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Collections Work Team Meeting
October 19, 2015
Essence Notes

Present: Debra Skinner, Paolo Gujilde, Jessica Williams, Fred Smith, Jessica Minihan, Beth Russell, Greg Vaughan, Katrina Jackson, Adam Blaylock

Overcrowding of Bound Periodicals: The group discussed the options regarding what years should be moved to the ARC to alleviate the impending lack of room to shelve volumes. Adam noted that although there is some space in the stacks, that shelving now requires significant shifting for some titles.

Greg Vaughan was called upon to discuss what shifting periodicals to the ARC entails in terms of manual work in Voyager. He feels that it can probably be done over the intercession between fall and spring if he concentrates on this as his sole project along with help from other C&RS staff and students. He and Jennifer Gerrald already have a logistical plan from the last shift of bound volumes to the ARC.

The group discussed the impact of putting all of the bound periodicals in the ARC with each new volume going directly to the ARC rather than to open shelving. The consensus was that moving all bound volumes makes sense at this time since there is relatively little use of the print volumes. In the case of interlibrary loan convenience, it was determined that the ARC is as convenient if not more so for obtaining bound volumes for lending purposes. In addition, we are changing as many print titles as possible to the online format.

Jessica Williams will write an official proposal to submit to the Dean of the Library for faculty approval for the periodicals to the ARC project.

Overcrowding of K Collection: The K collection has become crowded, and shifting can be very difficult considering the number of serials and sets in this location that require many shelves. Greg Vaughan prepared a list of titles to consider for moving to the ARC which he will distribute to the group. The list will also be distributed with the Essence Notes.

The project of moving K titles to the ARC is complex. First of all, the library has an agreement with Bulloch Law which includes housing some titles that they purchase either completely or in part. These titles have to be identified and retained on the shelves unless we get permission to put some or all of a title in the ARC. Also, we will need liaison review as well as a representative of the law community to advise us regarding relocating titles. Individual monographs can be pulled, but will not make a lot of difference since there are so many large sets and serials.

The final determination was that we will view this project as long term and discuss again at the next meeting after Greg Vaughan and others obtain more information.

Next meeting date: October 30th, 3 pm.

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