

LIBRARY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 16, 2011 12:00-1:00pm

Amarillo Library Conference Rm. (2nd Floor)

- Present:** Jeanie Jaramillo, PharmD (Faculty Representative, SOP)
Jody Wilkinson, MD (Faculty Representative, SOAH)
Kishore Yalamanchili, MD (Faculty Representative, SOM)
- Absent:** Lindsey Gaidousek (Student Representative, SOM)
Whitney Murphy (Student Representative, SOAH)
- 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)
Mu Chen (sitting in for Lindsey Gaidousek)

The meeting was called to order at 12:10 p.m.

The minutes of the April 19, 2011 Library Committee Meeting were approved by acclamation.

Cheryl reported on general library news. The most recent budget cut required us to close the library at 5:00pm on Fridays, as we were already running at a bare minimum of student assistants from previous budget cuts.

Cheryl also reported on our outreach activities since our last meeting which included three Community Medical Schools, the Senior Health Fair at the Tri-State Fair, Hablando, and the St. Thomas Parish Fair. Dr. Jordan asked us to bring our display to all of the Community Medical Schools this year, so we will also be attending the January and February schools. We mainly promote MedLinePlus from the National Library of Medicine at these outreach events.

Yumi reported on our monthly database promotions since our last meeting which included Rehabilitation Reference Center in April 2011, Deep Web Explorit in May, Gold Rush in September, Mobile Resources in October, and Koha in November. Coming up we will have PubMed in December, Epocrates in February, Reaxys in March, and Pepid in April. The librarians asked the committee members for suggestions to bring in better attendance for these promotions. It was suggested that instead of holding the promotions in the library as an all-day come-and-go, we could schedule a specific hour or two in the School of Medicine. Cheryl said that she would check into room availability in the School of Medicine. It was also suggested that we contact Kristin Stutz to see if we can get a few minutes to announce upcoming promotions at the beginning of the Wednesday PM lecture. Spring lectures have not been set yet.

Terri gave an introduction of Koha, the new library catalog. Koha offers new search limiters, such as being able to search by specific library branch. It also allows for the creation of a personal account using your e-reader which lets you see a history of what you have borrowed, the due dates of the items you have currently checked out, the ability to renew your books online or

put holds on books that are checked out by others, and to submit book purchase recommendations to the TTUHSC Libraries. There have been a few technical glitches as the Libraries have moved data from the old catalog into Koha. Patrons are encouraged to contact a librarian if they run across any errors or problems.

After some discussion, Dr. Wilkinson volunteered to be the new chair of the Library Committee. This was approved by acclamation.

The floor was then opened to questions and discussion. The question was brought up of whether or not a new library has been proposed in any new building(s) slated to be built on the most recent land grant release. Nothing has been mentioned to anyone in the library at this point.

Librarians have received requests for help with technical problems with UpToDate. As this is not a Libraries' subscription, we have been unable to offer suggestions. The general consensus of committee members is that Amarillo IT should be contacted for UpToDate technical issues.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:03p.m.