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Collections Work Team Meeting

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Attendance: Katrina Jackson, Bede Mitchell, Fred Smith, Rebecca Ziegler, Debra Skinner, Paolo Gujilde, Carson Stepanek, Dana Dreger, Kim Hall, Jennifer Gerrald, Wendy Harrison, Krystal King, Daricus Larry, Jessica Minihan, Lori Gwinett, Lisa Smith

Browsing Books: A discussion took place regarding the usage of browsing books and whether to add an e-book service for browsing books in addition to or in the place of print browsing titles. Debra Skinner gave a short presentation showing the circulation of browsing books, showing that overall the circulation statistics were pretty good. The team was in favor of retaining print browsing books and voted in favor of presenting a proposal to the faculty to add browsing books as well in the form of a service such as Overdrive or Odillo, and perhaps more tightly focusing the scope of the print titles in Browsing.

In addition it was determined that the practice of placing new books in the browsing area should cease, since this practice seems to cause more confusion than help for users in that they check the shelves and don't find the books. Because the new books are only left in this area until they are circulated, this practice makes the process even more confusing for patrons and staff.

Orion Harrison DVD Collection: Nearly 3000 DVDs were recently donated through the estate of Orion Harrison. A lengthy discussion ensued regarding where to house, store, and display these DVDs. Many are popular titles and will be of interest to students as well as to faculty teaching film courses. Some team members suggested that the DVD boxes be placed on the Browsing shelves, but they only want those not used for teaching to be housed there. The DVDs themselves would be filed at the circulation desk. This practice brought up the question of having two collections, how to divide them, and what to do about the DVDs already owned.

Because of the many issues that came up, the work team voted to table the discussion until the next meeting on July 20.

Red and Wooden Bookends: The brown bookends in the Lorimer Room are not very functional, and it was decided not to use them. The red bookends are from the Orion Harrison collection, and work very well. They should be used as needed.

Chemical Abstracts: This title has been pulled from Reference and moved to the ARC, thus freeing an entire range of shelving that can be moved out of the Reference area.

