policy for educational material agreement – what does it mean & how is it related to current discussion
- b) Access copyright – Court case involving York U; pending copyright law revision expected (publishers lobbying for change in law). Current educational exception may be removed, restricting rights of Universities.
- c) Platform to support data repositories – archive and curate thesis; platform that will support larger objects; conversations currently underway. Recommended that J Brodeur present.

6. Meeting adjourned - 1:40pm

Next meeting February/March 2018