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Minutes for the Library Student Advisory Committee

October 23, 2013

Present: Johnna, Karissa, Lexi, Maggie, Kacee, Ginny, Taylor, Jamee, Hazel, Flannery, Profitt, Rebecca, Karen, James, Maryke.

Demo of a possible addition to the library website: LibAnswers

- James Miller, IT Librarian, demonstrated a web tool called Libanswers. It is a searchable database of questions and answers, which allows you to type in a question about the library, and choose from responses created by the library staff. Every time a new question is answered it is added to the database. It would help people find answers without their having to search through the library's various menus and links. You can see Libanswers in action on Roanoke College's website.
- Discussion: this would make the library website more accessible and welcoming, and people would appreciate the convenience, many other sites have a similar search feature.

New Staff Member: Karen Ryan

- Karen Ryan in the new Circulation Coordinator. She comes to Hollins from Randolph College, where she was also in the Circulation department. She is enjoying being back at a women's school. If you have questions about borrowing or other circulation matters, come find her between 8 and 4 weekdays.

Poemathon

- Hollins Alums and poets Will Schutt and Luke Johnson will be at Hollins in March for a Beanstalk reading. Rebecca is working with them to arrange a poemathon, in which people can take deselected library books, deconstruct them and use them to create new poems.
- Discussion: invite all departments, not just English, this will appeal to a broad audience ; make clear it's a come and go event ; have it before the reading to advertise the reading, too ; create "stations" at which people can make poems in different ways (whiteboards, etc) ; get the word out using sidewalk chalk, media relations, create FB group, Moody, Senate, cool flyers, presentations in classes, and offer free food!

Nanomonth

- Discussion of various options. Adding hours past closing is not a possibility, and a party on the last day would be great if it weren't Saturday of Thanksgiving break ☹️ A mid-month write-in was suggested, providing comfort, emotional support, and cake or other food. Ask the white board whether people would come.

Reading room renovation

- Three layouts for the Lewis Reading Room were presented, along with photographs of furniture.

- Likes: lounge chairs, plugin tables, layouts that create the opportunity for group discussion, the round booth-like seats for the center (nicer than the design with 4 chairs in the center), a mix of comfortable chairs, easy chairs by the windows, work tables with plug-ins.
- Don't want: stationary computers, chairs that look comfortable but aren't.