

SCAMeL Professional Development Exchange Program

Visiting Librarian's Report

Participant:

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Institutions visited:

John S. Marietta Memorial Library
JPS Health Network
March 29, 2018

Gibson D. Lewis Health Science Library
University of North Texas Health Science Center
March 30, 2018

Itinerary:

Thursday, March 29th

7:30-12:30	Travel to Fort Worth
1:30-2:00	Arrival/introductions
2:00-3:30	Meeting and discussion with Tim Kenny regarding hospital libraries
3:30-4:00	Break and familiarize myself with JPS Library intranet site and <i>TinyCat</i>
4:00-4:30	Tour of JPS with Kellie Boyd
5:00-6:30	Networking dinner with Ramona Holmes, Brook Amen, and Kayleen Cox

Friday, March 30th

8:30-8:45	Arrival/Introductions
8:45- 10:00	Tour of Lewis Library, TCOM, RML offices, and archives
10:00-10:15	Break/picture taking
10:15-11:30	Meeting with Leah Hamrick – electronic resources and SCAMeL C.D. Committee
11:30–12:00	Meeting with RML Outreach and Lewis Outreach librarians
12:00–1:30	Networking lunch with UNTHSC and RML librarians
1:30-2:00	Meeting Tom regarding <i>TinyCat</i> implementation for the OSU Medical Center
2:00-2:30	Wrap up with Dan Burgard and Ramona Holmes

Goals and description of how goals were/were not met by visit

The four goals of my visit were all met. My first goal was to take an in-depth tour of a health sciences library to observe their physical layout, methods of operation, and ratio of print to electronic resources. Ramona took me on a behind-the-scenes tour of Lewis Library which included models, print materials, and archives. I observed how the Lewis Library reconfigured space after deeply weeding their print collection. Ramona answered questions regarding their models, deselection, archival materials, and how to dispose of weeded books.

My second goal was to visit the John S. Marietta Memorial Medical Library to learn about their electronic resources and contract with the Lewis Library. The discussion with Tim, Kellie, and Kalie was informative. Kalei showed me how their *LibAnswers* "Ask Us" works. Tom Lyons at the Lewis Library met with me to discuss the implementation of *TinyCat*, the hospital libraries' catalogue.

The third goal was to explore issues relating to electronic resources and management in both the hospital and health sciences libraries. As a relatively new electronic resources librarian I'm still on a learning curve and Leah Hamrick was an excellent source of information on how to organize and track electronic resources.

My fourth goal was to network with other medical librarians. There were opportunities to network at lunch, at dinner and during the tours.

Lessons learned and how these will be shared

I have learned a lot from visiting both libraries. I've already discussed several lessons learned with my co-workers. I am planning to give a power point presentation with pictures at the OSU-CHS Medical Library staff meeting on Thursday, April 12th.

Obviously there are differences between the Lewis Library and OSU-CHS Medical Library due to their staffing, size, and degree programs. And there are differences between the JPS contract with UNTHSC and the service agreement between OSU Medical Center and OSU-CHS. However, I learned useful lessons which I can apply at both the OSU-CHS Medical Library and the OSU Medical Center Library.

Would you recommend the program to other colleagues?

Yes, I would recommend this program to other colleagues. One advantage of this program is the ability to tailor it to meet the needs/interests of the visiting librarian.

Suggestions for improvement

The only thing that I would change would be to allow more time for the tours. The items on the agenda were all of interest to me. I would suggest informing prospective, enthusiastic visiting librarians that UNTHSC is a large library with a lot going on, so he/she should allow a full day for a visit.

Thank you

SCAMeL, thank you for funding this trip. It was worth it. I learned a lot. I feel like I have people that I can reach out to for assistance from both libraries.

Thank you to the staff at UNTHSC for hosting with me. Everyone I met was well prepared and knowledgeable. A special shout out to Ramona, Dan, Leah, and the JPS librarians for sharing your time and expertise.

