

**Minutes**  
**University Library Committee**  
**April 17, 2025**  
**10:30 - 11:30 am**  
**Zoom meeting**

Attendees: Sarah Egan Warren (Chair), Autumn Mist Belk, Jenny Campbell, Victoria Chi, Ed Gehringer, Martin Hubbe, Aniruddha Kulkarni, Katie Martin, Carolyn Miller, Douglas Walls, Paul Williams

Libraries Staff: Carolyn Argentati, David Goldsmith, Susan Ivey, Jason Ronallo, Rob Rucker, Kristen Wilson

**Call To Order** - Dr. Sarah Egan Warren, Teaching Assistant Professor, Institute for Advanced Analytics, and DELTA Faculty Fellow, *Chair*

**1. Introduction of Susan Ivey, Interim Associate Director for Digital Programs and Technology** - Sarah Egan Warren, Chair

Susan Ivey has been named as the Libraries' Interim Associate Director of Digital Programs and Technology (replacing Jill Sexton after her departure in March to become Dean of the UNC-Charlotte Library). In this role, Susan provides vision and leadership for the Libraries' Data & Visualization Services, Digital Library Initiatives, and Information Technology departments, along with the Research Facilitation Service. She is the Libraries' chief liaison to the Office of Information Technology and is active in the university's IT governance structure. She also serves on the Vice Chancellor of Research's Research Operations Council, as well as the university's AI Advisory Group and its AI Research Subgroup. She builds relationships with campus research and technology partners to develop collaborative services supporting the diverse breadth of research, scholarship, and teaching at the university.

**2. [Integrated Library System \(Alma\) Migration Update](#)** - Kristen Wilson, Discovery Systems Manager, Digital Library Initiatives (10 min.)

- a. A new integrated library system software application, Alma, with an associated suite of software, will launch in July 2026. See the linked presentation above for details.
  - i. [Alma was chosen by the UNC System libraries](#), including NC State, through a competitive selection process, because it is a cloud-hosted service (more stable and modern), with better support for our workflows than our current system, which has been in place for 23 years.
  - ii. An application called Primo will become the new Libraries catalog, also replacing the current Summon application for article and book-chapter searching.

- iii. The Leganto application will run the Libraries course reserves service, integrating with Moodle, and will launch in January 2027.
    - iv. These changes will be most visible to Libraries staff conducting operational, “behind-the-scenes” work. Our web-based user interfaces are not expected to change significantly, and we expect that user services overall will be improved.
  - b. Additional updates about these changes will be provided to the ULC and the university community in the 2025-26 academic year.
3. **Triangle Research Libraries Network (TRLN) changes** - Carolyn Argentati, Deputy Director of Libraries; Susan Ivey, Interim Associate Director for Digital Programs and Technology (10 min.)
- a. Since its founding in 1977—and with roots dating back to cooperative collecting agreements in the 1930s—TRLN has played an essential role in bringing together the library systems of Duke, UNC-Chapel Hill, NC State, and NC Central Universities. As the oldest library consortium in the U.S., TRLN has built a distinguished legacy of innovation, collaboration, and capacity building in the library profession.
  - b. In March, the TRLN Executive Committee announced some changes to refocus TRLN’s strategy and structure in the current “digital-first” environment, making it a smaller, more streamlined organization that prioritizes the activities that it is uniquely positioned to advance:
    - i. Resource sharing among member libraries
    - ii. Print courier service between member libraries
    - iii. Communities of practice among the staff of member institutions
    - iv. Maximizing collaboration within Alma during and after each institution’s transition to the same library enterprise system
  - c. These changes should remain mostly transparent to library users. All of the member libraries are committed to maintaining our high standards of resource sharing and delivery that maximize the return on our investments in our research collections.
4. [ORCID Registration and Citation Index \(presentation\)](#) - Jason Ronallo, Department Head, Digital Library Initiatives, and Donald E. Moreland Librarian of Excellence (10 min.)
- a. The Open Researcher and Contributor identifier—or ORCID®—is a unique, 16-digit number that:

- i. Disambiguates common names
    - ii. Connects researchers to their research output.
    - iii. Enables researchers to carry their profile wherever they go.
    - iv. Allows others to access and share that body of work.
    - v. Streamlines publication and funding submissions.
  - b. The Libraries' [Citation Index](#) is a collection of citations to publications by NC State affiliated people that connects the ORCID iD with their university ID.
  - c. See the linked article and presentation above for further details.
5. **Libraries Hours for 2025-26 ([Summer 2025](#), [Fall 2025](#), [Spring 2026](#))** - Rob Rucker, Chief Strategist for Student Success (10 min.)
- a. The Libraries' proposed schedules of hours for the upcoming summer and academic year were reviewed and approved by the committee.
  - b. Both main libraries are open 361 days a year. In addition to in-person services, chat reference and other [Ask Us services](#) are always available when the Libraries is open.
6. **[Hill Library Summer Power Outage and Closure](#) (May 5-August 1, 2025)** - Carolyn Argentati (5 min.)
- a. The Hill Library will be closed from May 5 until August 1 for a major electrical infrastructure project. All major services will continue at Hunt.
  - b. [This page](#) lists alternative study spaces and labs on campus and offers details on borrowing and requesting print materials and technology.
7. **Institute of Museum & Library Services (IMLS)** - David Goldsmith, Associate Director for Collections & Research Services (5 min.)
- a. An [Executive Order](#) issued on March 14, 2025 calls for the elimination or reduction of a number of governmental entities "that the President has determined are unnecessary," including the IMLS.
  - b. The Libraries does not have a lot of direct activity with the IMLS. Currently we have one active grant, which is a Cooperative Extension history project that involves digitizing certain documents in the State Archives. The State Library has already received the funding for this year's project, and it will proceed, but a second year is unlikely to be funded.
  - c. There is a UNC System IMLS grant project underway (funded in 2024) "to develop collective, library-led models for evaluating and supporting more open and equitable systems of educational technologies." Its funding was suspended

recently, and plans are being adjusted accordingly by the participating libraries and institutions.

Many thanks to everyone who served on the committee this year!