

MINUTES OF THE SCIENTIFIC LIBRARY ADVISORY GROUP

May 19, 2015

ATRF, Room E1108 and Telecom

Members in attendance: Matt Fivash, Tracie Frederick, Andi Gnuschke, Walter Hubert, Randy Johnson, Lyuba Khavrutskii, Ravi Ravichandran, Mukul Sherekar, Andy Stephen, Tommy Turbyville, Henri Tuthill, Howard Young

Absent: Xiaoli Jiao

TOPICS:

Review of Howard Young's Information from NIH Library

Howard Young visited the NIH Library on March 10, 2015 and spoke to the director about the NIH Library's current needs and future challenges. The committee discussed the information that Howard obtained during that discussion.

Metrics

The committee discussed the Scientific Library metrics that Tracie Frederick provided. It was noted that the metrics did not reflect electronic use of resources. The Library only has statistics for resources licensed by our Library and no statistics for resources provided by the NIH Library.

New Concepts

Altmetric

Altmetric and Plum Analytics are two companies that track social media mentions of publications. Sue Wilson is working with Leidos and NCI to get approval to implement one of these products with the Library's database of NCI at Frederick publications. This service would generate reports for administrators, labs, and individual researchers that would show how much attention NCI at Frederick publications are receiving on social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.), reference sharing sites (such as Mendeley), blogs, and other online media.

Linguamatics

Linguamatics is text-mining software. Alan Doss, one of the Librarians, has been working with ABCC to evaluate this software to search specific sets of articles and other types of documents.

Other Topics

- **Library's role in communication and collaboration**

The committee discussed the potential for the Library to be a place to bring people together and build community. The following ideas were discussed to cultivate this concept: a tea and coffee hour; an open house; a resource fair at the ATRF; events focusing on public health topics; a conversation hour for learning a language; a Toastmasters group; and a community

garden. It was noted that Program Directors and Lab Directors would need to reinforce the value of employees getting out of the lab to attend such events.

- **Development of a user survey**

The committee discussed the potential value of disseminating a user survey. Andi and Tracie were tasked with digging up an old library survey that was proposed but never actually sent out.

The next Scientific Library Advisory Group meeting will be held in early fall 2015 in Building 549 and will include a teleconference option as well. Andi Gnuschke will establish the meeting date using Outlook meeting request.