

WMHIC Winter Meeting

Friday, December 4th, 2015

Mt. Holyoke College

Present: Martha Prescott, Sarah Smith, Sarah Oelker, Bridget Gunn, Rachel Alter, Margot Malachowski, Eric Warren, Anna Popp.

Institutional Updates:

- Martha from Berkshire
 - Inundated with students! New rural health program of some sort, likely associated with some Boston medical program. The center is also expanding their substance abuse treatment programs. Martha reported having problems with theft, especially of her psychology collection.

- Sarah from AIC
 - Working with MSN program! Some discussion on embedded librarianship (see Anna's report from MLS)..

- Bridget from Baystate
 - Baystate will affiliate with UMass Med in 2017, ending its affiliation with Tufts. The library is planning support for new, larger student programs. Currently, Baystate doesn't do a lot of library instruction in a classroom setting. As UMass brings in medical students, the library will probably be involved with providing additional instructional support. New classrooms are being built in 3601 Main St building that currently is largely animal labs.

- Rachel from Bay Path
 - May be renovations and shuffling in the works. Getting different phases of renovation in order is hard. Still rumors of an exclusively online undergraduate degree program, but possibly trouble getting it off the ground. Could we meet at Bay Path's Longmeadow building for our spring meeting? (Update: Yes, we are! Topic and date TBA). There's a model apartment that the Occupational Therapy program has there, which is interesting as a teaching space.

- Eric from STCC

- Commonwealth has had a credit downgrade which could raise costs of project to create a more one-stop student services location in an unused building. Other than that, pretty much business as usual. Union operating without contract on campus, so you may hear about actions.
- Margot from Baystate
 - Margot had a flat tire this morning, whew. Margot works with patients and families, took responsibility for the Consumer Health Library at 3300 Main St about 5 years ago. Due to staff shortages, CHL reduced its hours from Mon-Fri 9-5 to noon-5. Margot does a lot of outreach, which results in more email/phone questions, but walk-ins are still low. The plan is to open CHL on Mon and Wed mornings to boost walk-in reference questions. The medical interpreters make heavy use of the consumer health library, too, and sometimes bring in patients.
- Anna from Mass Library System
 - Membership in MLS is free! She's an advisor, does space planning and collection analysis, marketing, comm, etc. Anna will visit your library! Has resources about embedded librarianship (see <http://librarianhats.net/> for example).
- Sarah from Mount Holyoke
 - Nothing much new to report!

Presenters:

Rebecca Darling (Wellesley College) and Megan Brooks (Mount Holyoke College) talked about developing an instructional and research technology program.