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Subject: library student advisory committee: documentaries and meeting dates for rest of Fall semester, and yesterday's minutes

Hello library advisors,
Thanks to those who were able to come out last night (see minutes below, let us know if you have any corrections). It was so nice to have you back, and meet the new members!
Wanted to give a quick heads up about a not-to-miss library event this weekend: come see "Out at Work," the great documentary film about activists working for LGBT workplace rights. Professor Michelle Abate is giving the introduction and there's a free reception afterward - see you there Sunday afternoon, 2 p.m., Jackson Screening Room. And there's another film the next Sunday, the Emmy-nominated "The Ballad of Esequiel Hernandez" (see <http://www.pbs.org/pov/ballad/>), same time and place, introduced by Prof. Jon Bohland.
Thanks also for your feedback about meeting days and dates. Here's what we have for this semester's meetings: save the date if you can!
Meeting 2: November 1
Meeting 3: November 29

If you have questions, ideas, or concerns, you know where to find us :) We're very glad you can join us again this Fall.

All the best,
Luke & Maryke

Library Student advisory Committee meeting: Sept. 27, 2012
In attendance: Lexi, Andie, Cecelia, Grace, Hazel, Ginny, Johnna, Karissa, Maggie, Suzanne, Tori, Ginny Lynn, Lauren, Maryke, Luke

Introductions: we have a number of new members (welcome to Hazel, Ginny, Maggie, Suzanne, Ginny Lynn and Lauren!)

Meetings this semester: We'll stick with Thursdays, dates TBA.

Summer news:

- Reorganization of DVDs into genre-based categories (visited the new arrangement, where Maryke explained the new setup)
- Film viewing room in basement has been upgraded: thanks to donation from Klaus Philips Memorial Fund and Gabe's work
 - o Group viewing of a film will be soon possible: Media Services is going to add hubs for up to 4 headsets.

Your ideas

- From Cecelia: Allowing students to reserve carrels in the library for the semester
 - o Suggestions to limit it to only seniors, or maybe only seniors or grad students
 - o There was interest in this, but would have to limit number of carrel reservations (a certain number could be reserved on each floor)

- o Generally speaking, it's never an issue to find an available carrel.
- o Decisions to make: how many? What floors? Who can reserve? First-come, first-serve? Signage?
- o Maryke/Luke to talk with Joesephine about process next week, hopefully will have trial in place soon.
 - From Cecelia; Checking out computer chargers from the circulation desk
- o Is this more of a media services thing? (Media services already checks out cameras, laptops, etc.)
- o Concern among students that Media Services is not very accessible
- o 75% of attendees said they'd use such a service
- o Best Buy offers a computer charger that will work for any computer (about \$60)
- o Luke/Maryke to investigate possibility of doing this, or possibility of larger collaboration with Gabe to check out other media services items as well
 - From Andie: Halloween: Haunted House in Library?
- o Maryke: would love to do this, but we just never have the time in the fall to organize.
- o If we want to do this, we would need to discuss in the spring.
 - No feminine products dispenser in the bathrooms
- o This is a problem at a number of campus locations
- o Maryke to investigate via buildings/grounds department.

Spring Festival: Evaluation

- Those who attended loved it; particularly liked the mini-golf in the library; the literary costumes; the literary cupcakes, the photo booth
- o Scavenger hunt could go away; didn't seem as popular, didn't fit as well
- Need to pick a better day: the afternoon of cotillion was difficult
- Ideas for events for this spring:
 - o PubQuiz
 - o Building with books – sandcastle - what can you build with a stack of books? (could be an alternative to book fashion show)
 - o Literary Twister
 - o Dramatic Reading/Karaoke Reading
 - ? Pick a passage from a hat; pick an accent/character – do a reading!
 - o Open mic contest – (there is already a forum for undergrad work on campus)
- Note if we want to do this again, we'll need a new set of volunteers! Many of our most dedicated volunteers from last year will be abroad this spring.

Library table-sitting in Moody for research assistance

- Would include both a librarian and a writing center tutor.
- Would lunch or dinner be better?
 - o Lunch advantage: students have their stuff
 - o Dinner advantage: they're not as harried
 - o One compromise: post a Lucy sign on a table at lunch, saying the Dr will be in during the dinner period. That way students know we'll be there
 - o Another compromise: could have a WC tutor there at one time, and a librarian there at the other time
- When? Mid-terms were suggested as best time period, better than week after thanksgiving (though ref questions data shows week after thanksgiving is usually our busiest week at ref desk)

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Currently reading: "Jamrach's menagerie" by Carol Birch