

New & Noteworthy, Ideas & Comments from ASERL Deans & Directors

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University	Name	New, Noteworthy, Ideas, etc.
Clemson	Christopher Cox	Issue - trying to figure out the value of conducting ClimateQual
College of William & Mary	Carrie Cooper	Swem Library is hosting the 14th Annual 24 Speed Film Making Competition in January. Students and alumni teams write, shoot and edit a film in 24 hours. The Reeder Media Center at Swem organizes the competition and provides the equipment to the student teams. 2018-19 marks 100 years of co-education at W&M; the library sponsored Dr. Carla Hayden's campus lecture in September and we invited our graduates working in libraries and archives back to campus for the event. William & Mary is planning a \$10.8 million renovation on the ground floor of the Earl Gregg Swem Library. The renovated space will include a new Teaching & Learning Studio, work space for technical services staff, and a theater. ALSO: William & Mary has hired a slew of new library professionals after a wave of retirements. Since Fall 2017, we've hired ten new professionals. Has anyone else had a large turnover in staff? What are you doing to orient so many at once? Do you have a formal mentoring program?
Duke University	Deborah Jakubs	Linked Data for Production Cohort (LD4P): Duke University Libraries has been selected to join the Linked Data for Production (LD4P) Cohort. It is an opportunity to begin the transition from MARC-based to linked data-based workflows. The first phase of LD4P (2016-2018) focused on building a communal work environment, BIBFRAME ontology, tooling, and workflows. The Duke University Libraries recently opened Doctoral Research Space, a large, shared office space for writing and research, intended to be a quiet, controlled-access scholarly workspace for Duke doctoral students. The Triangle research Librarians network (TRLN) has received a grant from IMLS to offer a pilot, three-day training institute for librarians from under-resourced institutions to raise the level of library copyright expertise across U.S. libraries, especially at institutions that are not able to support a dedicated staff member devoted full-time to copyright. Our goal is to ensure that librarians serving a broad and diverse set of researchers have the tools they need to most effectively handle the copyright issues they encounter.
East Carolina University	Jan Lewis	A new library-wide effort is underway to incorporate characteristics of High-Impact Educational Practices into the student employment framework for Spring 2019. This includes faculty/staff interaction, reflection, internships, diversity, and common experiences. The framework will consist of ongoing guided reflection with supervisors, professional development workshops, and a comprehensive orientation program. We are offering internships and capstone projects for University Studies majors, a new field of study for ECU. A task force is examining the who/what/when/where/how of student data collection at the library. It will make a recommendation about how the data can be appropriately used to support student success including, but not limited to, collaborations with ECU's office of Institutional Research. Of particular focus will be the possible implementation of turnstiles, which would require students to swipe their campus ID card for entry and exit. Separately, but related, the library director chairs the ECU Data Stewardship Committee. This committee recently adopted information classifications (Level 1/Public to Level 4/Highly Restricted). Every area of the university is in the process of applying the classifications to its data and identifying relevant statutes and regulations. Approximately 3,300 linear feet of journals are being shifted to basement compact shelving to open space on the second and third floors. The library is working with students, vendors, and other stakeholders to design new furnishings for the newly created space. We had some new programming for graduate students this fall. One session was an introduction to data management and the other was on finding fellowship opportunities. Both sessions were in collaboration with the Graduate School and Laupus Health Sciences Library. We collaborated the Pre-Award Specialist for the College of Arts and Sciences on the fellowship session. We had a great Family Fun Day as part of ECU's Homecoming Weekend and the

		Blackbeard 300 commemoration. Face-painting, storybook theatre performances, a planetarium, and a scavenger hunt were among the activities. We are recruiting for several new positions, including a Digital Collections Strategist, a Science Librarian, and an Outreach/Instruction Librarian for Special Collections. We hope to post soon for a data visualization/assessment position and an assistant director for library technology.
Florida International University	Anne Prestamo	Recently completed data analysis projects re: library influence on student success show: a) library student employees graduate at higher rates than general student population. Students who started at FIU as freshmen (FTICs) and worked in the FIU Library graduated at higher rates than the general student population (70% vs. 55%, respectively) (2008-2010 FTICs). Further, students with high HS GPAs of 4.0 and higher were particularly likely to benefit from working in the library: they had a 6-year graduation rate of 90%, compared to a 70% rate for students with similar HS GPAs who did not work in the library; and b) Using AY17-18 turnstile data, the analysis shows that 2nd year retention with GPA >2.0 for the 17-18 FTIC cohort was 88.7% for those students that used the library vs. 75.9% for those that did not use the library. Further, the data show higher GPAs and retention rates in relation to the number hours spent in the library. https://bigdataonline.fiu.edu/#/site/AIM/views/StudentSuccessandTimeSpentintheLibrary/SecondYearRetentionPerformancebyHoursSpentInLibrary?:iid=3
Florida State University	Gale Etschmaier	On November 1, 2018, the Florida State University held an inaugural event for a new Florida State University Civil Rights Institute. The mission of this Institute is to promote civil rights and social justice. Sponsors of the Institute and event included the FSU Libraries, Provost Sally McRorie, the College of Social Sciences and Public Policy, the Center for the Advancement of Human Rights, the College of Communication and Information, and the College of Criminology and Criminal Justice. FSU Libraries sent a letter to Elsevier in April 2018 stating the university's intent to terminate its license for the Freedom Agreement at the end of this calendar year. FSU Libraries and Elsevier are currently in ongoing negotiations with the goal of reaching a mutually acceptable agreement to end the contract.
George Mason University	John Zenelis	A defining activity for George Mason University Libraries during the current fiscal year is a major reorganization of the library system. This initiative has been prompted by several factors, including the physical downsizing of two libraries, a number of retirements and other staffing vacancies, and a continuing budget constrained environment. The driving principle of the reorganization is repositioning the Libraries to serve growth areas of the university by focusing resources to new priorities and initiatives. Borrowing conceptually from the Business field, the foci of three principal divisions of the Libraries are Students and Faculty, or "customers" (Learning, Research & Engagement division); Supplying and Sourcing (Access & Resource Management division); and Distribution Channels (Digital Strategies & Systems division). The new organizational overall framework has been implemented, and work on the myriad constituent parts is well underway.
Georgia State University	Jeff Steely	Renovations: Demolition of Kell Hall is slated to begin during the spring semester. Kell is a 1920s parking garage, which was converted into an academic building in the mid-1940s and is the oldest permanent GSU building. Library Plaza, the elevated plaza to the north of Library North, will also be demolished. Library North will get a new entrance as part of phase 2 of the project. We plan to follow with an additional project to create new student space in what is now a parking lot under Library North. Information about the master plan driving the library portion of the project is at https://library.gsu.edu/reimagined . Spencer Roberts, our digital scholarship librarian, has led the work of a team of Student Innovation Fellows (https://studentinnovation.gsucreate.org/) in the creation of a virtual exhibit (https://library.gsu.edu/kell) which documents Kell Hall's history and the physical space. Virtual Kell Hall (https://exhibits.library.gsu.edu/kell/virtualkell), a part of the exhibit, provides a 3D model of each floor created by stitching together consecutive, 360 degree photographs. This was made possible in partnership with a local company. We are sharing information about both our Library Reimagined plans and the Kell Hall exhibit as we travel with the Alumni Association this fall on what we are calling "Rampway to Greenway: The Kell Hall Farewell Tour"

		<p>("The Rampway," a reference to the auto ramps in Kell, was the name of the GSU yearbook for many years). We expanded our Research Data Services team this summer by hiring a Quantitative Data Specialist for the Social Sciences. Dr. Raeda Anderson. Raeda brings expertise in quantitative methods and tools. Tamika Barnes, Department Head for Perimeter College Library Services was elected to the ALA Executive Board.</p>
Tulane University	David Banush	<p>I am interested in library efforts to support the research process from proposal development to data management and archiving, technology transfer, patents, and clinical trials. What are people doing to measure research impact and support research activities that goes beyond literature searches or instruction?</p>
UNC Charlotte	Anne Cooper Moore	<p>We opened our second Family-Friendly Library Room and Area 49, which includes the EZ Video Studio, Gaming Lab, Multimedia Lab, MakerSpace, and Technology and Teaching Theater (along with the Visualization Lab) in September. We are planning for off-site storage. - I would really like to learn more about all the options in the region.</p>
University of Central Florida	Barry Baker	<p>Our 21st Century Library Project consisting of a four-story addition and renovation for the John C. Hitt Library on the Orlando campus is well underway. The first phase consisting of some renovation of the Hitt Library and the construction of the Automated Retrieval Center (ARC) building which houses the Dematic automated storage and retrieval system is now complete. Books are being ingested into the system. The next phase which began during the summer consists of a 4-story building connecting the ARC building with the existing Hitt Library building. It will feature a new entrance. Completion is scheduled for spring 2020. Floor by floor renovation of the rest of the building will begin that that time.</p>
University of Florida	Judy Russell	<p>UF's Education Library closed for the spring and summer semesters and underwent a major renovation. Improvements include group study rooms for collaboration, a highly functional and flexible classroom, the incorporation of technology, including a computer lab and "maker space," and a variety of comfortable seating options for 100 additional users. There is also an accessible information and service desk, modern restrooms, including two new unisex/ADA-compliant restrooms and a lactation room. Since reopening, use of the space is already up 67%. Additional information and pictures are available at http://cms.uflib.ufl.edu/education/Index.aspx. The Academic Research Consulting & Services group (ARCS) is comprised of library professionals who offer unique expertise and services to support research activities across many disciplines, through data collection to dissemination of results and from evaluation of outputs to archiving. Areas of specialization include Data Management, Data Science, Publishing & Archiving, Spatial Information Analysis, Research & Impact Metrics, Research Integrity, Visualization, Digital Humanities, and Copyright & Fair Use. Additional information is available at http://arcs.uflib.ufl.edu/.</p>
University of Georgia	Toby Graham	<p>Has anyone created or considered creating a dedicated position to advance OER/affordable learning initiatives at your institution?</p>
University of Kentucky	Deirdre Scaggs	<p>We redesigned explore.uky.edu - our repository for rare and unique materials. The Louie B. Nunn Center for Oral History has just launched a project to explore the opioid crisis. UK Libraries became a partner on the Cuban Heritage Project with University of Florida. UK Libraries launched a student ambassador program.</p>
University of Memphis	John Evans	<p>Programming and expanded community engagement were high priorities this year. Our new Community Engagement Librarian cultivated relationships and opportunities for collaboration with our Center for Writing and Communication, Student Leadership and Involvement, libraries colleagues, Career Services, and Student Health and Counseling Services, among others. Extensive programming related to the 50th anniversary of Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination included a display at the McWherter Library of the original manuscript of a speech written by Dr. King. McWherter hosted a voter registration event, a movie series, and other opportunities to explore emerging technology in our new creatorspace -- even a songwriting workshop. We are revitalizing our Friends group and Student Advisory Board. Services to users now includes more borrowable/reservable technology--and training on how to use it. Study carrels can now be reserved for short-term use (as opposed to for a semester).</p>

		Other activities include updating the Libraries Strategic Plan, reviewing acquisitions formulas and decisions, and exploring options for remote storage. We are in the process of combining our Collection Management, Libraries Information Systems, and Cataloging teams. After a national search for a new Executive Director failed, Dr. John Evans was appointed Executive Director/Associate Dean. The University Libraries is a full partner in the University of Memphis Research Council (a new campus initiative); two faculty were awarded research grants from the University's new Communities of Research Scholars internal grant program. Spaces continue to be a focus: We relocated and expanded our creatorspace and are close to completing video audio recording studios and a practice presentation room. Plans are underway for welcoming into the building the University's Academic Coaching for Excellence program and creating and promoting a gender-neutral bathroom. We continue to evaluate, relocate, and weed our reference collection to make room for additional group study spaces. A task force is exploring ideas and funding to update our two instruction labs.
University of South Florida	Todd Chavez	New: we are hiring multiple teams (3) of librarians and professionals from other fields (GIS, statistics, data analytics) to reinforce last year's launch of our Research Platform Team strategy (two teams).
Vanderbilt	Valerie Hotchkiss	If you could add a new AUL to your library, what fields/areas would that person cover? If you could add any new staff member--a brand new position that could not just fill a known gap--what position would you create and why? ALSO: I still want to replicate Borrow Direct for ASERL Libraries. Can we discuss and explore seriously? I even have a name for it: "Bard Directly" But seriously, we could do it and it would make us all better.
Virginia Commonwealth University	John Ulmschneider	I am intrigued by a new position at Virginia Tech, "Research Impact Librarian", which assists the university and the library in tracking the impact of research findings published in open environments. This is a broad arena and I think we could benefit from a program on it. ALSO: The VCU Libraries will be building a new health sciences library in the next 5 years. I think that almost no one has constructed a health sciences library at a research university in many years. A program or discussion group on that topic would be very helpful to us.
Wake Forest	Tim Pyatt	This fall ZSR held two events promoting and supporting student success: Undergraduate Research Day, in partnership with the Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities Center , we hosting over 180 posters showcasing student research during Family Weekend. In partnership with the Graduate School and the Writing Center, we held our second Graduate Student Thesis Boot Camp during Fall break.