

Annual Report of the Library Committee

Academic Year 2024-2025

Committee Membership

Faculty Members	
Christy Goodnight	Chair (2024-2026)
Jongbok Yi	Vice Chair (2024–2025)
Katherine Panagakos	ARHU (2023–2025)
Wei-Xuan Li	BUSN (2024–2025)
Amy Ackerman	EDUC (2023–2025)
Mariam Hussein	GENS (2023–2025)
Monika Pawlowska	HLTH (2023–2025)
Cheyenne Riehl	Library (2023–2025)
Jeffrey Webber	NAMS (2023–2025)
Connie Tang	SOBL (2023–2025) and Union representative

Ex Officio Members	
Patricia Thatcher	Dean of the Library
Mark Jackson	Director of Production Services
Kathleen Klein	Director of Center for Teaching & Learning Design

The Library Committee met four times via Zoom and committee members were encouraged to attend additional library-related events during AY 24-25. Our main focus this year was the construction of the library and the results of the move to alternative spaces while the construction is occurring. We were very happy to hear that the Board of Trustees pledged funds to complete the entire Library Learning Commons construction project as planned during their

March 2025 meeting. Mr. Donald Hudson, Senior Vice President for Facilities and Operations, continues to assure us that the project is on currently on time and its projected completion is Fall 2026. Additional information on the Library Learning Commons construction project can be found at: <https://stockton.edu/facilities-construction/library-learning-commons.html>.

As far as our agenda item on Generative AI, Library Committee member, Cheyenne Riehl, presented the library's new AI support webpage at <https://library.stockton.edu/genAI/home>, which provides information and resources on generative AI, including ethical considerations, prompt engineering, and frequently asked questions. The webpage aims to serve as an information hub for the Stockton community on the safe and responsible use of AI in academic research.

Some of the library-related events that committee members were encouraged to attend in lieu of additional meetings were the workshop hosted by the Center for Teaching & Learning Design (CTLD) titled “Navigating the Trap: Identifying and Avoiding Predatory Journals,” which was presented by Zornitsa Kalibatseva, CTLD Research Fellow; Cheyenne Riehl, Student Success Librarian; and John Young, CTLD Research Advisor on March 21st, 2025. A link to the recording of the presentation is available in our committee meeting notes as well as the Predatory Journal Follow-Up Document, which has very useful information and links, produced by Library Committee member, Cheyenne Riehl.

Other events included the Bjork Library’s Stockton Works Reception on April 8th, 2025, celebrating the publication of *Hidden Among the Stacks: Secret Treasures of a University Library*, published by the South Jersey Culture & History Center (2025) and put together by the Spring 2024 Literature Senior Seminar students. The book is on Reserve in the Bjork Library. On April 30th, 2025, Jess Martorano, Stockton’s Library Access and Engagement Coordinator, and Luke O’Connor, the Library’s Student Engagement Aide and a dual-degree BA/MBA student in the School of Business presented “Future-Proofing the Library.”

We did want to clarify that Adjuncts have always had access to the library. The only changes are that they will now have access to the library for the entire academic year rather than only the semester in which they are teaching.

As part of our Faculty Research Support agenda item, Library Committee members Wei-Xuan Li and Christy Goodnight put together a pilot survey on the usage of business databases and sent the survey to faculty members in the School of Business on February 11, 2025. The results of this pilot were presented at the April 30th, 2025, committee meeting. Next year, the committee will help circulate database surveys for all the schools next year which will be developed by the Public Services Librarians.

As chair, I would like to thank all committee members for their excellent work, and attendance at the meetings and events this year along with our vice chair, Jongbok Yi, for assisting in meeting minutes. Please know that the workings of our committee this year could not

have been possible without the support of the entire staff and faculty of the Bjork Library and all the staff working with Don Hudson on the Library Learning Commons construction project.

Items for follow up for 2025-26

- Continuing to follow the Library Learning Commons construction project with its projected completion date of Fall 2026.
- Full library database survey development and circulation to help determine where the library can save money or perhaps shift to other cost-effective databases that serve faculty and student needs along with a deep dive into Library Budgets. Possible collaboration on the budget information with the Administration and Finance Committee.
- Continue to monitor Quiet Study Spaces for Students and their need for this type of space until the Library Learning Commons construction project is completed.
- Focusing on the Strategic Planning for the Library and future when the Library Learning Commons opens Fall 2026.