

## Library Meeting Minutes

- Report on space
- We have total of 146.09m total space with some obstructions
  - Like the couches
  - Some is taken up by club records
  - 114.37m of unobstructed space
- Currently have some shelves for doubles and prizes
  - If we lost that space, these'll be the first to go
  - If the rate of growth is non-0, goal should be logical and sustainable method of determining books for removal
  - All accessible shelf space is being used
  - Some inaccessible parts not being used
  - Possible to add the dungeon back (please)
- Likes idea of double stacking, perhaps in compactus
  - Double stacking for context: shelving the books so that there are two rows of books, with the rear one being higher up
- Dungeon shelves are still hanging around
- If we double stacked the compactus, we gain another 32m of shelving
- Dungeon shelves are dodgy
  - Could always custom rig them to stand up without the rear supports
- Nike suggests 90 degree configuration to save space and make access easier
  - Spines remain intact
  - They would maybe be able to support each other maybe, or with bookends
- We're moving this discussion to the end of the meeting when we can be in the library
- Report on library contents:
  - 12 shelves for the fanshrine
  - 9 of anthology
  - .5 of biography/essay
  - 3 of 'other'
  - 9 of hardbacks
  - 2 of records
  - 7 shelves of comics
  - 1 of magazines
  - everything is else hardbacks and paperbacks
- How many books? many
  - 5660 books +/-
- Nike asks can we open up borrowing of comics and DVDs
  - Katherine says maybe with shorter borrowing times, and more following up
- It's really difficult to impose fines on people who can just disappear
- Nike also suggests not buying things that people want to steal or that we can't loan
  - Like the Necronomicon
    - It's been stolen like 5 times
- We can just focus on buying smaller and less valuable pieces
- Don't buy single issue comics

- Wait to buy books, for them to stop being huge and hardback
- When we do book buys, we can talk to Stephen's and White Dwarf about reserving specific book sizes
- If we loan comic books, there should be a system to keep them safer because they're fragile
- Plastic cases?
  - Maybe linen as an environmental concern
  - If its plastic, you can write the due date on the cover, not a big deal if its lost,
- Details in KOHA?
  - Name, student number, email
- Unigames keeps track of borrowers through phone and address
- Can we add this information to KOHA?
- Maybe but it would be unwieldy
- Nike suggests that maybe a bond could be paid upon signing up
  - This could strongly discourage people from joining
- ANNIQUE RETURN THIS BOOK
- Why aren't we allowed to charge more than \$10?
  - Can we change this to be up to the value of the book?
  - Or get rid of it
- We don't really have any way of chasing people up
- If you have overdue books you can't borrow more
- Is the risk of losing a \$20 to 100 book worth it?
  - Is a part of the service we provide and could be argued to be a part of operational cost
- 6 weeks is how long you can borrow from the normal library
- 2 weeks seems reasonable for graphic novels and DVDs
- We've spoken about getting rid of DVDs to have a subscription service
  - It's difficult to know what's going in and out of Netflix
- Stan and Netflix are unreliable in actually having whole shows
- It's not practical to 'borrow' subscription services
- If we make DVDs borrowable, would we look at replacing them as they become damaged?
  - Movies could be more easily borrowed through some kind of USB transaction, but it's not legal
  - Nike suggests plex
- Sharing Netflix only to members is sketchy and probably illegal
- Netflix is coming in super useful
- Harry is deeply upsetting to me
  - Jo also deeply upsetting
- Further comments on content?
  - Supernatural anime?
    - Annique call out meeting
- Trying to read graphic novels in cam hall is difficult because of noise
- Nike suggests limit on how many comics can be borrowed at once
- Address is probably not the best use of information
- It feels official
- If you can't reach them, send a letter

- Repeat updating of KOHA address details
- We store people's student numbers
- Could ask non-members to give addresses?
- When people graduate they stop having access to their student email
- Leah has concern about people maliciously using addresses
- We've had stalking issues in the past, storing addresses potentially dangerous
- Facebook messenger isn't a reliable way of chasing people up
- You can nominate an alternate contact
- We have a responsibility to make sure the books that we loan out come back to us
- We don't have to stick to a decision
- Can we balance hard cover and paperback book buy purchases to shelf space?
- Recap on book removals
- Doubles can be disposed of for appropriate reasons
- Library items have to be posted on noticeboards for consideration and appeals for 2 weeks
  - 5 appeals mean that the book is automatically kept
  - At next meeting committee to go over appeals, vote with 2/3 majority
  - If book kept in this way, must remain for 2 years
- We quibble about the constitution
- I'm so sad
- New books need to be purchased at 1/5 rate of book removals
- A lot of conflict with book removals probably originates from librarian actively seeking out books to remove
  - Is it necessary to continue to actively remove books
- Regardless of how long it takes to get there, this growing library will always necessitate the removal of books
- Should we try and prevent loss of assets for as long as possible?
- As long as we have them the longer they're accessible
- It's important to develop a system for which books should be removed
- Having books behind couches isn't ideal but still good
- Removing books based on content is probably not good
- Nike would like to reconsider appeals process more
  - People don't seem to want to send emails
  - Discussion operates on FB, appeals should be able to be made there given that FB is already valid communication to committee
- Committee members can just ask people if they're officially appealing
- It's worth having a clear space just for discussion
- Defeat Zuckerberg (more like Succerberg am I right, ladies?)
- Even an FB message would be okay
  - Message the page instead of librarian for easier record keeping
- WRT procedure of removals, according to constitution if book is not appealed, we're not meant to vote on them twice
  - We vote once to put up, and second to remove
  - We always vote twice
- Include screenshot of relevant discussions in minutes

- Sometimes committee puts books up for removal to discuss them
- A lot of old sci-fi is real skeevey
  - Members can probably handle it, though
- I wish people had linear conversations that were easier to minute
- Leah came preprepared with a list of potential reasons for removing books
- Leah please send this to me
- @Leah
- 1: It's not spec fic
  - Is snoopy just a dog shaped man
  - Sometimes there are exceptions, but generally that's a decent reason to remove books
- 2: Spec fic that isn't relevant
  - Tom Clancy
  - Don't keep things that aren't relevant, Treasure Planet and Odyssey big yes
    - Tom Clancy no
  - Simon decides that tom Clancy should be grandfathered in due to con changes
    - When we got rid of Tom Clancy, it didn't have to remain for two years
  - What counts as relevant spec fic – up for debate
  - Things that are important and within club purview?
    - Tom Clancy influential, but is it relevant
  - Tomorrow When The War Began (TWTWB) is many people's intro to spec fic, influential to generation
    - Gets australian points
- Should meet a number of categories before being gotten rid of
  - TWTWB read as spec fic, Tom Clancy read as action with spec elements
  - We should be a little draconic with our standards, because there are way more books that could be in than can, stances will need to get stricter and stricter
  - Agree in long term, again think that this discussion is going to happen a lot, there's going to be changes in our priorities
  - This meeting isn't the be all end all
  - We're a club that is supposed to be a good and viable source for fantasy and sci-fi, we're undermining ourselves
  - More content for this comparatively young genre doesn't make previous books less valuable
  - This kind of discussion is good for maintaining library
  - Mainly we want books membership will enjoy, keep the stuff people will like reading
  - Nike disagrees that library is integral part, don't need library to function as club, no point in having resources that aren't used
  - The library is really good to have for sci-fi club
  - What the committee reads isn't reflective of what people use
  - Random gems are good and fun
  - Not saying we need to keep everything, but if we know it has merit it would be a shame to throw it away for space issues
  - Need to decide balance between being archive and social club

- No one's read the books that are being put up for removal which means we should be very careful, we don't have the time and energy to monitor as well as we'd like
- Would we like to have less often book removals in order to allow more people more time to review them
- If we limit scope to once a semester, there will end up being huge and unwieldy discussion
- Should categorise by book, reason for removal
  - Don't try and get rid of more books just because of a book buy
- Takes pressure off librarian to keep providing books, gives people chance to read books, if we can do that then we can make way more reasonable decisions
- We would need to change constitution to allow these meetings
- It's going to be difficult for new librarians to organise book removal lists
- Most discussion online, not in clubroom, if librarian puts up list during summer holidays it can be decided on during semester and voted on during winter holidays
- In terms of constitution, could be changed to no less than 2 weeks to allow for however long discussion needs
- Easy to establish in constitution a provision for necessary library meeting
- 3: It has questionable content
  - Cases where it works, should be rule rather than exception
  - Harry saddens me again
  - Decent middle ground is not amount of QC but not endorsing it
  - Nike suggests CW system for books, not necessarily to prevent reading but to emphasise the evolution of acceptable ideas
  - Problematic notions don't devalue books
  - Quality isn't determined by problematic-ness
  - HP Lovecraft is a bad man but still influential
  - CW for books could be really good,
    - Worth keeping in mind that no one criteria is the ultimate judgement
  - Worried that past experience could lead to people having grudges against authors
  - Possible idea for KOHA tags for CW
  - Inputting this sounds like a slog
  - Idea of sticker system for approximately how much CW there is
  - Longer periods of discussion allow people to debate whether the merits of book outweigh CWs
- 4: author is weenie and we don't want to associate with them or tacitly support them
  - See CW
  - Sanderson drink
    - Sanderson is a good boy as far as we know, but Edward brought him up
  - See Orson Scott Card
  - People can read books with no knowledge of author and have enjoyable experience

- 5: This copy is damaged and even though we don't know if we'll be able to replace it, we don't want to keep it
  - Books being damaged is pretty decent reason to put them up for discussion
- 6: Never borrowed
  - Factor to consider during discussion
  - Not a reason TO remove
  - Sometimes people read fast, they don't necessarily need to borrow shorter books
  - KOHA only goes back so far
  - Dust town
- 7: For much younger target audience
  - Let's get more Harry Potter
  - Some books lately that are straight up for 5 years olds
  - HP has enough fans at uni to have a club
  - Some kids series still have value
  - Neil Gaiman and Shirley Barber illustrated books
  - Sometimes people want to read kids books
  - What criteria do we think that committee should put book up for removal
  - HP/Animorphs aren't the age range we're looking at, miss me with Yurtle the Turtle
  - Members can borrow books for people in those age ranges
    - Many borrow books for siblings
  - Want to replace idea of kids age with negative simplicity, would still not be able to cater to others
  - Essentially gatekeeping
  - Maybe a kids section
    - We like it
  - Could use them in conjunction with parent guild subcommittee
- 8: Part of a series we don't want to keep
  - First book is key
  - Even without the second, it's still worth keeping
  - Debate between filling series or getting rid of non-first books
  - If we can't get the whole series, there's little point in keeping it
- 9: Super popular/obscure
  - Popular books get borrowed
  - Some of the first books that get borrowed
  - People ask us if we have popular stuff
  - Obscure things should be protected
  - Being able to get a book from other libraries shouldn't be factor
  - Commonality should be factor, if every member has a copy is there any worth in keeping it
  - Anthologies are collections
  - Reid has huge collection of fiction books
  - We are bound by the constitution to promote sci-fi and fantasy in UWA
  - Primary demographic is students and patrons of UWA
  - Based on attractability, we should have them

- Annique mentions her sister and I remember that I still have Jess' copy of the communist manifesto Yike
  - Do we act as a library or an archive?
    - Library meetings will iron this out
- 10: Discussion?
  - Meeting will be the place to discuss whether these books should be discussed
  - Discussion removals essentially the first step of legitimately removing
  - Meetings can be what does the librarian want to do with the library
- General business
  - Library vs archive conflict?
  - We're not an archive but having weird books gives us value
  - What function do we want to fulfil
  - If archive, offsite storage is a possibility
  - Shouldn't be keeping things just because they're obscure
  - When all we have is relevant interests, it would be a shame to get rid of weird interesting pieces
  - Primarily a library, providing library service to members
  - Difference between old and meaningful and old and shitty
    - Now to differentiate
  - The advance copies are sent out without notice
  - Rather get proper versions of books, and discard the rest of the ACs
- Clubroom furniture
  - Moving furniture away from walls was a way to deal with behind couches shelves
  - Accessibility is decreased by moving the couches
  - If clubroom really wants to solve the problem, it can do it through investing in new book shelves
  - Bigger shelves better than dungeon
  - In the meantime make sure all books searchable on KOHA
  - This is why we have book themes, to highlight lesser known books
  - In 10ish years, we have two clubrooms one for couches one for books
- Out of pure unfettered exhaustion, we end the meeting