UAMS Library Advisory Committee Meeting

The UAMS Library Advisory Committee met from 11:30am-1:00pm, July 27, 2012, in the Library’s 3rd floor videoconferencing room. Attendees included Zoran Bursac, Mark Estes, James Graham, Bill Gurley, Daphne Hyatt, Bruce Newton, Kevin Ryan, Kathy Rye, Rhonda Sledge, Steve Boone, and Mary Ryan.

Budget Update – The Library received a base budget increase of $175,000 to cover the anticipated cost increases for current subscriptions and the $20,000 cost increase for UpToDate. However, the Library still has a base budget deficit of $50,000 for current journal subscriptions because of the budget cut last year, so the staff will continue to look for ways to cut $50,000 from ongoing expenses.

UpToDate & DynaMed - The UpToDate subscription was renewed for 2012/13, despite the cost increase of $20,000 for 2012/13 and the cost increases scheduled to come over the next three years. Library staff met with the clinical evaluation team twice to discuss the cost increases, and the team members promised to actively support the Library’s budget requests in future years to cover the increased costs. The statewide license for DynaMed was also renewed this year, with a cost increase of $2,500.

Teaching With Technology Symposium - Library faculty and staff spent significant time and effort organizing and implementing the Teaching with Technology Symposium, in conjunction with the Teaching with Technology Committee. The symposium’s focus was team based learning and included several speakers and workshops. There were 168 registrants.

Society for the History of Medicine and the Health Professions - The annual dinner meeting of the Society for the History of Medicine and the Health Professionals will be held at 6pm on September 6 in the Stephens Spine Institute, with Dr. Joe Bates speaking on the history of tuberculosis diagnosis and treatment. The scanning of backfiles of publications of the Arkansas Medicine Society is going well, with an anticipated completion date of December, 2012. Daphne reminded committee members to alert faculty and administrators in their colleges about donating inactive files, publications and artifacts to the Historical Research Center’s university archives.

Scholarly Communications Update – Some predatory open access publishers have been established to make a profit printing journal articles. These publishers are not legitimate publishers and should be avoided. A website listing predatory publishers is available at http://carbon.ucdenver.edu/~jbeall/Beall's%20List%20of%20Predatory,%20Open%20Access%20Publishers%202012.pdf. Major funding agencies for biomedical research in Europe are actively trying to lower or eliminate the embargo on the deposition of research articles in PubMed Central or another openly available repository.

UAMS librarians Susan Steelman and Sheila Thomas are surveying the 125+ academic health sciences libraries in the US to determine what types of work the librarians are doing with their IACUC’s (Institutional Animal Care and Use Committees).

The meeting concluded with tours of the newly renovated areas of the Library, including the Active Learning Center, and a discussion of other renovations scheduled for the coming months.

Kathy Rye announced that she will be retiring in November, so this will be her last LAC meeting.

The next Library Advisory Committee meeting will be held in November.