

International and Area Studies Implementation Team

Working Group on Collections/Space

Summary

October 27, 2009

Present: Diane Koenker, Marek Sroka (Convener and Note-taker), Tom Teper, Karen Wei

The group discussed the need for the display of current periodicals in the new library. It is necessary to check how many current periodicals are online and determine optimal number of current periodicals to be displayed in the new space. The group will send out a message to centers and departments to gather their opinions on having current periodicals in the new space. It was later decided that the question about the current periodicals display should be included in the survey designed by the IAS Services Working Group.

The group discussed current circulating collections and decided that the new library would have a small circulating collection, mostly English language materials, and the main focus should be on a vibrant reference collection (both print and online). The group expressed support for adequate and distinct reference collections for each area. The collections may be located in one or separate physical locations within the new library. The group discussed future evolution of various reference collections into one reference collection. It is our understanding that for now the collections will remain separate and distinct.

Although this issue was not discussed at the meeting of the collections/space working group, it was brought to the group's attention that the microfiche collections at the Slavic and East European Library as well as microfiche collections of other area studies libraries would have to be included in the new library. The new library will have necessary equipment such as scanners, printers, and readers to provide adequate access to those collections. The number of file cabinets that hold the collections needs to be reported to the Chair of the IAS Implementation Team before the next meeting. Marek Sroka will find out the state of microfilm/fiche collections at the Africana, Asian, and Latin American and Caribbean Studies libraries.

Future meeting dates and times (230B Main Library)
Thursday, November 5, 2009 (4:00 pm to 5:00 pm)
Tuesday, November 18, 2009 (2:00 pm to 3:00 pm)
Tuesday, December 8, 2009 (11am-noon)

The meeting adjourned at noon.