LSAB Minutes September 2014

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Minutes for the Library Student Advisory Committee
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Present: Erin, Aubrey, Tena, Naomi, Johnna, Carolyn, Maggie, Rebecca, Maryke.

Welcome to the first minutes for Fall 2014! Welcome especially to our new members 😊 Everyone, if you have issues or ideas you would like to discuss with the group, let Rebecca or Maryke know what they are – or come to the meetings and bring your ideas! We are glad you’ve joined our group, and we welcome your suggestions.

Come Bookmobile With Us!
The bookmobile is an opportunity to help the library and have fun at the same time: once a month during lunch on Wednesday, we bring a golf cart full of new books to Moody, to encourage students/faculty/staff to browse and check them out. If you want to join us, you can: recommend good books to your friends, and/or practice your book-selling skills by recommending good books to a total stranger! Either way, it is a lot of fun. The next bookmobile is Wednesday, October 15, and there will be another on November 19.

Of Coffee & Crumpets
Kerry Edmonds, Hollins’ Vice President for Finance and Administration, visited to discuss the plan to open a small coffee shop, similar to Greenberry’s, in the library’s coffee commons. So as not to compete with Greenberry’s, this shop will be open in the evening. Prime hours were discussed – consensus seemed to be the later, the better – and Kerry asked for suggestions for food items. Suggestions included: oat bars/ granola bars, bagels, muffins, hummus and chips, warm food and/or a microwave, chocolate bars, brownies, fresh fruit, yoghurt, wraps. It was also suggested that the café be advertised to student groups for meeting space. Note that this is a pilot program: the first year of this shop will determine whether it will remain open, hours, and offerings. We hope you’ll come and drink coffee – and bring your friends!

Zines
Zines are self-made magazines. They can be about anything you’d like to make a magazine about, and they are often wonderful/fantastic/interesting works of art. See here for more information on what zines are.

Last year, the library asked the committee their thoughts on starting a zine collection in the library; we also collected suggestions using the white board. Based on the initial enthusiastic response, Rebecca and Maryke entered a drawing at the annual American Library Association conference – and to our great surprise and amazement, we won 100 zines!
Our winnings are now displayed in the library’s coffee commons, and like the café, we hope for usage and feedback to tell us whether we should devote staff time and resources to developing this collection. Come and take a look! They are diverse and fabulous, and you can check them out just like a book.

Student advisors for the Hollins Digital Commons (HDC)
The HDC is an online database of the scholarship, creative works, and historical record of Hollins University. Material in the HDC include the work of faculty, staff, students and alumnae/i of the university. Luke, our University Librarian, is looking for one or two student volunteers to join the advisory board for the HDC, which is made up of librarians, faculty, and hopefully some of you! The board meets once per semester. If you are interested, contact Rebecca at seipprl@hollins.edu
NaNoWriMo and FYS write-ins

Rebecca asked whether we’d want to organize NaNoWriMo write-ins again this year. They were popular last year: people appreciated the opportunity to share space and refreshments in the library, while committing themselves to write. It was recommended that we do this again.

Maryke asked whether write-ins for first-year students were also of interest: should we create some space, time and snacks for FYS to work on research and other projects? You said yes, and suggested weekday evenings end November/begin December, twice per week if possible.