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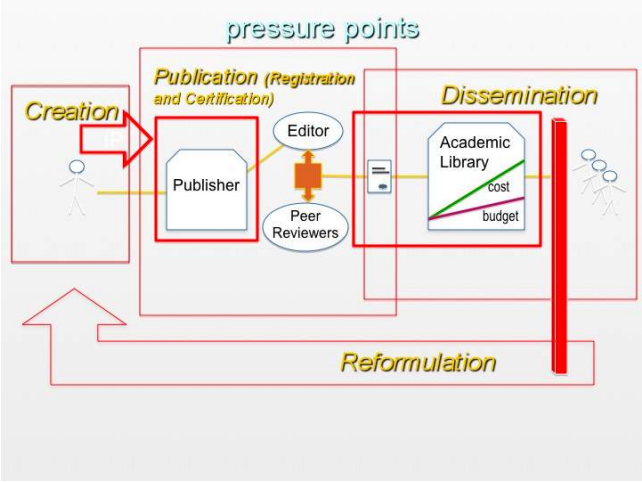
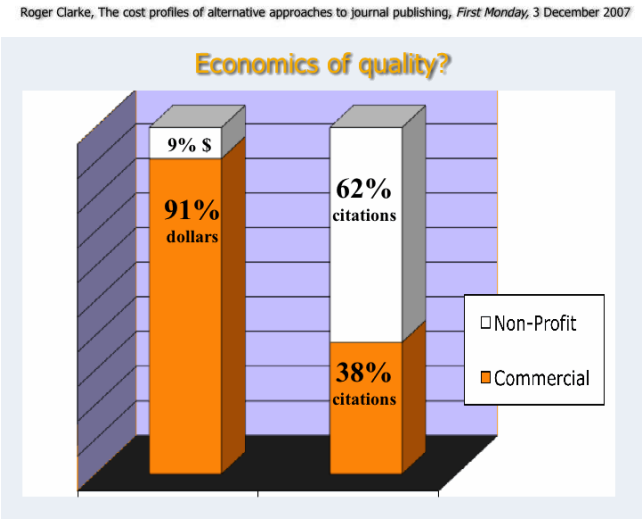
Scholarly Communication 101 Workshop

We had a full house of over 70 library staff and faculty from twelve different institutions (WRLC plus Howard, Trinity Washington, Library of Congress and the National Defense University) for the Scholarly Communication 101 workshop held at George Washington University on May 26. Joy Kirchner, University of British Columbia, Lee Van Orsdel, Grand Valley State University, and Ada Emmett from the University of Kansas, focused the discussion on new methods of scholarly publishing and communication, open access and openness as a principle, copyright and intellectual property and economics of scholarly publishing. The program challenged attendees assumptions regarding intellectual property rights, and gave significant attention to the role of faculty in the scholarly publishing ecosystem. A lot of ground was covered during the 4 hour session.



Their complete presentations are available in ACRL's *Scholarly Communication Toolkit* http://www.scholcomm.acrl.ala.org/node/12.



The afternoon session was led by WRLC's Copyright and Scholarly Communication task force. They highlighted specific scholarly communication scenarios for group discussion, followed by a panel presentation on institutional repositories at four of the WRLC universities. Participants found the broad perspective on the issues related to the scholarly communication system particularly valuable.

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Executive Director

SC101: A Catalyst for Action

Steven Mandeville-Gamble, Associate University Librarian for Collections and Scholarly Communication at GW invited Arnie Grossblatt, Director of the Masters of Professional Studies in Publishing Program to attend the recent Scholarly Communication 101 workshop. Inspired in part by the program, they sent a joint memo to Provost Steven Lerman, University Librarian Jack Siggins, and Ali Eskandarian, Senior Associate Dean at the College of Professional Studies, for permission to put together a proposal for a university working group to drive discussions around GW scholarly communication efforts and sustainable academic research. Their message received immediate and unanimous support from all three senior administrators. By June 2, one week after the workshop, the working group had met and began brainstorming the process for a formal proposal.

From that meeting evolved a vision statement that encapsulates the themes presented at the

scholarly communication workshop. There is a looming crisis in scholarly publishing; the current economic model for academic publishing is not sustainable. Budgets at academic research libraries cannot keep pace with the accelerating costs of journals and other scholarly resources. The consolidation of academic publishers has created a market where the few providers have inordinate power to control pricing, while libraries have little recourse other than making painful cuts in services.

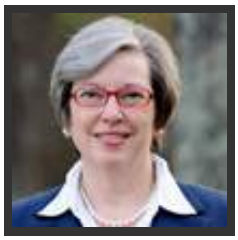
The scholarly publishing crisis is intensifying at the same time that technology is creating possibilities for sustainable publishing. The outlines of the future of scholarly publishing can be seen in the ready availability of online publishing technology and growing acceptance of open access publishing (OA). The realization of this future, however, is complicated by a number of intersecting issues and open questions. What do new models of publishing mean for the traditional academic reward system of promotion and tenure? How are authority and impact measured in these evolving models? What role does the library play in supporting alternative models of distribution? How can academic departments facilitate recognition and adoption of new means of scholarly communication? How can all the university stakeholders most effectively collaborate in responding to the crisis?

These ideas represent an excellent start from which to launch in-depth conversations with faculty, administrators and librarians to explore how GW can participate in creating a more sustainable model for scholarly communication, and perhaps a model for other WRLC universities.

- *Steven Mandeville-Gamble*
George Washington University

Thank You

In any community such as the WRLC which encompasses over 550 staff, there will be regular changes among the people we work with. However, during this past semester four individuals who played especially important roles at their universities and for the WRLC have announced the next stage in their careers. I wanted to acknowledge their dedication to helping us realize our vision to create synergies for the success of learning and scholarship as members of the WRLC Steering Committee, and to wish them the best in their next endeavors.



Gale Etschmaier: Associate University Librarian for Public Services at George Washington University Libraries is leaving to become Dean of Library and Information Access at San Diego State University

Craig Gibson: Associate University Librarian for Research, Instructional and Outreach Services at George Mason University is now Associate Director for Research and Education at The Ohio State University Libraries.

Kitty Tynan: Assistant Director for Public Services at The Catholic University of America will be retiring and moving to New Mexico.

Diana Vogelsong: Associate University Librarian and Director of Public and University Relations at American University is retiring.

Thank you.

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WRLC Delivers Seven Days a Week

The WRLC courier service delivers materials requested through the Consortium Loan Service among the partner universities. Currently, deliveries are made Monday to Friday, but, it has long been a desire of the access services staff that we provide the delivery service seven days a week. The expectation is that faculty and students will benefit from the quicker turnaround time and access to materials two additional days each week. Library staff would also benefit as deliveries would be more evenly distributed throughout the week.

At the recommendation of the Resource Sharing Advisory Committee, the Library Directors Council has agreed to expand the WRLC courier service to include Saturday and Sunday for the Fall 2011 semester. At the outset, only the libraries will be included in weekend delivery. If requests for materials housed at the WRLC Center are a significant portion of the total, we will consider how to meet that demand. The new weekend service will be carefully monitored so that we understand and can assess its value to our users and to library staff.

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Sharing Media to Enable Learning and Scholarship

Beginning in the fall 2011, WRLC borrowers will be able to request all types of media through the Consortium Loan Service, just as they can now obtain print materials. No longer will a student or

faculty member need to ask staff to contact another library to see if they can borrow needed media resources from a partner university. The Library Directors Council and the Steering Committee have enthusiastically endorsed the recommendations of the WRLC Media Sharing Task Force to expand media sharing to valid borrowers at all of the WRLC universities using CLS to manage the loans. Each library will be responsible for creating parameters outlining which media items will be lent and which should not leave the home institution. Policies for media replacement costs, loan periods and overdue fines will be standardized to eliminate confusion among our users. Members of the Media Sharing Task Force and the Resource Sharing Advisory Committee will work together over the summer months to implement this valuable new service for the fall semester.

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Executive Director

New Voyager Index Improves CLS Service

In April, WRLC implemented changes in the Consortium Loan Service (CLS) function in Aquabrowser which utilizes a new index we created in Voyager that allows CLS to link to Georgetown records in the shared catalog based on their Millennium ID numbers (stored in a MARC 907 tag). Prior to the creation of this iindex, CLS requests initiated in Aquabrowser had to rely on standard number fields which were not always present. With this new index, we've seen an improvement of 75% in the number of CLS requests for Georgetown materials which are successfully processed through Aquabrowser.

- *Bruce Hulse*
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Director, Library Services

Visiting Johns Hopkins University Library Service Center

On May 18th the staff of the WRLC Shared Collections Facility spent the morning visiting Johns Hopkins University's Library Services Center, located in Clarksville, MD.

The Library Services Center is a high density library shelving facility like WRLC's. In fact, SCF staff learned that JHU had visited WRLC some years ago as part of their planning process for the Library Service Center. WRLC staff observed a batch accessioning process developed at the JHU Center that allows staff to scan all volumes in a tray and then process them all simultaneously. They accomplish this through features available in their Horizon integrated library system which are not available in Voyager, however we will definitely explore ways in which we might utilize this concept to improve accessioning in our environment. JHU is running out of space in their facility, however, they do not anticipate being able to expand it in the foreseeable future.

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Director, Library Services

EZproxy Virtualization

WRLC turned over a virtualized instance of EZproxy to George Washington University for their use on May 25. This was a seamless cutover with no vendor changes required. This resolved two long standing issues:

- Until now, there had been no easy way to allow administrative control of the EZproxy process outside of WRLC. With the move to a dedicated virtual service, GW now has complete access and control of their proxy configuration.
- This virtualization also eliminates a single point of failure situation. Now, a hardware failure will no longer interrupt service.

We will be virtualizing all hosted EZproxy instances in the coming months. If you are interested in having access to your instance, please contact Jim Austin.

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Director, IT Services

Event

CUA School of Library and Information Science Information session for prospective students

June 23, 2011, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library.

Please RSVP to dryden@cua.edu.

From the Blog

- Notes of the Meeting of the WRLC Grants Task Force, April 10, 2011, American University
- Notes of the Meeting of the WRLC Grants Task Force, February 14, 2011, American University
- Notes of the Meeting of the WRLC Grants Task Force, December 13, 2010, American University
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- Draft Minutes - Library Directors Council, May 20, 2011
- RSAC Minutes 05/04/11
- Meeting of the WRLC Steering Committee - March 1, 2011
- Minutes - Library Directors Council, April 8, 2011
- RSAC Minutes - April 6, 2011
- RSAC Agenda: April 6, 2011

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