

CAS Library Committee Report Spring 2019

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The CAS Library Committee continued to work on initiatives from the Fall but also identified new projects to pursue.

Following up on last Fall's discussions of technology, Committee members met (on Feb. 12, 2019) with the Library Webmaster and Web Team to learn how the Library is revising its website as part of its application for membership in the Association of Research Libraries to align with the websites of aspirational peer libraries and how the CAS Library Committee can support this effort.

In virtual meetings conducted by email throughout the term, Committee members discussed the possibility of requesting the purchase of an historic newspaper database, including African American, Hispanic American and Caribbean newspapers, that would facilitate diverse research projects in several Departments throughout the College. The Committee is coordinating with the Dean of the Libraries and with Departments likely to use the database about the feasibility of the acquisition. The Committee is also drawing up plans for more systematic communication with all the Departments in the College. It is coordinating with the Library Council on communication and information exchange as well.

The Committee will pursue these efforts further in the Fall.