

**Coutts Library Advisory Committee
Annual Report 2015-16**

August 8, 2016

Submitted by Katherine Koch- Chair

This past year the Coutts Library Advisory Committee met approximately every 10 weeks. From my perspective, we achieved a great deal and I very much value the feedback, suggestions and ideas provided by the group. Coutts Librarians and colleagues from the Library system contributed to these meetings by providing updates and demonstrations in areas in which they specialize. The terms of reference did not change.

We welcomed new and returning members as well as an undergraduate and graduate student. Priorities identified by the committee were the on going issues relating to the the challenges of providing access to K-12 electronic textbooks and learning resources and regular updates on library services, spaces and resources. One very useful meeting was dedicated towards obtaining feedback about our data research management services. A continuing initiative was the pilot project *On the Same Page* and the Advisory Committee was most helpful in asking questions and providing guidance. All members endorsed the program continuing for another year. Jonathan Anuik and Katherine Koch co presented at the Alberta Library conference about this project. A special thank you to Jonathan Anuik for his championing and support for this program. Katherine has been in touch with the Interim Dean to discuss next steps and the decision was made to choose a book for two years rather than every year. In 2016-17, *On the Same Page* will continue with *The Inconvenient Indian* by Thomas King being the book for the second year.

Kim Frail updated the group on the Wiedrick digital collections work. This is an exciting initiative that aims to digitize K- 12 Alberta historical textbooks. Updates and discussion also focused on library integration into EDU 100, 300 and 410, library in e-class, foundational tutorials, graduate student instructional program and the new Discovery system. The implications of the library collections default ordering of ebooks over print was also discussed. This issue will be on the agenda in the fall of 2016.

This past year Coutts Librarians provided a range of updates to the Advisory Committee. We thank the committee members for taking information forward and seeking feedback from their departments.

Our goals for the coming year are:

1. To obtain advisory committee feedback on the discovery system to be launched on August 5, 2015- how are users experiencing this?
2. To obtain feedback on best practices for marketing and communication. Isabel Varela will be invited to a meeting in the fall
3. To promote and support the *On the same Page* title in the Faculty

4. To encourage member input into library activities regarding instruction, services, spaces and collections.
5. To discuss the upcoming decision to enable access to the Curriculum library collection excluding authorized resources .

I would to sincerely thank the committee members that contributed this past year: Jonathan Anuik, Janice Huber, Derek Truscott, Eric Christianson, Adam Worrall and Florence Glanfield as well as my esteemed colleagues, Kim Frail, Debbie Feisst, Allison Sivak and Hanne Pearce. A special thanks to the students Jessica Peck and Jacinta Buencamino for their attendance and participation.

Respectfully submitted,

Katherine Koch

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