Niagara College Libraries Student Advisory Team (NCLSAT)

Niagara–on-the–Lake Division

November 23, 2015 1:30–2:30 pm (Meeting #2)

Minutes

Present:

Students: Krystin Ashley T., Brooke L., Matthew B., Michael A.

Staff: Sam, Jackie

Agenda

1. Introductions and refreshments: welcome new members!

2. Discussion items:
   a. Follow up from previous meeting:
      i. Study Room Bookings
      ii. Exploratory progress
      iii. NCLSAT logo
   b. New observations/comments/concerns
   c. Library Website Redesign
   d. Upcoming events: Academic Integrity Series, ncReads

3. Continuing contact: NCLSAT on Blackboard, CCR
4. Next meeting March 7, 2015

Minutes

2a)

i) New bigger, bolder warnings have been added to the room booking form to inform people of the 2 hours/group/day policy;
- library staff has been watching for violators more regularly and has been deleting these bookings
- Staff “holding” blocks of time and opening them up on day of—students really like this idea

ii) Exploratory still in process—hoping for Fall 2016 opening?
- It would be nice if this space could also be used for video conferencing

iii) NCLSAT logo: waiting on marketing
- New idea, something like a “superhero emblem,” e.g.:
• SAC hasn’t heard any complaints about the Library

• New Dell laptops are the best, VOSTROs and the older large ones should be retired, but are better than nothing
  
  o Students don’t like bringing their own laptops, difficult to carry, risk of damage, difficult to connect to wireless, students think of their laptops as desktops in their personal work areas at home

• Organization of the book stacks is helpful for browsing, signs at the ends of the aisles are also helpful

• Physical books still preferred to eBooks, especially for leisure reading; easier to browse the physical books

• Convenience of eBooks is a plus, but it is difficult to find and download them

• ncLibraries can be added to Google Scholar searching, for more details, see this video: https://youtu.be/sdOaElZpRWI

• Printing—why are students charged for two pages when printing double-sided? Follow up with ITS.