Library Student Advisory Board

Minutes, 3/29/2017

Present: Madison Correiro, Tristan Poindexter, Penny Stricklin, Rebecca Seipp, Karen Ryan, Maryke Barber.

I. Meet Karen Ryan, Circulation Coordinator

Karen came to Hollins in 2013 with extensive experience working in the Circulation departments of academic and public libraries. Translation: we are super-lucky to have her! Karen supervises all of the library’s work study students who work at the front desk. They also shelve books, find lost books, deliver books to faculty and staff, clean keyboards, help manage recycling in the library, and answer oh so many questions from visitors. Karen manages with the assistance of four Student Peer Coordinators: students who receive additional training and pay to do such things as train new Circulation students, open and close the buildings, and supervise on weekends.

Karen is also the person who ensures that Professors’ reserve requests are available promptly every semester. Last but not least, this year she took on the awesome task of ordering books for the library’s bestseller and permanent collections in the special category of “New Adult”: fiction with young protagonists, 18-about 30. She’s added some great new titles: for a quick browse, come take a look at call numbers starting with PZ7 and PZ8 on the Bestseller shelf (immediately behind the New Books shelf).

II. Upcoming Events: the Library Hike!

The Library hike is from April 10-24 this year. In addition to the self-guided hike there will also be a special hike for writing outdoors, with Thorpe Moeckel and Jon Guy Owens, on April 19. Rebecca took suggestions for the book bags that will be placed to inspire hikers along the way. To go on the hike, come check out a hiking pack at the library, and enjoy the trail!

National Bookmobile Day is April 12! We are super excited that our bookmobile will be on that day, with our new prize wheel, no less. Suggestions for prize wheel prizes included bookmarks, book lights, stickers, laptop decals, temporary tattoos, and key chains.

The Hollins Book Club for students will meet to discuss the Handmaid’s Tale on April 18, 7-9 p.m. For more information, contact Tristan Poindexter.
III. Recommended Reading website

Maryke is working on adding the suggestions she’s just received. It was agreed that we’ll mix up student and faculty suggestions on the site, rather than make categories. To advertise the site, we’ll arrange table sitting in the Fall (it’s too busy this time of year) and have some fancy bookmarks to promote the site.

IV. Usability Testing!

Our IT Librarian James Miller is looking for a few people to help him usability test the website design he implemented this fall. To help us out – and to earn some free coffee shop gift certificates! – contact James.

IV. Got questions or suggestions? Email Rebecca or Maryke, or bring them up whenever you attend a meeting.