Pollak Library will hold open house to keep faculty aware of services

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Pollak Library will hold its first open house in two weeks to give faculty, administration and staff an opportunity to discover resources the library has to offer.

The goal of the Oct. 13 and 14 open houses is to keep faculty aware of the services available to them, and to provide a peek behind-the-scenes, said Open House Planning Committee Chair Colleen Greene.

“We have a large number of professors who regularly bring in their classes for research instruction sessions,” Greene said. “Most of them are very aware of that service, maybe not quite as aware of other ways that we could partner with them.”

For future open houses, the committee hopes to include presentations from library employees, but for the first year of open houses, they decided to stick to the basics. These topics will be covered in 10-minute lightning sessions.

“It’s really just to give them a flavor for these particular tools,” Greene said. “It’s not an in-depth learning opportunity, but it’s to briefly introduce our colleagues to that particular topic or tool and then be able to direct them to where they could learn more.”

During the brainstorming process, the committee considered similar events put on for staff by the Information Technology and Faculty Development Center. Those events proved problematic as they required a full day commitment, a difficult arrangement for many potential attendees.

“It gets really hard, especially for faculty, to break away for an entire day,” Greene said.

The solution is a conference that lasts just over two hours and is held on two days at different times to accommodate faculty with busy schedules.

In addition to the main event, there will be a behind the scenes tour before and after each conference.

The first is a glimpse at the Exhibits program. This will take guests through the process of putting on an exhibit and includes a walkthrough of the exhibit spaces and staff-only exhibit staging area.

The second is a tour of the many artifacts kept on our campus. This includes visits to the Center for Public and Oral History, the University Archives and Special Collections’ archives room and the library’s new digitization studio, all of which have limited public access.

The first open house will be Oct. 13 from 2:45-5 p.m. The second will be Oct. 14 from 9-11:15 a.m. Both will start in the Pollak Library North 130.

Registration is open to all faculty, administration and staff on the Pollak Library website, Library.Fullerton.edu.

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