LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING
December 17, 2012 12:00-1:00pm
Amarillo Library Conference Rm. (2nd Floor)

Present:  
Jeanie Jaramillo, PharmD (Faculty Representative, SOP)
Jody Wilkinson, MD (Faculty Representative, SOAH)
Evan Jones (Student Representative, SOAH)
Titus Rajan (Student Representative, SOP)

Absent:  
Kishore Yalamanchili, MD (Faculty Representative, SOM)
Brigitte Doughty (Student Representative, SOAH)
Sara Zere (Student Representative, SOP)
Vacant (Student Representative, SOM)

Guests:  
Cheryl Simonsen, MLIS (Library Associate Director)
Terri Wilson, MS (Assistant Director, Library Liaison to SOAH and SOP)
Yumi Yaguchi, MSIS (Assistant Director, Library Liaison to SOM)

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 noon.

The minutes of the April 17, 2012 Library Committee Meeting were approved by acclamation.

Terri reported on general library news. We have new database subscriptions available: Agile Diagnosis, Clinical Key, BlackBoxRX.com, and SciFinder. Our staff received new computers which allowed us to rotate the older staff computers to the public areas and remove some seven-year-old machines. Traffic has picked up within the library, and our study room usage is up as well.

Cheryl reported on our outreach activities since our last meeting. On September 17th we exhibited at the Senior Citizen’s Day Health Fair at the Tri-State Fair. We spoke with 169 attendees. On October 21st we exhibited at the St. Thomas Parish Health Fair and spoke with 94 attendees. At these community events we promote Medline Plus which is the Consumer Health Care database produced by the National Library of Medicine and the National Institutes of Health. It is the premier website for consumer health information and has patient education materials translated into nearly 50 languages. By now we normally would have exhibited at three of the Community Medical School events; however the Community Medical School has been put on hold until the Spring.

This coming year we plan to continue with our outreach to seniors, and we hope to do outreach of some type with the refugee community. However, their funding has been cut so they are not as active as they have been. We also plan to offer training to some of our contract holders, mainly the law firms as Terri has expertise in that area.

Yumi reported on our monthly database promotions since our last meeting. In April we promoted Pepid on Thursday the 26th from 4 PM to 5 PM at both the SOM and the SOP, but we...
only had two people show up for the demo. In May, June, July, and August we did not have promotions. In September we promoted Gold Rush by sending an email out to Amarillo-ALL that gave tips on using Gold Rush and reminded everyone that we can give instruction sessions at the convenience of faculty, students, and staff. In October we did not have a promotion because all of the library branches were busy with the regional medical library association conference that was hosted in Lubbock. In November we sent an email out to Amarillo-ALL to promote Mobile Resources. While we have not had anyone take us up on our offer for instruction as a result of the Amarillo-ALL emails, we have gotten more feedback from staff who have noticed this new method of promotion.

Upcoming monthly promotions:
January - Access Products (Medicine, Surgery, Pharmacy, Pediatrics and Emergency Medicine)
February - Clinical Key
March - Agile Diagnosis
April - PEPID

The Library Committee still feels that it would be a good idea to set up a table at Grand Rounds to give out library information or even to have a Library Ground Rounds at some point.

The floor was then opened to questions and discussion. Dr. Jaramillo informed us that TTUHSC has purchased a subscription to TurnItIn.com that will be implemented in January 2013. Robby McCasland, a Managing Director in Lubbock IT, is the contact person for this. We also discussed the possibility of having a library resource guide in a public area of Sakai. Cheryl said that she would speak with Paul Landers, the Libraries’ IT manager in Lubbock, about this possibility.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:30 p.m.