

## **LIBRARY COMMITTEE REPORT—SPRING 2020**

**Chair:** Dr. Regina Hewitt (English)

### **Committee Members:**

Dr. Golfo Alexopoulos (Interdisciplinary Global Studies and Institute on Russia), Dr. Jennifer Friedman (Sociology), Dr. Eleni Manolaraki (World Languages), Dr. Kenneth Malmberg (Psychology)

CAS Library Committee members continued to communicate with the Library and College faculty about the need for a Kanopy subscription to meet class needs for films. We learned that the petition we presented last term was helpful in documenting this need. We are also pleased that funding has been found for Kanopy through the summer—and very likely through the end of the end—especially because the move to online instruction has made this resource even more crucial.

The CAS Library Committee met with the Dean of the Libraries via TEAMS on April 16, 2020 to discuss the unique role that the Committee can play in supporting the Library. It was determined that our most crucial function is to assist with “information flow,” i.e. on one hand, with helping members of the College be aware of the Library’s resources and programs and especially of its evolving role in actively assisting with new methods of research, and on the other hand, with helping Library administration and librarians be aware of the needs of concerns of faculty in the College. This help can also include documenting needs when applicable.

The most crucial information to convey at the end of this Spring term is about the services and resources still available despite the campus closure. Committee members are helping to make colleagues aware of the Library’s “Continuity of Services” plan, which includes procedures for requesting print and other physical media, which will be sent to requesters. It also includes a very helpful list of “Digital Learning Objects and Tools to Supplement Instruction,” which is a “finding aid” for reliable sources for videos and other devices that faculty might want to include in Summer and Fall classes.

The Committee will work on ways to fulfill the role of information flow facilitators in the Fall.

The Committee wishes to recognize with gratitude the amazing dedication and problem-solving abilities of the Librarians and Library Staff who have made it possible for research projects and classes to continue during the pandemic crisis.