



DOE National Laboratory Libraries Coalition (NLLC)

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SITE REPORT FOR: SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory

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Note: try not to duplicate data or information from the benchmarking report or the Working Group reports.

Budget and staffing changes – *discuss any substantial or significant changes in library budget or staffing since last annual meeting and the expected impact on your library/organization.*

Budget is fairly flat across the lab, including for the Library. No staffing changes in the Library since the last NLLC meeting.

I retired and transitioned in July 2018 to a part-time/casual position supporting the Archives, History and Records Office (AHRO) as well as the Research Library. Laboratory Archivist/Records Manager Dorothy Leung then assumed the position of Manager of the AHRO and the Research Library. Victoria Sha continues as the lab Librarian.

Organizational changes – *discuss any changes in your immediate or organizational mission or management structure and the expected impact on your library/organization.*

The AHRO and Research Library group continues to report to the OCIO Scientific Computing Group, under the manager of Scientific Computing, Adeyemi Adesanya. There has been a recent round of layoffs in our parent group (Office of the CIO—OCIO) with 6 positions eliminated across the group due to budget constraints.

Current initiatives – *discuss significant library initiatives, accomplishments, awards or collaborations (internal or external). These can be on any topic including library operations, projects, research and development, physical space, just cool stuff, etc.*

The Research Library continues its migration project from its SPIRES-based ILS to Eloquent. Our Books catalog migration is complete; user testing of the Books catalog and migration of our Circulation dB both continue. Users who have tested it continue to be generally pleased with the Eloquent interface.

We continue our successful collaborating with Stanford University Libraries on purchasing and licensing of library materials.

Challenges – *discuss any issues or situations, not already mentioned above, affecting your library in the past year and how they were addressed or planned to be addressed.*

Our Self-Checkout machine has been resurrected and the laboratory-written software resuscitated by an experienced semi-retired programmer.

Transition to management of the group by Dorothy Leung, with assistance and support from Victoria Sha and from me, has gone smoothly.

Future initiatives – *discuss ideas, proposals or plans you may have for the immediate or strategic future of your library and the expected impact on your organization.*

Short-range plans include continuing to work with Eloquent to migrate all Library systems to that cloud-based platform. In addition, to continue to economize wherever possible to make best use of limited resources for acquiring needed materials.

Longer-range plans include participating in a planning for re-modeling of space in the Computing Building, which includes the Library's public-use terminals and reading room.

Trends – *have you noticed anything changing, mutating, fluctuating or shifting in your library or in your organization? Changes in customer or staff habits, needs, collection use, expectations? Changes in the external information world that might affect your library or libraries in general? Please share.*

Costs of materials (particularly electronic subscriptions and licenses) continue to rise and to adversely affect our budget and our budget planning.