Library Council Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 20th, 2025
Zoom
Start Time: 2:00 PM

Agenda:
1. Welcome (Kyle Bradbury)
2. AI in the Libraries (Hannah Rozear, Sean Aery, Kate Dickson)
3. University Library Update (Joe Salem)
3. Agenda setting for this academic year (Kyle Bradbury)

Present:
Kate Driscoll, Blue Branton, Alex Zhang, Dracine Hodges, Tsitsi Jaji, Misha Angrist, Aaron Welborn, Jennifer Knust, Michael Reiter, Sunag Udupa, Angelina Lucento, Naomi Nelson, Emily Daly, Megan Crain, Joe Salem, Esther Kim Lee, Kyle Bradbury, Jameca Dupree, Bill Seaman, Jon Reifschneider, Rachel Porter, Hannah Rozear, Sean Aery, Kate Dickson, Akhil Eraniyan, Jocelyn Olcott

Absent:
Lauren Ginsberg *(On Sabbatical)*, Thavolia Glymph *(On Sabbatical)*, Giuseppe Lopomo, John Quinterno, Saskia Ziolkowski *(On Sabbatical)*, Beverly Murphy, Astrid Adele Giugni, Edward Triplett, Tim McGeary, Dean Smith, Tracie Canada

1. **Welcome (Kyle Bradbury)**
    - Kyle thanked members for their suggestions for potential agenda topics for the year.
    - Minutes will be shared going forward for approval by members of the Council before being posted to the website.

2. **AI in the Libraries (Hannah Rozear, Sean Aery, Kate Dickson)**

    TOPIC 1: AI Ethics Learning Toolkit
    Presenter: Hannah Rozear, Librarian for Global Health, Biological Sciences, and AI Learning

    - The AI Ethics Learning Toolkit is a resource developed with Lyle's Caradite Center to help faculty engage students in critical discussions about AI.
    - The toolkit (https://lile.duke.edu/ai-ethics-learning-toolkit/), launched in August, covers 10 AI-related topics with conversation starters, active learning activities, and disciplinary extensions.
    - While the content is primarily designed for faculty/instructors, Hannah noted initial positive feedback from Writing 120 instructors and interest from outside Duke, though the canvas companion remains in a pilot phase.
    - The need to keep information current and the potential for crowdsourced contributions to maintain content freshness was highlighted to close the discussion.

- *Discussion: There was an inquiry about usages and broader student access, to which Hannah explained the toolkit is publicly available but not specifically student-facing, though faculty incorporating it into courses would make it accessible to students*.

TOPIC 2: AI Bot Battles And the impact on library services & infrastructure
Presenter: Sean Aery, Digital Projects Developer Assessment & UX Strategy Department

- Sean described the library's battle with AI bots, explaining how they implemented a bot mitigation strategy to protect their catalog from overwhelming traffic.
- He highlighted the challenges of distinguishing between good and bad bots and the need for continued vigilance and collaboration with partners.
- There was an emphasis on the importance of balancing open access with the need to protect library resources from AI-driven threats.
- Sean discussed the impact of AI and bots on website traffic and search engine rankings, noting that while traditional search engine bots are still allowed, there are challenges with identifying and filtering malicious bots.
- Moving forward, Sean to continue monitoring and improving the bot mitigation strategy for library systems and will with OIT to quantify potential cost savings from reduced bot traffic.

TOPIC 3: Copyright & Information Policy – AI Issues
Presenter: Kate Dickson, the Copyright and Information Policy Librarian

- Ways AI issues have come up in Kate's work:
    - Author agreements and addenda related to AI
    - Working with OGC and DUP on AI issues
    - Questions about ongoing AI litigation, Anthropic settlement
    - Questions about web scraping, use of licensed resources in connection with AI tools
    - AI clauses in library licenses
- Kate addressed the growing issue of AI-related author agreements, explaining that faculty are receiving requests to license their works for AI training, and highlighted the need for better protection and royalty terms in these agreements.
- She emphasized the importance of monitoring these developments and collaborating with other departments to address the legal and ethical questions raised by AI.
- Kate will continue assisting faculty with reviewing AI-related addenda in author agreements.
- *Discussion*
    - *Challenges and legal implications of using copyrighted materials in AI training, with Kate explaining that most licensing agreements restrict the use of licensed resources for AI training but may allow negotiation for closed environments.*
    - *The Anthropic settlement: Kate clarified that it only applies to pirated content, with fair use still applicable for lawfully obtained works.*

- *The impact of AI on public domain and openly licensed materials, with Kate noting fewer restrictions but advising caution due to website terms of service.*
- *Concerns were shared about academia.edu's updated terms of use, highlighting the broader implications for researchers in sanctioned regions who rely on the platform for access.*
- *The complexities and challenges surrounding the use of AI with research literature, including training models and summarization, emphasizing the need for clearer guidelines and education on allowable practices.*
- *It was suggested that efforts like those discussed by Hannah could extend to faculty and researchers across the university, combining ethical considerations with regulatory guidance.*
- *Joe, as co-chair of the AI Planning and Prioritization Initiative, noted a growing demand for clear policies and guidance, with a survey distributed to gather input on this matter.*

3. University Library Update (Joe Salem)

- Joe announced that three out of four libraries in the Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN) will be implementing a new software called Primo by next July, which will improve discovery of library resources. This can be a possible spring Library Council meeting agenda item.
- It was proposed that the AUXS team engage with the Library Council (LC) on the upcoming faculty survey.
- Joe reminded the group about the Weaver Lecture featuring author Percival Everett is on Thursday, October 23rd.
- The lecture coincides with the Library Advisory Board Meeting (LAB). Kyle will be attending this meeting and there is potential for more interaction with both LC and LAB.
- The space utilization study concluded last spring and will be revisited in the upcoming months, and this can also be another topic for discussion with LC.
- Joe is open to meeting with additional faculty groups as needed in light of recent changes in the Libraries.

4. Agenda Setting for this Academic Year (Kyle Bradbury)

- It was noted that there was quite a bit of alignment with some of the topics that members suggested to Kyle and the draft plan for the year.
- Kyle shared the draft plan for the rest of the year
    - November – tentative plan to have a discussion of the status of the Library Service Center and future needs – with site visit
    - Spring Semester (prospective topics)
        - Discussion of the state of journal models and the emerging collections access models
        - Lilly Library Project update and hard hat tour
        - Library space utilization study and discussion of opportunities
        - Capital campaign feedback and fundraising
        - Feedback on the new discovery layer for the Library catalog (ALMA)

- Themes that came to Kyle from feedback from members included:
    - How can faculty best support the library's mission and the research and teaching mission?
    - How can the library continue to maintain outstanding collections, trusted experience, and exceptional service, during a time when, when we have transitions happening?
    - How can LC assist with Library budget and fundraising?
- *Discussion: Adding to the agenda for this year a discussion of the advisory role of the Library Council, in light of recent events and concerns from members of the Council.*

Adjourn.