News

Rights Retention Strategies

The development of rights retentions policies is a growing area of interest for SCONUL members and we have made a set of resources available on our website at https://www.sconul.ac.uk/page/rights-retention-strategies (Please note you will need to login to access this webpage. If you need a login please email sconul@sconul.ac.uk). These include the recording of the community webinar held earlier in the year to share information on recent developments which heard from institutions which have successfully introduced such policies.

Leading change on race equality, 13 March and 27 March

SCONUL is partnering with AdvanceHE to bring members subsidised development workshops on 'Leading Change on Race Equality' as part of our ongoing commitment to increasing Equality, Diversity and Inclusion in the sector. The two linked workshops are designed to strengthen knowledge, skills and confidence to lead progress on race equality in college, national and university libraries. In partnering with AdvanceHE, we are able to offer a significantly discounted rate to support participation and development across the membership. The workshops will be two interactive sessions and will be facilitated by AdvanceHE Senior Advisor Dr Lindy-Ann Blaize, who is experienced in anti-racism training and working with and within universities. The course fee is £95pp. The first workshop will be held on 13 March (AM), with the second session on 27 March (AM). The workshops are limited to two people per institution and designed for those in Senior Leadership roles. Places are limited and offered on a first come, first served basis. You can register by completing the form HERE. You will need to create an account first (or log in to an existing account) on their web portal: https://my.advance-he.ac.uk/ BEFORE trying to use the link.

Springer Nature

Following the decision of the sector to reject the recent proposal from Springer Nature, SCONUL is organising a further briefing for members on the latest developments, and to discuss possible next steps. We will be sending an invitation to take part to the SCONUL Directors' list shortly. This follows the joint statement of support from mission groups, signed by Guild HE, MillionPlus, N8 PVC-Rs, the Russell Group and the University Alliance which said the latest proposal—which was received in November and rejected by the team negotiating on behalf of UK universities—does "not meet the needs of the sector and our members". Read more

SCONUL signs statement calling on suppliers to reduce prices in cost of living crisis

SCONUL has come together with partners across the sector to make clear to publishers and other vendors the importance of ensuring value for money at a time of financial challenge. Signatories to the statement, which cites a "perfect storm of declining resources and increased demands", include: UUK/Jisc content negotiation strategy group; UUK/Jisc software negotiation strategy group; British Universities Finance Directors Group (BUFDG); Research Libraries UK (RLUK); UCISA; Southern Universities Purchasing Consortium (SUPC); Scottish Confederation of University and Research Libraries (SCURL); Scottish Higher Education Digital Library (SHEDL) and the UK Universities Purchasing Consortia (UKUPC). The full statement can be found here: https://www.sconul.ac.uk/news/call-on-suppliers-to-reduce-prices-in-cost-of-living-crisis

Survey on Covid-19 Collecting in UK Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums

Members are invited to participate in a survey on Covid-19 Collecting in UK Galleries, Libraries, Archives and Museums. The survey is relevant to organisations that have not undertaken any Covid-19 collecting, as well as those that have. It forms part of an AHRC-RLUK Fellowship project on Documenting the Role of UK Science in the Covid-19 Pandemic, being conducted by Amelie Roper (Cambridge University Library). It has full approval from the Humanities and Social Sciences Research Ethics Committee at the University of Cambridge. The survey consists of a series of short questions and should take no longer than 15 minutes to complete. A copy of the survey questions is available to view in advance. More than one response per institution is permitted. However, if you are not involved with collection development in

your organisation, it may be more appropriate for you to ask a colleague to complete the survey instead. Deadline for response is Thursday 9 March, 17.00hrs and you can access the survey here: https://cambridge.eu.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_2n6QuSXZNNLAmea. For further information about the survey or the wider project, please contact Amelie Roper at alr39@cam.ac.uk.

CONUL Conference 2023: Bursary Opportunities

CONUL has announced that they have three bursaries to attend the CONUL Conference 2023: a LIS Student bursary; a recent LIS Graduate bursary; and a bursary for someone working in the library sector who does not hold a LIS qualification, sponsored by UCD School of Information & Communication Studies (ICS). Taking place in Cork on 24-25 May 2023, the conference, with the theme 'Sense and Sustainability: Environmental, Economic and Social Sustainability in Libraries', provides an opportunity for those interested in LIS careers to attend an internationally regarded conference, with ample provision to attend sessions, network with delegates, and learn about key issues facing research libraries. Closing date for applications is 17:00hrs on 10 March and further details can be found at: https://conference.conul.ie/bursary-opportunities/

CILIP Knowledge and Information Management (K&IM) group IFLA Conference 2023 Bursary

CILIP's Knowledge and Information Management (K&IM) Special Interest Group is inviting applications for a bursary to attend the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA) Congress to be held in Rotterdam, 21-25 August https://2023.ifla.org/. The bursary enables a current CILIP K&IM Group member to experience the IFLA Conference. The award covers the whole cost of the IFLA conference fee (early-bird rate) and £300 towards travel and accommodation. The deadline for applications is 19 March and further details can be found here.

Updates from our peer organisations:

1. Academic Libraries North https://www.academiclibrariesnorth.ac.uk/
2. CONUL https://conul.ie/news/
3. LIBER https://libereurope.eu/news/
4. M25 Consortium of Academic Libraries https://www.m25lib.ac.uk/about-the-consortium/newsletter-archive/
5. Mercian Collaboration https://merciancollaboration.org.uk/news
6. RLUK https://www.rluk.ac.uk/rluk-bulletin/
7. SCURL https://www.scurl.ac.uk/news
8. ucisa https://www.ucisa.ac.uk/News-and-Views
9. WHELF https://whelf.ac.uk/

Appointments and job opportunities

If you have moved to a new role or institution or have any senior job opportunities that you would like us to include, please e-mail SitMui.Ng@sconul.ac.uk.

Appointment: London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE)

Niamh Tumelty has been appointed as the next Director of LSE Library and Librarian of the British Library of Political and Economic Science. Niamh joins LSE from Cambridge University Library, where she is currently Head of Open Research Services (Associate Director). Niamh brings with her a wealth of library experience and will work with the Library team in developing services to support LSE as the world's leading social sciences institution. As part of LSE's national research library role, she will also be leading the team in making their archives and special collections even more accessible to the wider world. Niamh will be joining LSE in May.

Vacancy: Liaison Support Librarian (NHS), St George's, University of London

St George's, University of London are looking for a Liaison Support Librarian to join their library liaison team. The role will focus on supplying knowledge and evidence services- literature searching, current awareness, information skills training and marketing and promotions- to staff and learners in their affiliated NHS Trusts, the principle of which is St George's University Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust. **Closing date 6 March** Read more

Vacancy: Research Data Support Manager , St George's, University of London

(closing 6th March) - http://jobs.sgul.ac.uk/871-22-R

St George's University of London are seeking a Research Data Support Manager to lead and deliver their already established research data management service which includes the storage, preservation, and discoverability of the Institution's research data assets. The post holder will work closely with other Library teams, maintain St George's Figshare data repository and other research data management systems, and will work in partnership with the institution's stakeholders, including the Joint Research & Enterprise Service and Information Governance staff to ensure a cohesive and researcher-centric service is provided. **Closing date 6 March** Read more

Vacancy: Collection Management and Engagement Librarian, Birmingham City University

Birmingham City University are recruiting for a Collections Management and Engagement (CME) Librarian. Reporting to the Head of Collection Management and Engagement alongside five other CME librarians this role will be responsible for the development and management of the University's resource collections, supporting the Business, Law and Social Sciences faculty. The successful candidate will engage with academic staff to source, select and purchase books, journals, databases and other resources to align collections with reading lists to meet students' needs. The post-holder will manage all aspects Library and Learning Resources collections from acquisition to disposal. **Closing date 8 March** Read more

Vacancy: Librarian – Electronic Resource Management, Birmingham City University

Birmingham City University are seeking a Librarian – e-Resource Management for the Library and Learning Resources (L&LR). Working collaboratively with the entire L&LR team and other stakeholders of the BCU community, this post is responsible for the negotiation, acquisition and operational management of e-resource subscriptions and licences ensuring seamless user access, discoverability and best value for money. This post will also supervise and contribute towards the development of the functional areas of serial management, cataloguing and metadata management and interlibrary loan and document delivery service. **Closing date 10 March** Read more

Vacancy: Cataloguing Librarian - Project Officer (Race Equality Initiative), Cardiff University

An opportunity has arisen within the Cardiff University library service for a Project Officer to assess the use of Library of Congress Subject Headings (LCSH) and Medical Subject Headings (MeSH) within the library catalogue. It is acknowledged that there is a common legacy issue for university libraries, where terminology has been used historically and may not have been updated to reflect current understanding of race equity issues. This 6-month project will undertake a scoping exercise to define the extent of the problem and identify solutions to move forward towards more inclusive representation within the catalogue. Any local policy change will build on accepted best practice currently available in the field. The Project Officer will be highly organized, enthusiastic and able to work to tight deadlines. They will have a keen eye for detail and the ability to collaborate and communicate with colleagues. In addition to knowledge of cataloguing standards and the use of subject headings, they will be aware of ethical and inclusivity issues within the metadata sphere. **Closing date 17 March** Read more

Vacancy: Discovery Services Librarian, Bishop Grosseteste University

Bishop Grosseteste University is seeking a Discovery Services Librarian to allow its Library to continue to grow and flourish. Duties include the management of all discovery services such as online catalogues and resources, resource authentication, booking systems, reading list management, and digitisation services. The post also has subject liaison & enquiry desk duties and responsibility for the collection and analysis of library statistics and data. The post holder will be working in a busy team and thus must be an effective communicator and able to multitask. **Closing date 19 March** Read more

Vacancy: Assistant Cardiff and Vale University Health Board Librarian, Cardiff University

Cardiff University is recruiting for the post of Assistant Cardiff and Vale University Health Board Librarian within the University Library Service (ULS) - a role which supports the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board Librarian in the delivery and development of services to Cardiff and Vale University Health Board to support education, patient care, training and research. The role is responsible for assisting the Cardiff and Vale University Health Board Librarian to develop strong working relationships with key contacts in Cardiff and Vale University Health Board. The post holder will assist with the delivery, development and promotion of services as well as providing a mediated information and evidence search service. They will assist with the design and delivery of information skills training, and the development of collections to support clinical practice. **Closing date 19 March** Read more

Vacancy: Library Operations Senior Manager, University of Sussex
University of Sussex are recruiting for an Operations Senior Manager to lead their Library Operations teams in delivering high quality and timely services to students and staff at the University. The post holder will be responsible for the day-to-day management of the Library building and operations. They will lead administrative and building teams, forming close working relationships with other University divisions to ensure our services are delivered in an efficient and seamless manner. This will include the co-ordination of staff development and of compliance on issues such as data protection, health and safety and business continuity within the Library. **Closing date 21 March** Read more

Events

If you would like SCONUL to include any events that may be of interest to directors, please e-mail sconul@sconul.ac.uk.

The Future of Copyright: Achieving Sustainable Universal Open Access through Copyright Reform (A Debate), 8 March

Access Lab 2023, 20-23 March

Positive Action Library Graduate Traineeships to address underrepresentation of Black, Asian, and Global Majority library staff, London, 24 March

AEOLIAN Workshop 6: New Horizons in AI and Machine Learning, 24 March

Metadata and Discovery Group in Scotland: But how do we use it? Ethical cataloguing in practice, 24 March

UKSG Annual Conference and Exhibition, Glasgow, 13-15 April

LILAC: The Information Literacy Conference, Cambridge, 19-21 April

UCL Open Science Conference, 24 April

Towards a National Collection Conference. London, 26 April

ARLG DARTS Conference, Dartington, 24-25 May

UXLibs7 2023, Brighton, 6-8 June

Westminster HE Forum: Next steps for the Research Excellence Framework, 16 June

Call for papers: Academic Libraries North Conference 2023, 21 June (via Teams) and 22 June (Leeds)

15th International Conference on Performance Measurement in Libraries (LibPMC), 11-13 July

Open Science (OAI13) Conference, 4-8 September