

University Library Council (ULC)

Monday, April 24, 2023

1 - 2 pm online

Attendees: Jason Barron, Progyan Basu, Holly Brewer [Chair], Lindsay Inge Carpenter, Ira Chinoy, Linda Coleman, David Dahl, Mark DeMorra, James Farquhar, Victor Galitski, Christopher Jarzynski, Michele Lamprakos, Ariene Lim, Dan Mack, Kate Maloney, David Tomblin, Gary White

1. Welcome
2. Approval of notes from last meeting

ULC members approved the notes from March 27. [Meeting notes are in Box.](#)

3. Latest news

- a. Libraries' new Living Democracy Initiative

See [announcement on the website](#).

A symposium is planned for fall 2024. Please contact Adriene with your ideas for panels, featured speakers etc.

- b. New initiative: "StoRI Lab" for Storytelling and Research Innovation in McKeldin

Lindsay Inge Carpenter is co-leader of a library task force that will offer recommendations for use of the space, on McKeldin's first floor, that was vacated when Terrapin Tech moved to Edward St John. The task force is exploring ideas for a multipurpose and multifunctional space with areas for podcasting, workshops, post-production etc.

ULC members were enthusiastic about this initiative. They then discussed recent AI projects including

- <https://storymap.knightlab.com/>
- <https://knightlab.northwestern.edu/projects/>
- https://connect.biorxiv.org/news/2023/04/20/paperplayer_partnership
- <https://sciencecast.org/podcasts>

ULC members were encouraged to view

- <https://www.lib.umd.edu/research/events/steam-salon>

- Sign up to the newsletter at <https://us5.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=5de8e2a46b739b646c19aac93&id=672c13385d>

c. Proposal for an "Americans and the Holocaust" traveling exhibit

This traveling exhibit is a joint venture between the national Holocaust Memorial Museum and ALA. The anticipated date for proposals is fall 2023 with a UMD target date of fall 2025. If successful, a cross-campus group would provide academic programming and other events in conjunction with the exhibit. Please contact Adriene if you or others in your department are interested.

4. Scopus

Scopus is a database that UMD Libraries subscribed to during a partnership between UMD and the University of Maryland, Baltimore. Funding has since been reallocated away from the Libraries and we no longer have a subscription. Dan reported that Scopus is the most requested resource that his team receives questions about. Elsevier provided trial access to UMD for January thru June 2023. Dan will provide a presentation to the Council of Deans of this issue.

5. Brief issues to explore as raised in the survey

One response from a library employee: "I teach research skills workshops for faculty and grad students, as well as events showcasing faculty scholarship. I'd like to hear council members' ideas for this type of programming." Let's briefly brainstorm.

- Examples of what we currently do: <https://www.lib.umd.edu/research/events>

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