

Darwin College

Library Committee

A meeting of the Committee was held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, 10th November 2010

There were present Margaret Cone (Chairman), Espen Koht (Computer officer), Lindsey Friedman (Student Librarian), Elisabeth Leedham-Green (Archivist) Michael Scott, Daniel Jew and Dirk Imhof.

1. Apologies were received from Christopher Cullen, Hilary Powell and Rush Cosgrove.
 - 1a There were no declarations of interest.

2. The minutes of the last meeting, which had been circulated, were approved.

Matters arising:

MC reported that the Bursar was taking advice about, and seeking estimates for, new shelving below the David Blackburn painting;

Books had been purchased from the donations in memory of Conn Murphy. EL-G would circulate suggested wording for the bookplate, which would then be shown to the donors for approval. Penny Price would be asked to write the bookplate.

3. The meeting welcomed Lindsey Friedman as now sole Student Librarian, and Dirk Imhof (Munby Fellow) as a new member of the committee.

4. EL-G reported that the archives have not yet been moved into their new home, but that it was hoped this would happen before the end of the calendar year.

5. The Student Librarian reported on:

Purchases and requests

the several series ordered from CUP have been catalogued and shelved; the CUP balance is £2352.59; (the committee was asked to suggest other CUP books for purchase, including other series);

as usual books and DVDs have been purchased through Amazon. The latest gift certificate was for £28.10, significantly less than normal. (it was suggested that the Amazon scheme be given more prominence on the College web-site);

all requests have been ordered and catalogued;

there have recently been several donations;

DVD Library

the DVD collection has been growing steadily, and the arrangements with the film club and Green Committee are working well, as is the on-line DVD system;

more space is needed for storing the DVDs; (it was suggested that the two cupboards near the checkout area could be used. LF was concerned that the DVDs would not be sufficiently visible, and it was agreed that we should examine the possibilities of glass doors on the cupboards);

there are now almost 100 members of the DVD Library;

Vesalius

Average temperature 22°C, humidity 46%;

the pages were turned regularly;

Use of the Study Centre

6. Changes to the Library site on the College web-pages are being considered.
7. It was agreed to try to reclassify the Archaeology section with sub-sections, as a test towards a reclassification of all of our holdings.
8. There was no other business. The next meeting will be on the 26th January 2011.