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Best wishes for the New Year,

Michael Dula, CTO

Staff News:

- Anju Meenattoor joined the Digital Library Programming group on January 6th as a Programmer Analyst II. She will be working on the Hydra project and other associated programming projects in support of the work required for the preservation and presentation of special collections and archival materials. She received her Bachelor of Engineering from Ann University in India and comes to us after working for the Hartford Public Library since 2008.

  Anju's contact information: email: Anju.Meenattoor@yale.edu phone: 432-8946, office: SML room 607

- Congratulations to Jenn Nolte and Julie Niemeyer for finishing Master of Library Science degrees in 2013!

  > The part of Julie's final research project that was related to Library IT involved extracting and analyzing Orbis data about the South Asia Collection. She gave the analyzed data to Sarah Calhoun in tables and charts to use in a presentation at a national library conference hosted by the Nehru Memorial Museum & Library in New Deli, India, in November 2013. This large extraction of data from Orbis was the first time that Sarah had accurate data about the size of the South Asia Collection, its location in the Yale Library system, and the percentage of the materials in different languages.

  > Jenn's research project focused on identifying digitization activity in local public libraries in Connecticut. Public libraries are typically underfunded and often limit their digitization activity to grant-driven projects. Understanding where the majority of this activity happens may help libraries and other local entities pool their resources and knowledge together to achieve larger and more complete digitization projects, and create awareness of local history gems on a national and even international level.

Library IT News:

- Michael Dula's second office hour for January will be on **Friday, January 24th** in his new office, room 508, from 11:00-12:00. This is a change from the Yulib message earlier this month. All staff are welcome.

- To accommodate the 24 Library IT staff on the 5th and 6th floors of Sterling Memorial Library a few people moved into different offices on January 2nd. Here is the list of people who moved with their new office location:

  Room 510: George Ouellette, Melissa Wisner, and Julie Niemeyer
  Room 509: Greg Blasko, Reon Keller, and Frederick Rodriguez
  Room 508: Michael Dula
  Room 506: Ray Frohlich

IT Project Updates:

- **CNI Fall Conference**
  Michael Dula attended the fall CNI (Coalition for Networked Information, http://www.cni.org/) conference in early December. The Hydra/Fedora community was well represented there, and the Fedora update conference session included a nice nod to Yale as one of the active development partners. Hot topics included the Fedora 4 development project, A/V storage and preservation, and the need to support research data in digital repositories.

- **MARC Self Service tool**
  The Enterprise Systems & Programming Services Group has developed a new tool for library staff. The web-based, self-service application allows staff to type in, or upload, a text file of bibliographic record IDs or barcodes from Orbis, resulting in an extract of the associated bibliographic records. Extracted records will be emailed to the staff person who placed the request in the tool. Staff may then take the file(s) of extracted bibliographic records and edit them via a batch processing tool such as MARCEdit, ingest the bibliographic records into another local database as needed, or in certain scenarios share records with a partner project site such as the Hand Press Book project. Rich Richie from the Southeast Asia Collection has been using the tool and stated, "The MARC Self Service extract tool has been a great help in extracting preliminary Khmer language catalog records from Voyager. Sending these lists of extracted records to our outside vendor for Khmer records, provides us with a quick and easy way to build full level records in MARCedit and easily overlay the preliminary records based on the BibID. A useful and timesaving resource for this project."

  This self-service tool permits staff to request a file of records as needed, without having to make a special request to Library IT. It is an innovative approach to increasing the

availability of Orbis bibliographic records and batch data manipulation workflow. The MARC Self Service tool is currently in beta testing and will be rolled out this month, with classes on using the tool in conjunction with Voyager and MARCEdit to be announced.

- **Libguides Redesign and Revision Leads to 35% Increase in Use:**
  In the spring of 2013 the library undertook an extensive revision of its subject guides. Staff updated the cascading style sheets to improve the appearance of guides and to better integrate with the look and feel of the library web site. Librarians revised individual guides to include links to standard material such as the Citation Management guide. A new entry page was designed. Overall use of subject guides more than doubled in the fall 2013 semester, compared to fall 2012. There were a total of 308,992 page views in fall 2013 versus 164,042 in fall 2012. That number is somewhat inflated by new guides added: e.g. the GetIt@Yale guide and the Databases list. Adjusting to count only guides which were public in both 2012 and 2013, page views increased 35%. Usage of the Citation Management guide, now a required guide element, increased 550%!

  Read more at http://guides.library.yale.edu/loader.php?type=d&id=989782