Library Council Meeting Killam Library Room 2902 15 October 2015 9:00 am – 11:00 am

Present: Donna Bourne-Tyson (Chair), Sandra Dwyer (Secretary), Carol Richardson (Recording Secretary), Linda Aiken, Creighton Barrett, Linda Bedwell, James Boxall, Geoff Brown, Karen Chandler, Michelle Charlton, Ian Colford, Sarah Jane Dooley, Patrick Ellis, Allison Fulford, Heather MacFadyen, Elaine MacInnis, Gwendolyn MacNairn, Erin MacPherson, Julie Marcoux, Anne Matthewman, Lindsay McNiff, Michael Moosberger, Michelle Paon, Robin Parker, Jackie Phinney, Dominic Silvio, Janice Slauenwhite, Karen Smith, Sarah Stevenson, Alice Stover, Margaret Vail, John Yolkowski

Regrets: Jennifer Adams, Ann Barrett, Mick Bottom, Sai Choi Chua, Marc Comeau, Gail Fraser, Melissa Helwig, Brian Lesser, Mark Lewis, Oriel MacLennan, Joyline Makani, Shelley McKibbon, David Michels, Phil O'Hara, Phyllis Ross, Nikki Tanner

The Chair welcomed everyone and noted with gratitude the previous evening's successful Dal Reads event, with lots of attendance from library staff.

1. Adoption of the Agenda

The agenda was adopted with item 5. Committee to Review the University Librarian – update (Ian Colford), being moved to the end of the meeting. Donna Bourne-Tyson, as Chair, will hand the reigns to Sandy as Library Council Secretary for this portion of the meeting while she steps out so Council can discuss the item.

2. Approval of the Minutes of September 17, 2015

The Minutes of the September 17, 2015 were approved with corrections added to the final version from members submitted earlier via email.

3. Business Arising

- a. 2014 2015 Annual Reports
 - ii. Library council circulated (Dominic Silvio) Accepted.

Discussion:

The Chair asked if Dominic would like to discuss the section in the Library Council Annual Report re: Strategic Planning process, where it indicates there could have been more participation in the process. The Chair noted that this process is completed about every 3 years and there is an opportunity to improve on the process. One suggestion to make the process better would be to have an interim check on progress, possibly after a year to see how the libraries are progressing.

Dominic suggested when issues are brought up at Council, as a Council, the group should decide who wants to lead the process unless no member is interested then it goes back to the University Librarian as Chair. One of the Steering Committee members mentioned that every member of SMT was asked to nominate someone not from their library (unit)

so to insure there is someone from every library with a mix of staff and librarians, and that additional members were added to ensure representation from each unit and staff group. Dominic suggested that the nominations come from Library Council. There was further discussion and a show of hands indicated approximately a third of Council members participated on the SP steering committee. No further action was discussed.

The Chair thanked Dominic for a very well-written report.

iii. Libraries Internship/Practicum Coordinating Committee (LIPCC) – circulated (Sarah Jane Dooley)

Sarah Jane Dooley, the Chair of the Libraries Internship Practicum Coordinating Committee (LIPCC), reminded staff about the practicum placement proposal which is due to Sarah Jane by October 30. Last year, there were five placements and Sarah Jane is hoping for more this year. It was mentioned that Dalhousie does not take advantage of this program as much as other libraries in the city. This would be a good opportunity to "test drive" a potential intern.

b. Special Meeting of Library Council held on Friday October 2, 2015 to discuss Self-Study – update (Donna Bourne-Tyson)

The meeting to discuss the Self-Study was held on October 2, 2015 and 8 staff attended. Suggestions were presented and incorporated into the document. Several staff sent regrets and were otherwise engaged in teaching or service provision.

4. Round table updates – all members (20 minutes)

Margaret Vail

Updating Wallace McCain website and activating it.

Sarah Stevenson

- It is Open Access Week next week. Sarah and Geoff will be presenting.
- The CARL Portage Data Management Planning Tool is expected to be released next week.

<u>Linda Aiken</u>

- Getting to know staff at Document Delivery at the Killam.
- Ordering books.

Allison Fulford

• Come and see the Sexton's new renovated space.

Alice Stover

- Working on a proposal for Shelf Ready books.
- Training new staff.

Karen Chandler

- Busy time of year with many annual renewal invoices rolling in as well as offers from CRKN, CAUL, and COPPUL.
- Seeing the impact of exchange rate on USD paid on a daily basis.
- The new kitten is very active now.

John Yolkowski

- There were 31 questions about Access Copyright received from staff and students.
- Talked to 23 faculty and have sent emails to staff at the libraries.
- Worked on a memo with Elaine and Donna to send to faculty to alert them the Access Copyright license is not being renewed.

James Boxall

- Gave keynote speech at the International Symposium on Digital Earth last week.
- On a panel discussion: "Shaping Canada's Future in Ocean Sustainability" at the Sustainable Oceans Conference 2015.
- Did first Killam Library Service Point (Research) shift last week.

Heather MacFadyen

Working on Self Study Report.

Janice Slauenwhite

- Working on the budget report which is due tomorrow.
- Signed off on a request for compact shelving to be installed.

Michele Charlton

• Dal reads series has started and the first reading took place on October 14 with Lawrence Scanlan, the author of *A Year of Living Generously*. Lawrence Scanlan, the author of this year's Dal Reads book, came to visit Dalhousie on Wednesday, October 14. He had a full itinerary, which included launching Dal's United Way Campaign, speaking to an ESL class at the College of Continuing Education, meeting with Dr. Florizone, having dinner with members of the Dal Reads steering committee and a reading of the book that evening at the Killam Library. The reading was very well attended, with over 30 people there.

Erin MacPherson

- Regular teaching and training of staff.
- Erin is now the Live Help Coordinator for the Dalhousie Libraries.
- Graduated from the MLIS program and has started her new position at Dalhousie Libraries as the Research & Instruction Librarian at the MacRae Library.

Dominic Silvio

Very busy teaching.

Michelle Paon

- A lot of teaching
- Teaming up with the Writing Centre and a TA from the Faculty of Science to give support to the students in a Biology 2060 class.

Anne Matthewman

- She is the law rep for United Way. Anne has 50/50 tickets.
- Jennifer Adams and Anne are consumed with teaching a Writing course.

Julie Marcoux

- Many presentations and workshops.
- Happiest about PowerPoint mixes.

- Did a presentation using the Cephalonian method, where you give color-coded cards to students. I would ask for a color, they raised their hands if their card was the right color, and then they got to ask the (usually funny) question printed on their card.
- Having fun teaching.

Robin Parker

• Back from the 23rd Cochrane Colloquium in Vienna. Incredibly busy conference. Angela Morelli did a very interesting talk about communication in libraries. Robin will send the link around.

Michael Moosberger

• Ray Jahncke has resigned and the process has started to review his position.

Elaine MacInnis

- Working on writing Sherri Millers old position to get it posted.
- Congratulations to Erin MacPherson for being the successful candidate for the MacRae Librarian position AND thanks to Erin for taking over the position of Live Help Coordinator.
- Going back to Ethiopia in December.
- The Wallace McCain Learning Commons will officially open today at 11am. All are welcome to attend.

Sandy Dwyer

- Working on organizing an information session for NSGEU staff and their Managers/Supervisors
 on the job evaluation process and the job classification system. This will take place in
 December.
- Alex Nwankwo is off on unpaid leave and Charles Tourneur will be Acting Weekend Evening Supervisor during Alex's absence.

Donna Bourne-Tyson

- Attended the CANARIE Summit conference with Michael Moosberger and Martha Whitehead, Susan Haigh and Chuck Humphrey from CARL.
- Portage website is being launched.
- Sarah and Michelle will hold sessions for liaison librarians to help them approach their clientele.

Geoff Brown

- Within CAUL we are going to try to tweet out Open Access events as they are happening.
- Open textbook questions. The VP Academic is very interested in this. If anyone encounters someone that is interested, please send to Geoff.
- Still struggling with platforms and technology.
- Discovery side Document Delivery Relais forms are changing so trying to get SFX to work with those forms.
- Any problems with WorldCat Discovery, send to Geoff

Jackie Phinney

- Working on a collaboration with the hospital librarian.
- Giving a presentation next Wednesday for the community hospital program in Sussex. Hoping to get a conference presentation or paper out of it.
- Been invited to present at the Annul Research and Medicine Fair a 15 minute presentation about how librarians can support faculty and students.
- Doing Live Help.

6. LIPCC Terms of Reference (Sarah Jane Dooley) (5 minutes)

It was time to review the LIPCC Terms of Reference. This is a two year cycle. It was felt by the Committee that section 1.3 should be removed since makeup of the committee is based on librarians.

(Sarah Jane Dooley / Heather MacFadyen)
Carried

7. Gifts Policy (Patrick Ellis) (5 Minutes)

Scholarly Resources Group revised the gift policy to have it more in line with other departments. It's a draft policy and if Council is willing, Patrick will post it. A Big thank you to Janice for her help on this.

There is a typo in the paragraph 1. "The purpose of this policy is to provide consistent guidance". The word consistent is typed twice so one will be removed.

Because there were email difficulties for staff and not all Council Members received the attachment, the gift policy will be revisited in November.

8. Presentation – Creighton Barrett, Digital Archives (20 minutes)

New Archives Document Delivery Service Pilot Project. In the next few days, it will be put on the libraries website.

- The Archives catalogue was launched and there have been a lot of inquiries. This meant a lot of work for staff in Archives because there wasn't a connection at that point with the staff in Document Delivery.
- A new Document Delivery form was set up and rolled out on Monday. It's a custom form
 where digital copies of analog materials can be requested from Archives using the new form.
 It's free for faculty, staff and students. There will be some limitations of what can be
 requested eg. large complex files. The service is only extended to patrons with Net IDs at
 Dalhousie, at least during the pilot project.
- Embedding collections across the libraries.
- Developed custom digitization projects eg. Borgese Digitization Project.
- There is a lot of information from Archives that patrons can find and the quality of information is higher compared to the former scanning that was done.
- Assistance will be provided to patrons who are filling out this form.
- Creighton will be sending information about the service to faculty.
- Thanks to Document Delivery staff for helping with this initiative.
- Staff will have to prep the files (materials), create the tiffs, set the scripts to run, and then compile the PDFs to run every night for each request.

Pilot project challenges

- This is being promoted as a 6 month test. If it is doable, then it will continue, if not, it will be re-examined.
- A tracking spreadsheet has been created for staff to collect the data. Relais reports and google analytics are also in play. At the end, analyzing and using statistics will inform the results.

- Archives catalogue was launched in January 2015, with over 165,000 catalogued records and over 2000 digital objects.
- There is still a lot left to be done eg. more data needs to be loaded into the catalogue.
- Thanks to David Mifflen who has been working with Creighton on this project.

New copyright tools

- Copyright consent form
- Copyright Assessment tool,
- Takedown request protocol
- Takedown request form.

There is a process where someone can request the library to remove the material from the website.

Creighton will share the slides after Library Council. There will be a LibVine post for everyone to take a better look.

9. Strategic Plan – update on prioritization (10 minutes)

A working group was struck comprised of Shelley McKibbon, James Boxall, Jennifer Adams and Margaret Vail. Erin MacPherson was asked to join as a rep from the MacRae Library. The first meeting of the group was last week. They are going through the Strategic Plan, marking down what is already underway, focusing on these items and taking note of what the libraries can move forward on. Their findings will come back to Library Council and SMT for feedback.

10. Self Study for Senate Review – review of draft, discussion (30 minutes)

Any feedback for the Draft of the Self Study should be sent to Donna by 4pm today with the number of "track" changes. The edits will be completed tonight and it will go to the printers tomorrow by 11:00am. Donna thanked everyone for the work they have put into the Self Study. She noted, there will be ample opportunity to provide additional information during the Review process.

11. Senate Report – Robin Parker (5 minutes)

No report submitted. Donna offered to highlight a few Senate actions since she attends Senate as well. She provided an example of when Senate oversight is useful, in spite of excellent work done in advance by the standing committees, and discussed a recent vote at Senate regarding the Backhouse Report.

12. Senior Management Reports – question period, written reports submitted in advance (15 minutes)

Reports attached.

13. Other business

Libraries and Archives Canada

Signing of an MOU with Libraries and Archives Canada will happen this afternoon. There is a presentation at 3pm with the Deputy Minister of Heritage at the School of Information Management. Donna will forward a copy once the MOU is signed.

Anne Matthewman

Jennifer Adams did a LibGuide over the summer for the Centre for Learning & Teaching. Jennifer will work with Susan Joudrey to pump up the guide for CLT.

Anne is meeting with the Dean at the School of Law about the strategic planning exercise.

Allison Fulford

There is a new version of PRIMO being launched in the New Year. The interface will be simplified. The implementation will take place in April. It was noted, EXLIBRIS was bought by ProQuest last week.

5. Committee to Review the University Librarian – update (Ian Colford) (5 minutes)

Ian Colford was asked to put together a committee to review the University Librarian. A call for volunteers went out and there was lots of interest. The following is a finalized list of members of the University Librarian's Review Committee:

Tanja Harrison (UL, MSVU)
Alanna McLellan (SIM student intern, Sexton Library)
Anne Matthewman (Law Librarian, AUL)
Alice Stover (DPMG Staff, Killam Library)
Gwendolyn MacNairn (DFA Librarian, Killam Library)
Joe Wickens (NSGEU Staff, Kellogg Library)
Jennifer Adams (DFA Librarian, Law Library)
Shelley McKibbon (DFA Librarian, Kellogg Library)
Dominic Silvio (DFA Librarian, Killam Library)
Mick Bottom (DPMG Staff, Killam Library)

One additional member, a faculty member, will be appointed by the President's Office. The committee is chaired by Carolyn Watters.

Adjoined at 10:25am.

W. K. Kellogg Health Sciences Library Report to Library Council Oct 15, 2015 Submitted by Patrick Ellis

- 1. Move—I will be submitting this update in advance of our next planning meeting (14/10/15)
 - a. We are now compressing the weeded collection, emptying bays as we go.
 - b. Collections will be treated as a separate project. IPECC will be managing the move of print collections from Kellogg to Chapterhouse
 - c. Moving furnishing and stacks will a separate project, probably with a separate contractor.
 - d. Plans made for Chapterhouse electronic, telephonic and electric support.
 - e. Confirmation that we will not be moving the old (1966-7) vintage furniture into the new first floor Tupper Kellogg location.
 - f. Mick Bottom now in contact with the CHEB project planner re electronic infrastructure.
 - g. Still plan to be open for business Jan 2016.
 - h. We will be putting a greater push on communicating the move as the date approaches.
 - i. Farewell party

2. Collections:

- a. BMJ Best Practice was cut to meet budget last year, but renewed after users weighed in.
- b. DynaMed Plus 2016 price is 40% higher than last year's.
- c. Collections Support:
 - Nursing The school of Nursing will continue to split the cost of the Joanna Briggs Institute (\$4000 for 50%)
- d. Dentistry Faculty of Dentistry has asked for \$9000, to cover short falls in their collection areas.

3. Accreditations

- a. Pharmacy
- b. Medicine
- c. Nursing (UG)
- 4. Robin Parker attended the Cochrane Colloquium Conference in Vienna last week.
- 5. Maritimes Health Libraries Association Fall Meeting will be in Moncton next Friday, Oct 3.

Dalhousie Libraries Resources : Report to Library Council Oct 15, 2015 Submitted by Patrick Ellis

- 1. Gift policy (attached) ready to submit to Secretariat
- 2. Three Kellogg Resources team members will be temporarily moving to the Killam during the renovations of the Tupper library space. The move is tentatively scheduled for the week of Dec. 14.
- 3. Scopus will be renewed for 3 years.
- 4. As a result of re-negotiating our serials arrangement with Ebsco, our Elsevier journals will now be managed as part of the CRKN Elsevier Science Direct License. We expect both more streamlined management of titles and slightly lower annual increases (3.7% increase in 2016 and 3.9% in 2017).
- 5. These system-wide subscriptions have been renewed recently: ACS Web Editions, IEEE, Journal Citation Report, Project Muse Web of Knowledge. These offers are not yet finalized: Biological Abstracts, IOP, MathSciNet, and Springer.
- 6. The Resources Managers will be rolling out Aleph and SFX training to Resources staff in October.
- 7. If you money spend it

Assessments this month

- Julie Marcoux, Library Resources for Proposed MPA(M) Municipal Government Course October ##, 2015
- Asmeret Gheabreab,
 New Course Proposal: ANAT 3010.03 Human Anatomy September 30, 2015
- 3. Oriel C.L. MacLennan, Spanish and Latin American Studies Unit Review, Sept 28, 2015,

Library Council Report -- AUL Discovery | Head Sexton Library | Allison Fulford October 15, 2015

1. AUL Discovery

• Ex Libris will be launching a new user interface for Primo later on in 2016. Novanet has released a mock-up of the new interface available here:

http://primo-demo.exlibrisgroup.com:1701/primo-explore2/index.html

There is no real functionality associated with this mock up. Once the new interface is released it will be put into our Primo Sandbox view and we can test drive it. The new interface likely won't go into our production view until after term ends in April.

2. Sexton Library

- We have a new SIM Intern, Lauren Bull, in her first year of the program. Lauren has a BA in Spanish and Intercultural Studies from Houghton College in New York State. Lauren will be with us 11 hours per week, weekdays and weekends.
- Jason Lee and his wife Min have had a baby boy, Daniel Woojin Lee, born October 1. All are doing well!

Michael Moosberger AUL Research and Scholarly Communication & University Archivist LC Report 15 October 2015

AUL Research and Scholarly Communication

- Attended the CANARIE National Summit on Emerging Technologies in Ottawa on 23-24
 September. Lots of presentations and discussions around the commercialization of university
 research, wearable technologies, robotics and drones, and big data analysis. I had some
 interesting side conversations with representatives from NSERC, NRC and Genome Canada
 about RDM and how the tri-agency requirements should be funded.
- Met with Sarah Stevenson and Sarah Lavender (Research Office) for our regular check-up and to plan a couple of events for Open Access week (19-23 October). The events will combine a previous presentation that Sarah and Geoff Brown have done on Open Access with an announcement of the launch of Portage, CARL's new Research Data Management initiative and in particular, it's Data Management Planning Tool.
- Sarah and I met with the SIM Curriculum Committee to discuss the feasibility of developing a course of Research Data Management for SIM. A tentative date of September 2017 was proposed for the first offering of this course.
- Attended the Oceans Research Data Lecture offered as part of the SIM Lecture Series and cosponsored by the Libraries. Spoke on behalf of the Libraries thanking the speaker and outlining some of the work the Libraries are doing in RDM.
- Attended a meeting convened by the University Librarian to discuss the possible support the Libraries could provide for transferring, from the University of Fribourg, and then providing future support to the website and associated database for the Programme in Anatomical Terminologies (FIPAT) of the International Federation of Associations of Anatomists (IFAA; www.ifaa.net). FIPAT has the responsibility for maintaining the international standard human anatomy terminology and presenting revisions to the general assembly of the IFAA at world congresses (at five-year intervals) for approval. The international terminology is published as Terminologia anatomica, Terminologia histologica and Terminologia embryologica. These are the successors to IFAA's previous nomenclatures: Nomina anatomica, Nomina histologica and Nomina embryologica. Dr. Paul Neumann who is deputy secretary of FIPAT is a Professor in the Department of Anatomy & Neurobiology, Faculty of Medicine here at Dalhousie.
- Provided a detailed letter of assessment for the promotion to Librarian 4 of Sharon Murphy, Head, Academic Services Division, Queens University Library.

University Archivist

- Accepted the resignation of Ray Jahncke, GIS Analyst, GIS Centre and began to review his position in preparation of refilling the position.
- Completed detailed annual review letter for Creighton Barrett, Digital Archivist and Assistant University Archivist.

- Led an Archives' staff review of the draft Library Self-Study and compiled feedback for inclusion in the final draft.
- Met with Creighton to begin planning of activities and for the reallocation of his work responsibilities during his 4 month parental leave from January April 2016.
- Gave a presentation to the honour students in Colin Mitchell's WWI History class who have chosen to do archival research assignments using collections from the University Archives.
- Continued to review all of the vendor submissions received for the purchase of a new oversized book scanner for the Libraries.
- Provided input to the 200th Anniversary Committee on a proposed oral history program and a couple of book proposals on the History of Dalhousie.
- Had ongoing dialogue with Michele Paon, Paul Bentzen, Head of the Biology Department, and Chris Moore, Dean of Science related to the acquisition of Dr. Bill Freedman's research and teaching material.

Anne Matthewman Notes for Library Council – October 2015:

AUL – Learning and Curriculum Support:

Meeting with CLT for further development between libraries and CLT scheduled LibGuide – diversity one to be further developed – ADAC / CLT – Jennifer Adams First fall team meeting scheduled ADAC – focused on strategic Initiatives – particularly diversity and "culture of respect"

Dunn Law Library:

Waiting for final touches on compact shelving to close project Grad Pad open but troubles with locks Meetings with new Dean – working toward strategic priorities for school I am law representative for United Way

AUL Access Services & Head, MacRae & Killam Libraries Highlights for Library Council October 15, 2015

MacRae

- 1. **MacRae Librarian** I am pleased to announce that Erin MacPherson is the new Research & Instruction Librarian for the MacRae Library. Erin started in her new role on October 1st.
- 2. **Basement Remediation Plan** –The remediation work in the basement is well underway but it is expected to take longer than originally predicted. We are hoping to have the collection cleaned and back in the space, with new flooring, by Christmas.
- 3. **Writers Read** Our first Writers Read event will be held in the MacRae Library on Tuesday, November 9th at 6:30. The event will present student, staff and alumni reading from their work as well as showcasing photographer Thaddeus Holownia: launching Working in the Dark: Homage *to* John Thompson. Writers Read Series at MacRae Library was developed to showcase the creative work of students, staff, and faculty on the Dalhousie Faculty of Agriculture campus.
- 4. **Ethiopia ATTSVE Project** I will be traveling to Ethiopia again from December 8th to 21st. This is a different project than the July trip and will involve conducting a needs assessment of the libraries at 2 agricultural technical and vocational training colleges (ATVETs) in Ethiopia. The Librarian from Jimma University College of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine, Enanu Tilahun, will conduct the assessments at the 2 other colleges and we will be collaborating both at home and in-country. For more information on this Project please consult:

http://www.dal.ca/faculty/agriculture/international-office/projects/ethiopia-attsve.html

Killam

- 1. **Copyright & Humanities Librarian** I am pleased to announce that Roger Gillis will be our new Copyright & Digital Humanities Librarian. Roger is coming to us from MSVU and he will start work on December 1.
- 2. **Not-so-Scary-Library Halloween Event (formerly Killam Quest) –** Gwendolyn is revamping the Killam Quest this year, with a Halloween theme. It will be taking place on October 30th and is designed to introduce students to information they may not be aware of about the Killam spaces, collections and services.
- 3. **Interns** We have hired a 3 SIM intern for the Killam. This is a first year student that we hope will continue with us through the summer and into next year.
- 4. **McCain Learning Commons** the Grand Opening of the WMLC is today from 11:00 noon. Everyone is welcome to attend. The WMLC be open from 8:00 a.m. 10:00 p.m. weekdays and 10:00 a.m. 10:00 p.m. on weekends. It will be staffed by Navigators during this time. Science Librarians will have office hours in the WMLC for 6 hours each week.

Access Services:

A meeting of the Access Services team is scheduled for Tuesday, October 20th. We try to hold a meeting at least once per term. In terms of specific updates:

- 1. **LiveHelp Coordinator** We finally have a new Coordinator! Erin MacPherson has agreed to take on this role of LiveHelp Site Coordinator for the Dalhousie Libraries. She has already met with Shelley to go over.
- 2. **Copyright** We have officially given notice of our decision not to renew with Access Copyright. Our current agreement expires the end of December. John has reached out to all departments at Dalhousie offering to provide Copyright update sessions at their departmental meetings. The response has been great and John has a very busy calendar!
- 3. **DLSPC** The Dal Libraries Service Point Committee met on September 24th. Key topics of discussion included the new C5 positions and how to proceed with a training plan. Further discussions are continuing on this. We also discussed eReserves and the work of the Critical Incident Response Working Group.

Sandy Dwyer Director, Libraries HR

- 1) Library Services Assistant positions —The last of the original 5 that were posted was declared a failed search. This position will be reposted.
- 2) The vacancy left by Echo Dyan will be filled. The job description was revised and HR provisional classified the position as a Library Services Assistant (C5). This position will be posted along with the other C5 position in the very near future.
- 3) Alexander Nwankwo will be off for a yet to be determined amount of time. Charles Tourneur will be Acting Weekend Evening Supervisor during Alex's absence.

University Librarian Highlights for October

Donna Bourne-Tyson University Librarian

As with many other Dal Libraries staff, my time has been taken up this past month with final arrangements and service planning for the Wallace McCain Learning Commons, which opens October 15th, and with facilities and service planning for the Kellogg Library moves and the Kellogg Library Learning Commons opening in the CHEB December 1st.

Very pleased to note that today (October 15th) Dalhousie University is signing an MOU with Library and Archives Canada, which will open up new opportunities for both the Dal Libraries and the School of Information Management to collaborate with LAC-BAC.

The Dal Libraries' Self Study has also been a great preoccupation for many of us, and is still a work in progress, due on October 16th. Thanks very much to everyone who made contributions as a writer or an editor for this document. It is probably a good thing that we only do this every seven years!