

Some Possible Library Retreat Topics

Research & teaching

- enhancing digital collections
- trends in government documents services
- assessing in-person and electronic classroom instruction
- remote services: virtual library and library as place
- offering new electronic devices and services compatible with such devices
- addressing issues of access v.s. ownership; collaborative collection development
- ensuring core competencies in public service areas
- use of more sound, video, and technology in instruction
- managing serials in an increasingly complex format environment

Scholarly communication

- participating in and sharing information from regional and national conferences, organizations, and associations
- achieving closer collaboration with University departments
- defining faculty scholarship
- building collaborative projects with other UofA system libraries—especially a digital library

Facilities, statistics & measurement

- how to adopt a preservation program without a preservation librarian
- identifying needs when planning for a library expansion
- assessing services (surveys, etc.) and collections

Special Collections

- building unique collections
- identifying unique and special collections to be digitized
- ideas for expansion
- developing an enhanced Web presence
- linking more closely special collections, public relations, and fundraising
- how to make the needs of processing collections attractive to donors

Development & public relations

- identifying potential grant projects and grant sources
- identifying grant sources to fund expansion of exhibit/lecture/concert series
- increasing effectiveness of promoting library resources & collections
- developing additional newsletters and information channels
- developing a “casual” reading and viewing Web page for students

Personnel recruiting and development

- establishing internships in various library fields
- enhancing flexible hiring practices
- exploring ways to enhance personnel development

Public policy & economic development

- putting forward library needs to legislature
- creating and providing free access to a digital library
- enhancing distance education
- adopting open access: providing variety free Web resources in one "locale"
- cataloging free Web resources
- partnering in projects of state organizations, associations, institutions

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