

# Collection Services Council Meeting of April 4, 2023

## Minutes: Tim

**People here:** Jesse, Liladhar, Elliott, Stacy, Chan, Anna, Mark, Jianye, Jo Anne, Samantha, Scott, Tim, Osman, Adam

- Announcements
  - EAL will receive a \$1M endowment from a Korean philanthropist for development of Korean collection
  
- Serials Reduction Update
  - Lists and other info posted to the [SR Libguide](#)
  - CalMessage was sent to campus stakeholders (faculty, staff, graduate students) April 3, 2023 from Jeff
  - FAQs added to <https://guides.lib.berkeley.edu/scholarly-resources/FY2022-24phase2>
  - Already a few dozen responses from community members to scholarly resources email list ([scholarly-resources@lists.berkeley.edu](mailto:scholarly-resources@lists.berkeley.edu))
  - Much of the feedback so far is on titles critical to faculty research; they don't want UCB to cancel those things
  - Q: Will there be any centralized response to commenters? Right now they get a message that says "thank you, we'll be getting back to you". Should selectors/liaisons respond as well? Even if it is an anonymous comment, Jo Anne/Jesse will still share it with the relevant selector. If selectors feel uncomfortable answering, then Jo Anne/Jesse can respond with selector input.
  - Separate issue: concern from Chinese librarians across the US: Chinese government launched a temporary suspension to access of these four types of e-resources in a CDL Tier 1 database: **dissertations/theses, patents, statistics yearbooks, conference proceedings**. Suspension started April 1, 2023. A national committee on Chinese resources is actively communicating with the vendor and resource provider now to try to find a solution.
  - Drop ins (6 over next several weeks) on the serials reduction. Jo Anne will send a reminder about these, which will take place on Wednesdays.
  - Q: CalMessage link to serials cancellation list on the LibGuide is below the fold. Can it be made more prominent higher up on the page? Jesse: yeah we can move it up; will do that today.
  - Jo Anne: some people do not see the e-version if the print has been canceled; we might need to do some more follow-up/education on this. People might have more discovery complaints, so we'll need to keep an eye on that.
  - We will write up a report following this process to highlight questions and answers, feedback from the UCB community (anonymized). Use this in a conversation with LIB-R in the fall. Report will be publicly available.
  
- Collections Vision Update
  - JNR: Thank you all for the heavy list on refreshing the vision. Was going to share with selectors and collections support staff. JMM wanted to see this to inform the broader library strategic process. But for now we're holding off on sharing it.

**Share it in September 2023; so as not to mix it in with serials reductions consultation and communications happening right now.**

- Edited [E-Resources Use Policy](#)
  - Originally developed 10 years ago. Suggested recent changes to guidelines for how community members can/should use licensed resources.
  - Arose from an issue with UCB students using licensed resources in internships at companies, etc. (and those companies/staff not considered Authorized Users)
  - CDLG has already reviewed and Jeff sees it as fine; no cabinet approval required.
  - **Anyone else here can add comments/suggestions - add by COB Friday, April 7.**
  - CSC members can share with divisions/units if they'd like, but this is seen as more informational.
  
- [GreenGlass Preservation Proposal](#)
  - Chan and Hannah - possible preservation actions for unique/rare items
  - In US, ~40,000 unique items not in HT but have been circulated at least 10 times
  - UCB MAIN has 146 of these
  - Make sure there's value in actually preserving these titles; would need selector input/evaluation of these items
  - Tried to identify subject areas to determine which selectors would be asked to review the titles
  - Some titles are reprints (not original materials)
  - List will go back to preservation department and assess how many titles would be moved to special collections; also provide a cost estimate and workload
  - Bring this back to CSC for discussion
  - Timeline: not a huge rush; suggested 3 months
  - Cost depends on analysis by preservation, and the extent of the intervention needed to protect the physical items
  - Bring Kate and Abby into the conversation about where items might need to go (Kate: Bancroft special collections, Abby: medium rare collections); also NRLF is an option
  - Project is useful as a pilot - might need to adjust the timeline though
  - **Next steps: Chan will reach out to Kate and Abby; copy Jo Anne**
  
- Shared Content Leadership Group (SCLG) Update
  - PLoS renewal of the UC-wide transformative agreement
    - Use has decreased; during covid times there was more scholarly publishing, now less
    - ~\$240k for entire system; use part of CDL augmentation funds to pay for PLoS renewal; there will be no local UCB Library cost
  - Upcoming Transformative Agreements
    - Wiley will be announced April 11; before the pilot only covered publishing costs for authors at 5 campuses; now will cover authors at all UC campuses
  - Additional things to be paid for by augmentation funds

- MIT Press Direct to Open journals and books; thus not paid locally; CDL covering it
  - MIT Press CogNet
  - CEU Press - <https://ceup.openingthefuture.net/>
  
- DEIBJ in Collections [Recommendations by Library Unit](#)
  - CSC has started to invite units to discuss and explore how the recommendations affect them
  - CMC/MdS (Guest: Adam Baron 10:30-11a)
    - Discussed at Cataloging and Metadata Council meeting
    - Interested in concerns, challenges, feasibility, refinements
  - ***“Build upon the inclusive and reparative metadata work already done by UCB Metadata Services and encourage UC to do this since we are in a shared catalog.”***
    - Update obsolete cutter numbers
    - Use of additional controlled vocabs beyond LC subject headings
    - If we want/need to define local terms, we can do this as local extension in Alma
    - We could also propose changes to LCSH
    - Challenge: how do we identify what are the problems? Which subject headings are problematic or offensive? Are we proactive, or reactive?
    - Also, UC Library Search includes metadata from external sources which we do not have control over...
    - Important to approach this collaboratively across the UC system; it's not simply a UCB Library problem. Look for systemwide recommendations. The team was recently formed, and they're creating a survey for UC campuses, the purpose of which is to identify DEIBJ metadata challenges and processes for each campus.
    - Other groups working on making changes to subject headings. Once records are updated in WorldCat, we get those updates, i.e. we benefit from work done outside of the UC too.
    - Jo Anne: this work is done through cataloging and metadata services, not necessarily collections services. Can/should this work be charged to CMC? Yes possibly and the work is not outside of what the group is already doing.
  - ***“Streamline the number of locations in a room or space and standardize call numbers across all locations, where possible..”***
    - Not a huge priority; reclassification from one system to another would require a lot of staff time and not necessarily worth the effort in a lot of the cases.
    - Not particularly feasible in a lot of cases; big variety across the collections.
    - # of locations in room - this is a stacks management issue; not a big concern
    - Q: How many unique call number classifications exist? EART, EAL, IGSL, Graduate Services, Morrison, and Law have collections classified in schema other than LC classification. Metadata Services is mostly assigning LC classification; not sure of others

- Identify collections that have non-LC classifications and determine whether there is good reason to change it to LC; probably address on collection-by-collection basis...
- ***“Empower selectors to build diverse collections by providing them with necessary training and time for activities like finding vendors outside of GOBI, collecting non-traditional formats, etc.”***
  - Generally supportive; lots of ways to collect materials. But how to provide access to them? Make sure they’re accessible to our patrons.
  - How do we balance processing/cataloging for these non-shelf ready items with other work we have?
  - JNR: Depends on quantity of items, language, etc. Some things we simply can’t handle in house.
  - Depends on the type of materials as well - don’t shift rare materials to vendors...
  - Support for collecting small press books (some who are publishing LGBT materials) is challenging now because we can’t catalog it; need to go through GOBI? JNR: we prefer GOBI but this isn’t hard and fast rule; selector can discuss with acquisitions. AB: new procedure coming to be able to process these.
- ***“Collect student research output”***
  - More targeted to Scholarly Communications; most likely digital, not physical items
  - Self-service deposit for student research works; if students supply their own metadata, they are often inputting it incorrectly
  - How much work or review of the metadata is required from us?
  - Sometimes just better to provide access with imperfect metadata
  - Be more proactive about gathering student research output
  - From a cataloging perspective, the role is simply to help Schol-comm to determine metadata requirements
- **Public Services update**
  - JNR brought up with Beth - a summary of the recommendations would be helpful, or collaborate at a future public services council meeting with participation from CSC members; maybe won’t happen until June 2023
- **Special collections**
  - JNR met with Kate from Bancroft who wants to bring in a few other people to the conversation
- **Acquisitions**
  - hold off until after the serials reduction
  - Follow up with Mark, Osman, Jane to discuss at a future meeting.
- **HR**

- Jay is still new; we haven't spoken to him about DEIBJ recommendations yet. Jay is currently chairing the LEIC subcommittee on outreach, recruitment and retention.

- Future agenda items

- RLF Update from Susan Swarts—interest from CSC? - **Y**
  - Licensing process update - **Y**
- Collection Services position updates (invite Jane) - **Y**