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Library Student Advisory Committee

March 30, 2009 – 4:00-5:30 pm

Room 206, Gordon Library

Minutes

1.) Online Library Catalog Interface

Don Richardson, Assistant Director, Library Systems, demonstrated the new online library catalog interface, which is currently in beta-testing: <http://library.wpi.edu:7008/vwebv/searchBasic> Feedback was solicited for site design and functionality requirements. The new interface will be launched during summer 2009.

2.) Updates on Library Activities

Planning for National Library Week (NLW) is underway. NLW will be held from April 12-19 with the theme, "Worlds connect @ your library." Events scheduled to date include a book sale, a "favorite sayings and proverbs from around the world" raffle, and two student panel presentations. A web site with more detailed information will be created soon.

As a part of WPI's Earth Day celebration, the President's Task Force on Sustainability and the Environmental Studies Program are sponsoring a sustainability-themed project poster competition on Wednesday, April 22, 2009. All entries will be on display in the Gordon Library by 8:00 am and the competition/judging will take place from 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm.

3.) Renovation Update

Dr. Tracey Leger-Hornby, Assistant Vice President for Library Services, updated the committee on the latest renovation plans. Work in the library recently began and is scheduled to take place during the spring and summer months this year and in 2010.

Highlights for 2009 include:

- Renovate ground floor spaces for Archives Reading Room, Office, Storage, and Preservation
- Move Archives and Special Collections from third floor to ground floor
- Relocate ATC Technology, Teaching, and Learning staff to Gordon Library

Highlights for 2010:

- Remove wall on second floor to expand collaborative work spaces and enhanced service areas
- Install new partition to create technology Help Desk/Call Center

- Relocate CCC Help Desk staff to Gordon Library

4.) Library Workshops

A discussion was held to find out if there are any gaps in the instruction workshops offered by the library. The group was satisfied with the breadth of topics taught; however, it was suggested that librarians offer evening sessions or record workshops and post them online. Library staff will look into the available options.

Respectfully submitted,

Matt Hall
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