

2020 Cyamus Library Updates

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Lama Library, Kapi'olani Community College

Kapi'olani Community College (KapCC) is part of the University of Hawai'i's 10-campus system. In addition to liberal arts, KapCC features specialized programs in culinary arts, health sciences, emergency medical services, and legal assistance. I had my first day here on January 23, 2020, and my primary responsibilities include providing and maintaining access to electronic resources, participating in collection development for STEM, and Business, Legal & Technology (BLT) departments, maintaining the library website/LibGuides, administering the annual library survey, reference, and instruction.

Some updates:

- The UH system libraries just completed migration from ExLibris' Voyager to Alma, in December 2019, and some adjustments are still being made, but we are now fully utilizing Alma and Primo VE.
- Bamboo Ridge Press, a local publisher that has been operating since 1978, has recently been awarded a grant supported by the Hawai'i Council for the Humanities, to have some of their out of print items be freely available in EPUB and PDF formats, through [our library's Dspace instance](#).
- Our library will be hosting the Hawai'i Library Association and joint Hawai'i Association of School Librarians annual conference this year, in November.
- We have been exploring the possibility of providing a lactation room in the library.
- Kapi'olani CC has been working towards increasing student success through reducing the cost of educational materials and has been working with OER initiatives such as a TXT0 designation on courses which require no fees on learning materials.

Chris Neufeld, PhD

Associate Director, Education

Bamfield Marine Sciences Centre

The BMSC library underwent a large personnel change this year with the retirement of our long-time University Programs Coordinator and librarian, the talented and dedicated Beth Rogers. We were glad to be able to celebrate Beth's many accomplishments at the CYAMUS conference hosted at BMSC last year. This past summer was our first test of our new model where a summer student librarian staff the library full time from May-August, with reduced library support from other Education Unit staff. This model would not have been possible without all the hard work that Beth has done to tie up loose ends and streamline library procedures, and I am pleased to say that it's working well so far. Last summer in addition to managing the day-to-day operation of the library, our student librarian developed and added to a growing set of resources aimed at improving the quality of student research data and reports. She also produced a series of project plans for other in-progress initiatives such as processing a number of large collections previously donated to BMSC.

Mary J. Markland
Cyamus Representative
Director, Guin Library
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Guin Library had more staff challenges this year as both of the library technicians left in September and we had a leave of absence earlier in the year. We spent a lot of time trying to document any unfinished projects and updating procedures for our routine activities. Mary had to learn how to manage all the ILL functions. Many other projects were put on hold. Fortunately, we were able to run a single search for both positions and had two people hired by the end of December. As part of the posting process, we were able to upgrade our library technician II position to a library technician III. That gives both of our staff positions more authority and decision-making capabilities. Katie Bowler was previously at the Newport Public Library and she will be our primary lead on ILL activities. Julie Dregson was previously at the Jackson County Public Library and she is focusing on cataloging and serials.

Our other focus continues to be the Marine Studies Initiative, which is creating a new undergraduate major, and minor within the College of Liberal Arts along with a new building at the Hatfield Marine Science Center. Our new building will be opening in early June. The new degree programs are still working their way through the academic approval process. The new housing continues to face delays as well but we are hopeful that they will break ground early this summer. In the library, we are continuing our focus on increased seating and a broader collection in terms of subjects. Thanks to our serials de-duplication project with the main campus, we were able to remove an entire row of shelving this summer. New furniture should be arriving before our summer terms begin.

Mathew Vis-Dunbar
Librarian (Southern Medical Program, Biology, Human Kinetics)
University of British Columbia, Okanagan

2019 has been another big year at UBC Okanagan. The library's writing centre, previously providing peer writing support for undergraduate students, was merged with maths and science tutoring and peer supports; the new home for the trio of services, the Student Learning Hub, now all reside within the library.

The Centre for Scholarly Communication, previously collocated with the Writing Centre, has both found a new space in the library and an expanded scope of service. Catering to faculty, researchers, and post-docs, in addition to writing, copyright, and scholarly communication supports, the CSC now acts as a central hub for services provided by Research Computing Services and the Office of Research Services, lessening barriers to access to services.

Through the efforts of UBCO Library, UBC became the first Canadian institution to participate in OSF Institutions, the institutional platform of the Open Science Framework. The Fostering Open Science Initiative, a library, faculty, and associate provost partnership, also launched its website <https://openscience.ubc.ca>

Our special collections team has continued to work with local cultural organisations to support digitisation efforts for access and preservation. This year, the project, Digitized Okanagan History, originally focused on the Okanagan, has expanded into the Kootenay and Columbia regions of the province. We also underwent a redesign of our website, a much needed refresh of our online presence.

Maureen D. Nolan
Marine and Environmental Sciences Librarian (Seattle Campus)
Head, Friday Harbor Library (Friday Harbor Labs, San Juan Island)
Sciences Liaison Team Leader
University of Washington

A personal milestone for me as I was promoted to full Librarian after 24 years at the University of Washington, the highest rank our system offers. It was also the first summer in over 20 years that I didn't work at the Friday Harbor Library! The library was in good hands as my fabulous science librarian colleagues from main campus also work at FHL in the summer, and filled in my weeks for Summer A and B terms. This summer, I hope to be back at the Labs for my more typical three to four weeks.

The University of Washington is now offering a Bachelor of Science (BS) degree and major, as well as a minor in Marine Biology. The plan is for all students to complete an integrative field experience (research or field course) at Friday Harbor Labs or at a similar site. The Sciences Liaison Team on main campus is also working on a big weeding project in the Odegaard Undergraduate Library so that we can improve the collections for this and other new STEM degree programs.

Mayu Ishida
Cyamus Secretary
Librarian (Biochemistry & Molecular Biology, Computer Science, Mathematics, Statistics; undergraduate programs in Botany, Microbiology & Immunology, and Zoology)
University of British Columbia, Vancouver

I serve on the collections team for Woodward Library, the sciences and health sciences branch at University of British Columbia (UBC). I am the serials lead to oversee the journal subscriptions and monographic standing orders at the branch. I coordinate with the monographs lead and the databases lead on the team as well as the Collections Librarians and Associate University Librarian, Collections. I enjoy this team approach to make decisions in collections development at Woodward. I have also joined the Collections and Information Resources Standing Committee (CIRSC), and Library #Climate Action Team (L#CAT) collections group. CIRSC provides strategic directions regarding the UBC Library collections. In the L#CAT collections group, my colleagues and I are exploring ways to improve library practices around collections in terms of sustainability.

Woodward Library receives consultation requests about knowledge synthesis from the health sciences but also increasingly from outside the health sciences like engineering, computer science, fisheries, and ecology. I wonder if other Cyamus members receive requests for help with knowledge synthesis in marine sciences. I am learning from my colleagues in UBC Library's systematic, scoping and related reviews community of practice about different types of reviews, standards, and tools available.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as the Cyamus Secretary, 2018-2020! I am very fortunate to work with Mary (Cyamus Representative) and Molly (Cyamus Treasurer), and really appreciate the conference planning done by Amanda and Katie.

Sally Taylor**Interim Head, Woodward Library
University of British Columbia, Vancouver**

In January, as a result of my supervisor becoming Interim Associate University Librarian, Research Services, I assumed the role of Interim Head of Woodward Library for the year. It's a big change but we have a great team, and I'm enjoying it. Thankfully, we are in the process of hiring a replacement who will support the natural sciences and resource management areas. In March, we will host the annual luncheon for the [Harry Hawthorn Foundation](#) who fund books related to fly fishing and angling as well as fish biology, fisheries, and conservation. This year's speaker is [Fernando Lessa](#), a photographer who worked on a film and book called [The Heart of the Fraser](#) to raise awareness about spawning habitat for salmon and white sturgeon that is at risk of development.

On a library-wide level, I'm co-chairing the newly formed L#CAT (Library #ClimateAction Team) which is focusing efforts on reducing air travel, improving practices with respect to collections, and organizing a climate change panel. Coming out of that work, Mathew Vis-Dunbar (UBC Okanagan campus) and I are leading a Zoom pilot to make it easier to connect with colleagues and patrons at a distance. We have 40+ colleagues interested in participating, and 30 meetings have occurred thus far. In December 2019, UBC declared a [climate emergency](#) and has now established a task force to engage the UBC community in shaping a response.

It's been an exceptionally busy term because in addition to the learning curve that goes with a new job, I'm co-chairing the IAMSLIC-IODE Joint Repository working group, and I've been co-teaching the course "Science and Technology Information Sources and Services" in the iSchool this term. If anyone is ever interested in teaching such a course, I would be happy to share the syllabus and assignments.

Sonja Kromann**Librarian, National Marine Mammal Laboratory Library (NOAA, NMFS, AFSC)**

The NMML Library is one of three NOAA Libraries in Seattle. My primary users are the scientists at the National Marine Mammal Laboratory, which is part of the NOAA Fisheries' Alaska Fisheries Science Center (AFSC), but I also serve the AFSC, NOAA, outside researchers and the general public. The collection is primarily focused on marine mammals, zoology, ecosystems, fisheries, and statistics. The Library is staffed by myself and occasional volunteers or interns. Currently, I am working on a retrospective cataloging project adding older materials to OCLC and to the NOAA Libraries Online Catalog. I am also working with a NMML scientist going through files and records from several past projects to determine what will be archived on site or at NARA. The NMML Library has a small annual budget to purchase books, mostly on marine mammals and statistics, and budget increases have covered increases in journal subscriptions.