

## SCAMeL Professional Development Librarian Exchange

This exchange was a two-way visit with UT Health Science Center (UTHSC) at San Antonio Briscoe Library and Texas Medical Center (TMC) Library. Below is UTHSC San Antonio's visit report and site report.

### Visiting Librarian's Report

#### Name, title, and institution of visitor:

UT Health Science Center at San Antonio Briscoe Library

John Weed, Head of Collection Resources

Dana Whitmire, Electronic Resources/Serials Librarian

**Institution visited:** Texas Medical Center Library, Houston, TX

#### Hosts:

Joanne Romano, Head, Resource Management

Terrie Smalls-Hall, Cataloging Lead

**Dates visited:** June 25-26, 2015

**Goals for visit:** to learn about TMC's organizational structure, their State of the Collection presentation and how they developed it, deselection and sending of items to the Joint Library Facility in Bryan, Texas, their Historical Research Center, their institutional repository, and liaison program.

#### Itinerary:

June 25

10:30am	Arrive at TMC Library
11:00am	Tour of the Historical Research Center
12:30pm	Lunch with librarians
2:00pm	State of the Collection presentation and data visualization software
3:00pm	NNLM-SCR projects and outreach programs
4:00pm	Cataloging and acquisitions workflow, JLF project
4:30pm	Licensing and ERM workflows
5:00pm	Digital Commons challenges, successes, workflows, etc.
6:00pm	Dinner with librarians

June 26

8:30am	Breakfast meeting with liaison librarians
10:00am	IT related projects and innovations
11:00am	Walking tour of the TMC Library
12:00pm	Depart TMC Library

**Goals met or not met:** Goals of the UTHSC San Antonio visit to the TMC Library were met.

**Lessons learned:** UTHSC San Antonio librarians learned about the history behind the TMC Library in addition to its organizational structure, how TMC's State of the Collection presentation was developed and its purpose, their institutional repository, liaison program, Historical Research Center, and the Joint Library Facility.

**Suggestions for improvement:** none.

### Site report

**Name, title, and institution of host site coordinator:**

John Weed, Head of Collection Resources, UT Health Science Center at San Antonio Briscoe Library

**Name of visiting librarian and dates of visit:**

Joanne Romano, Head, Resource Management

Terrie Smalls-Hall, Cataloging Lead

June 29-30, 2015

**Estimated number of hours to prepare for visit:** Time was not specifically tracked but estimated at around 5-6 hours. Most of the preparation time (3-4 hours) spent as the host site was communicating with visiting staff about topics, directional information, and meal functions. 1-2 hours was spent communicating with local staff on logistics and topics of discussion.

**How did the visit provide a new or different perspective for the library management and staff?** Only two librarians visited TMC Library but all librarians were able to meet with the TMC visiting staff. The exchange was great for sharing ideas, successes, and discussing challenges.

**Would your institution consider hosting another exchange?** Absolutely!

**Suggestions for improvement:** My suggestions are related to the actual visit...UTHSC San Antonio staff visited on a Thursday-Friday and TMC staff visited the following Monday-Tuesday. I would suggest future exchanges have at least one or two weeks in between visits to allow for some time to process everything learned in the first visit. Additionally, we planned meetings back-to-back with no breaks. Some meetings ran longer than the time allotted, which pushed those meetings back. Fortunately, all staff at both institutions were very flexible so sticking to a strict meeting time was not an issue.

I do not have any suggested improvements for SCAMeL and appreciate the opportunity provided to learn from other libraries.