

Library Council Annual Report, April 2023

The Library Council is composed of Brenda M. Alexander, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources; Jihyun Lee, College of Education; Matt J. Grey, College of Arts and Science; Dana Caulton, College of Engineering and Science; Tawnya Plumb, Law School; Ta-Tung Cheng, College of Business; Mary Elizabeth Brown, American Heritage Center; Bridger Sparks, undergraduate student representative.

Brenda M. Alexander served as chair for the 2022-2023 academic year. Tawnya Plumb will serve as chair for the 2023-2024 academic year.

The committee has remained informed of changes within library services, space allocations, and special programs at the library throughout the year. During the past year, concerns over the budget and allocation of resources and legislative efforts to make libraries (and librarians) liable for pornographic materials have consumed most of the discussion of the Library Council. Ivan Gaetz, Library Dean, and librarians attend the council meetings to keep the council informed regarding library business. While efforts continue to be made to assure little or no loss of actual materials, reliance on interlibrary loan is an integral part of materials management. UW Libraries is prepared to address any resource-related questions and concerns that may arise regarding budget reductions, including at the faculty, department and college levels.

Dean Gaetz has announced his retirement for August of 2023. Provost Carman has appointed Associate Dean, Cass Kvenild as Interim Dean. The library council looks forward to working with Dean Kvenild.