

Meeting of ARLIS Materials SIG
Tuesday, May 18, 2021

In attendance: Elizabeth Beck, Heather Cleary, Esta Goldin, Patty Guardiola, Johanna Kasubowski, Jay Lemire, Constance Mood, Darin Murphy, Barbara Ann Opar, Mark Pompelia, Rebecca Price, Shannon Robinson, Sheri Rosenzweig, Amy Seipke, Alice Whiteside, Ann Baird Whiteside

Hello to Rebecca Price, new ARLIS VP and board liaison for the group

Material Order review (Johanna, Ann, Mark)

- Contract signed with new member of consortium, Columbia University Graduate School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation – Historic Preservation Laboratory
- Members RISD, GSAPP, GSD
- Brochure, flyer with LYRASIS/CollectionSpace
- ARLIS exhibit hall open for 30 days, portal open including LYRASIS, download of brochure
- Need for notating subcollections (such as RISD example of rare woods, GSD archival designated collection of samples)
- Questions of how people have been teaching with virtual environments, example of using Material Order SEARCH with virtual teaching

Conversation about virtual teaching with materials during the pandemic

- RISD, using Material Order SEARCH
 - Interpretation aspect to teaching
 - Pulling items, using the front end materialorder.org
<https://www.jstor.org/site/risd/manning-rare-woods/>
- Penn, Virtual show and tell sessions with staff on-site
<https://www.library.upenn.edu/finearts/materials-library>
- College for Creative Studies
 - Creating of LibGuide
<https://libguides.collegeforcreativestudies.edu/matcoll>
 - Have been mailing items – normally have 3-day loan period, extended to 2 weeks
- Pratt
 - Referring to online collection
<https://library.artstor.org/#/collection/100057187>
- Harvard
 - Recommendation of cross-linking to other materials collections, sharing links with one another
<https://guides.library.harvard.edu/gsd/materials>

Experiences of teaching on site vs remotely

-Some set up appointment systems or offered options to faculty to visit on site, but very few people took advantage. Some offered limited circulating materials and visits to faculty, scaling out to students wasn't feasible.

Are any collections in jeopardy?

- Collections that loan will have to figure out how to have items returned
- Otherwise no collections in jeopardy
- Related discussion of keeping track of what is in collection: online inventories; example of cataloging items on demand at checkout in library's circulation system; notations in catalog of what is checked out.

Will you circulate if you haven't before?

- Collections that circulate will continue doing so; collections that do not circulate aren't considering changing right now
- Some of this might depend on capacity limits in the fall and on-site visits

Tools for setting up appointments to spaces

- Springshare (LibCal, Seats)
- 25Live (less popular)
- Squarespace site
- YouCanBook.me
- Calendly

Material ConneXion, database renewals

- Discussion of usage statistics, some institutions seeing lower use
- Do we know how many MCX database users visit Materials Library in person? This information isn't always conveyed from faculty to library staff
- Discussion of increase in quoted prices, institutions that do not currently subscribe have seen escalating quotes from year to year
- The Stacks trial – MCX offering 7-day trial through May 31, no academic licensing option yet

Other databases/tools

- ProQuest Materials Science Collection
- Granta Edupack (software) – supports Lifecycle Assessment & Social LCA
- SimaPro
- Futation

Topics for next time:

- How are we engaging with makerspaces on campus?
- Programming with vendors, makers? Workshops? Outdoor events?