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Budget and staffing changes – There were no staffing changes for FY18. Budget increased by the normal 3% inflation rate to ensure the continuation of current subscriptions.

Organizational changes – There have been no organizational changes that involved the library during the past year.

Current initiatives – In November, DOE created a new SRNL oversight office that included bringing in new DOE employees into the lab. The manager of the newly created office decided to take some office space that was in the front part of the main lab building for the new employees, which resulted in the current occupants of said space to have to vacate. In order to accommodate those employees, the lab facility manager needed seven office spaces that the library was using for my office, storage of records, technical reports, standards and copier/microfilm reader. We had to vacate those offices in a short amount of time so that they could be renovated to house the employees that were being moved out of their office space so that the new DOE employees could move in. Needless to say, it caused a good amount of chaos for the library since all of the material had to be boxed up and moved into various spots in the current library (which of course cluttered up those areas of the library). As of April, the employees that were told needed to move out for the new DOE employees have successfully moved into the area that the library once had office space. I was moved into a new renovated office close to the main library room and the area where the new DOE employees will be is still being renovated.

Challenges – Other than the quick notice of having to move out of seven office spaces in a short amount of time, it was business as usual. The main challenge now is finding space to put the boxed up material in so it can be easily used.

Future initiatives –There is some talk of potentially moving the library to a new facility or area. The current location of the library within SRNL is prime real estate for groups to want to have occupancy of. There have been some rumblings that DOE may want to take over the space to enhance the culture of the lab (food court, etc.). There are some long-term plans of building some new buildings in our area, so we are beginning to make proposals of including the library into those potential plans (fingers crossed).

Trends – I have not noticed any specific shifts in the research and usage trends lately. Primarily, it has been business as normal (except for the unexpected move out of offices).