

Library Emerging and Integrated Technology Coordination 11/11/2024

Agenda

1. Welcome, Evie Cordell!
 - a. Quick intro to eLearning support (Canvas modules, eText, LibGuide reviews)
 - b. SC LibGuide review
2. Gathering superuser stories
 - a. [Box folder for materials](#)
 - b. What info will we need?
 - c. Put in Box by Dec 2, summarize and send to Tom Teper and Mary Laskowski by Dec 5.
3. Merrick Family Fund
 - a. Application process: send a brief (no more than two page) proposal to Chris Prom by 5 pm on Wednesday November 20th. Needs to be approved by Unit Head first.
 - b. Scope (emphasis added): Income from the Merrick Family Fund can be used to support areas that could benefit from supplemental funding or care. Areas of interest to the donors include **accessibility; adaptive technology and support for persons with disabilities; emerging technologies**; digital repositories; subject portal development; **digitization; gaming collections**; undergraduate services, and cataloging materials received without funding. Other project areas can also be considered, provided that funds are not used for facilities or equipment purchases. (Chris clarified that it could be used for GAs.)
 - c. Ideas?
4. Other discussion items
 - a. Questions about general updates?
 - b. Takeaways from events you've attended?
5. Meeting times next semester
6. Next steps—who will need to do what by when?
 - a. LibGuide Review
 - b. Gathering Stories
 - c. Other action items

Parking Lot

A space for things that we need to discuss next meeting/Spring semester

- Review of emerging tech reports
- Inventory of emerging tech services—what do we mean by “emerging tech”? What kinds of support do we provide?
- Accessibility, Title II, emerging tech
- Games and emerging tech

General Updates

Notes about events, cool projects, events that can be shared with the group before the meeting—a space for asynchronous FYIs.

1. Housekeeping
 - a. Mary now has editorial access to committee website
 - b. [Updated charge](#) to reflect the most recent version approved by CAPT
 - c. Box folder transitioned to “teams” folder owned by the UofI to avoid any issues with personal Box folders. Legacy materials moved there.
 - d. Evie approved as new LEITC member by committee. Mary will seek approval from CAPT in November meeting.
 - e. Meeting minutes from 10/14/2024 approved
 - f. Checked Agenda and Meeting Minutes templates for accessibility issues to confirm our formatting choices meet ADA standards
2. Events
 - a. [Humanities, Entertainment, Arts, and Technology](#) (led by Judith Pintar) initial events highly attended (60+ people). Celenia and Mary part of Third Spaces plenary panel at [Playful by Design conference Nov 7-8](#). Join the [listserve](#).
 - i. Update from Mary: Panel was well attended and Judith Pintar had glowing things to say about the Library. However, she (and other members of the panel) were unaware that the Scholarly Commons had been sunsetted.
 - b. Michael Curtin and Eric Kurt presented the [AI Conversations Series 1](#) talk hosted by the Grad College.
 - c. Mary Ton hosted a [Dinner and DH](#) conversation about AI with grad students through the HRI. Mostly humanists, but some folks from social science and the media school. Grad students are eager to experiment with AI in their research, but they are often TAing for classes with draconian anti-AI policies which they cannot enforce. Many of those classes are introducing podcasting assignments as an additional anti-AI measures.
3. Cool Stuff
 - a. Stu and Mary 3D modeled and printed braille tokens for a session on ttrpgs in Medieval lit and pop culture class. Physical dimensions were spot on, but need to use braille contractions to save space.
 - b. [Library Ghost photoshoot](#) for Halloween with JP and Media Commons loanable tech!
 - c. CAPT is talking about what the new Title II legislation means for the library websites, digital collections, library digital exhibits.
4. Campus Partners
 - a. Illinois Computes has opened up their quarterly meetings to stakeholders.
 - b. GenAI Solutions Hub working groups gathering suggestions for AI Support Center in partnership with CIO, CITL, University Library, and NCSA. May relieve pressure

on library to provide intermediate AI workshops and coding support for AI projects.

- c. IT Enterprise Service Management Office is creating an IT service catalog for campus. May align with the environmental scan we planned for January.
5. Grants
- a. General grant note: Chris Prom and Chad Lewis, your department head, and your AUL are the people to loop in early in conversations about grant funding
 - b. Merrick Family Fund—see email from Chris Prom on 2024-10-28. Possible funding stream for emerging tech and accessibility initiatives. Stu is checking to see if this funds equipment.
 - i. Note from Stu: If equipment off the table, we could apply for GA / staff time to juice launching of services waiting in the wings. This could be a LEITC discussion topic
 - c. [NEH Humanities Research Center on Artificial Intelligence](#)-- Ryan Cordell, Travis Wagner, Mary Ton are developing the campus grant. Focus on critical making as research method and as vehicle for AI literacy.
 - d. Campus Research Board grant to fund the purchase of the Creality Raptor blue-light/infrared scanner to digitize Andean objects in the Krannert was not awarded, but Stu bought the scanner anyway (YAY!! And thanks!!). IDEA Lab team and Mary scheduled a digitization session.
 - i. Note from Stu: I see 3D scanning potentially taking off as a service the library can lean into from the Library Emerging Tech team and so funding this equipment was a no-brainer as far as IDEA lab was concerned.
6. Other news?