

University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
University Libraries Committee
March 27, 2020
Golda Meir Library
Director's Conference Room

Attendance: Martha Carlin, Michael Doylen – UL Director, Julie Ellis, Elizabeth Jastrab, Erin Kaheny, Nadine Kozak, Lindsay McHenry, Jesse McLean- ULC Chair, Conal McNamara, Shama Mirza, Hanyong Park, Paul Price, Jason Puskar, Hilary Snow, and Jessica Staedter

Excused: Laya Liebeseller

Guest: Susan Foran, Interim Assistant Director for the Collection & Resource Management Division

1. McLean called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2020 meeting as submitted. The motion passed unanimously with all members voting.

2. Director's report:

Doylen recounted the Libraries' response to the COVID-19 public health crisis. On March 17, the Golda Meir Library limited access only to the Learning Commons and closed entirely beginning Friday, March 20 and until further notice. Libraries at the branch campuses also closed on March 20. A small number of employees continue to work on-site during limited hours to provide core services to the campus.

The Libraries have maintained active communication with the UWM community during this period. A webpage has been its primary means of keeping people informed about changes to services in real time.

Users continue to have access to the Libraries' online resources. Indeed, the array of resources has expanded in recent days, as publishers offer free access to their content during this emergency.

We are providing access to the print collection by scanning and delivering portions of books on-demand. We are also investigating the feasibility of curbside pickup for large requests.

Most user services (reference, research consultation, instruction) moved online prior to the building closures and have continued to operate effectively in this space. This includes user services for the American Geographical Society Library, Archives, and Special Collections.

The Libraries extended the loan period for most materials through May 31 and are encouraging people not to return items at this time. This includes physical items through ILL.

Most Libraries' programs are cancelled. We are investigating moving one or two online later this semester.

Doysten praised the dedication and commitment of his staff during this unprecedented time.

3. FY21 Collection Spending Reduction Update:

Susan Foran joined ULC and discussed the Libraries' plans for soliciting input from the UWM community on the collection spending reduction. Given the recent disruption to everyone's schedules, Doysten proposed deferring the Libraries' communications until early May. ULC supported the proposal.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the committee, it was moved and seconded to adjourn at 11:00 a.m. The motion passed unanimously with all members voting.

Respectfully Submitted,
Katrina Kozar