

MINUTES OF THE SCIENTIFIC LIBRARY USER COMMITTEE
October 6, 2015
549A and Telecom

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

Absent: Matt Fivash, Xiaoli Jiao, Henri Tuthill

AGENDA TOPICS:

Updated Library website

The committee provided positive feedback about the revamped Scientific Library website. Inquiry was made to Tracie Frederick about using the NIH login for accessing Library account information and about obtaining statistics on site views. Tracie noted she would look into both of those for our next meeting.

Update on altmetrics

The Scientific Library is currently evaluating three vendors that could potentially provide altmetric data for NCI at Frederick publications. Tracie indicated that she would be inviting our committee members and other leaders at NCI at Frederick to participate in a focus group to provide feedback on presentations offered by two of the altmetric vendors.

Scientific Library user survey

The committee agreed that a user survey would be valuable. Tracie and the library staff will establish a draft survey that can be reviewed by the committee at our January meeting. Andi Gnuschke will determine what approvals need to be obtained in order to distribute a survey.

Upcoming community-building events

Book Swap – To be held October 28

Publisher Connect – Library staff are working with Elsevier to plan a program in which a journal editor would talk about the publishing process and provide tips on article writing. This program will be held in spring 2016.

ADDITIONAL TOPICS DISCUSSED:

- **“Predatory journals”**
Howard Young brought up the concept of predatory journals and if it would be possible for the library to provide more information about them out to the NCI at Frederick community. The committee shared an interest in this and Tracie noted that she would take the idea back to the library.
- **Linguamatics update**
Walter Hubert inquired about the library’s collaboration with ABCC on linguamatics. Tracie noted that the library’s involvement is to provide training on the product and that she would provide the committee with an update at the next meeting.

The next Scientific Library User Group meeting will be held in January 2016 at the ATRF and will include a teleconference option as well.