

UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO AND UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN LIBRARIES PROPOSED COLLABORATIONS

Sharing and distributing information about international activities in our libraries are important steps for future collaborations. Toronto has a recent list they brought to the meeting and UIUC has a list from a number of years ago. This will also help us be more aware of what is happening on our own campuses. Lynne Rudasill and Judy Snow will work on gathering this information, and Lynne will develop a website where the information can be shared. Information should be ready to share by November.

Short term visits of 3-4 days by librarians between Toronto and UIUC to focus on specific topics and information sharing seems an appropriate way to jumpstart collaboration. Judy Snow and Bob Burger will work on how to implement this, assuming both libraries are able to fund these visits. November would be a good time for the visits to begin, and interlibrary loan and virtual reference might be topics for the first visitors from Toronto to Illinois.

Both of our libraries offer programs for international visitors. **Collaboration on developing training modules for international visitors** seems like a useful activity. The Mortenson Center has an IMLS grant with the Illinois State Library that will involve developing international leadership training modules, and Canadian involvement would be welcome. Mary Ann Mavrinac, Judy Snow, Susan Schnuer and Barbara Ford will work on this. Substantial work in this area will begin in January.

Cooperation on digital content development for the web provides collaborative opportunities. Slavic collections are recommended for the first collaboration and Karen Schmidt, Miranda Remnek and Karen Turko would be the librarians to work on this. Grants are possible. Collaboration should begin in November. Digital services to the disabled are a possible future topic with Karen Schmidt, Beth Sandore and Judy Snow as the librarians to move this forward.

Institutional repositories to preserve grey literature and make it and other content accessible are being developed at both institutions. The experience of international visitors such as CDs about libraries and presentations made by visitors that will document the development of libraries outside North America should be explored. Beth Sandore, Karen Schmidt, Sue Searing, and Karen Turko will work on this. Databases and datasets will be discussed beginning in October.

Digital librarianship and training programs for librarians included discussion of the grant that GSLIS and the library and Indiana University have received. There is interest in training librarians for the digital age, and information will be shared by November. Beth Sandore and Karen Turko will involve others and work on this.

Collaborative collection development, including exchange of duplicates and comparing collections, is another area of interest. Interest was expressed in business and area studies

as areas that might be considered first. However, it was agreed that Graham Bradshaw, Director of Collection Development at the University of Toronto Libraries, should be brought into this conversation before any definite plans could be made. Karen Schmidt and Karen Wei will initiate the discussion with Graham on this issue in November.

Digital/virtual reference and the possibility of joint training and sharing of expertise will continue to be discussed by Jenny Mendelsohn and Jo Kibbee.

Information literacy, including sharing information on campus activities, will continue to be discussed, as relevant, by Mary Ann Mavrincac and Lisa Hinchliffe.

Cultural exchanges between the libraries, such as sharing speakers like the Mortenson Distinguished Lecture, exhibits, etc., are other possible collaborations. Judy Snow and Barbara Ford will continue discussing this.

The University of Toronto Law Library's women's human rights database which has been used to train lawyers, judges, and others around the world and has been accessed from more than 85 countries was of great interest. Judy Snow will investigate further.

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