University of Sussex
Library Consultative Group
The 118th meeting held on Thursday, 5 November 2009

Notes

Present: Kitty Inglis (Chair) (Library) (KI), Chris Harland (EngDes) (CH), Claudia Eberlein (MPS) (CE), Caroline House (ITS) (CHs), Robert Ray (LifeSci) (RR), Dave Boyne (P/G HAHP) (DB), Joshua Jones (USSU) (JJ), Graham Hole (Psychology) (GH), Katerina Deligiorgi (HAHP) (KD), Russell Whiting (ESW) (RW), Keston Sutherland (English) (KS), Evelyn Dodds (Global) (ED), Jil Fairclough (BSMS) (JF)

In attendance: Cath Morgan (Library) (CM), Jane Harvell (Library) (JH), Adrian Hale (Library) (AH), Joanna Ball (Library) (JB), Chloe Barnes (Library) (CB), Alison Timoney (Library) (AT) (Secretary)

KI welcomed new members to the Group.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from Sharif Mowlabocus, Mark Davies, Natasha Beloff and Rob Eastwood.

2. **Notes of last meeting (21 May 2009)** were agreed.

3. **Matters arising from last meeting (21 May 2009)**
   There were no matters arising.

4. **Library Update (KI)**
   KI presented the Library Update. The following further comments were made:

   EThOS
   CH asked what the procedure was for restricting access to theses that are made available online. AH advised that the process would be the same as it currently is for printed theses (i.e. students would need to get approval from their Head of School).

   Aquabrowser
   Aquabrowser (the new 'Beta Catalogue') has now been made the default catalogue. However, the old catalogue will continue to be available.

   infoPlus
   infoPlus is a new online resource to support researchers and postgraduates. KI advised that the resource is not just restricted to researchers and postgraduates but that undergraduates should also be encouraged to use it.

   Archival Management System (AMS)
   Work is currently ongoing to develop the user interface for the new online archival catalogue for Special Collections. JH asked that if anyone is interested in helping to evaluate the user interface to please get in touch (J.Harvell@sussex.ac.uk). It is hoped to be able to demonstrate the system at LCG in the spring.

5. **Library Refurbishment Update (KI)**
   KI introduced the paper on Library Refurbishment Update. The following further comments were made:

   • A 12/14 month refurbishment of the Library has just begun

- The project will provide increased and varied study spaces with additional data and power so students can use their laptops in study areas
- The Careers and Employability Centre will move into the Library
- The café will be moved to the ground floor along with John Smith's Bookshop
- Tender for main contractor has been sent out and it is hoped to award this by the end of November
- Have stipulated that any noisy work must stop by 11.00am and have given particular thought to when exam times are
- Have spent the summer months tagging almost 600,000 books in preparation for RFID going live in January 2010. The implementation of RFID will ensure that 100% of stock can be issued/returned when the building is open
- There will be dedicated printing and photocopying areas on each floor

6. Demonstrations on:

Subject web pages (CB)

CB gave a demonstration of the new subject web pages which can be accessed from the Library website (www.sussex.ac.uk/library/), Quick Links, Subject resources. CB asked members to mention the new web pages to their students and advised that if anyone would like specific training sessions they contact the Learning and Teaching Support Team on 7199 or at library.learning.teaching@sussex.ac.uk. Any comments/suggestions on the subject web pages should be passed to the LATS Team at the above email address.

infoPlus (JB)

JB gave a demonstration of infoPlus which can be accessed from the Library website (www.sussex.ac.uk/library/), Quick links, infoPlus. JB asked members to advise their colleagues of the new resource and that any comments/suggestions be passed to Research Liaison on 7941 or at library.researchliaison@sussex.ac.uk.

RFID Kiosks (AH)

AH gave a demonstration of the RFID kiosk. A short film showing how RFID works can be found at www.sussex.ac.uk/library/refurbishment/.

Aspire (CM)

CM gave a demonstration of Talis Aspire which will replace the existing resource list system as the new reading list management software. All existing reading lists have been migrated to the new system and are available to students and academic staff via Study Direct. The system is currently being piloted with a few academic staff and CM asked members to check if any of their colleagues would like to be involved with the pilot and if so, to notify her by email (C.E.Morgan@sussex.ac.uk). Update on progress to be provided at LCG in the spring.

7. Any other business

KI raised the possibility of asking 2nd and 3rd year student representatives from last year's membership to attend the autumn term meeting of LCG as it is difficult to get new representatives for this meeting because of the timing of elections. KI to follow up with JJ outside the meeting.   **KI/JJ**

8. Date of next meeting (AT)

Thursday 25th February 2010 at 2.00-4.00pm in the Library meeting room

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