Technical Services reorganization. The effort to reorganize YUL Tech Services (https://yale.box.com/s/56lxdrormzaizujjamovxi06zglhht7w) took two decisive steps forward with the hire of Diane Napert on October 1, 2018, to serve as Director of Monographic Processing Services and the hire of Daniel Lovins on January 2, 2019, to serve as Director of Resource Discovery Services. In addition to fulfilling the other responsibilities of their positions, Diane and Daniel are leading their units through the second phase of the reorganization by adjusting org structures and filling key positions.

Backlog project. The project in which Backstage Library Works cataloged 32,378 YUL titles from the old YUL-TS backlog area in the basement of Sterling Memorial Library was completed in Fall 2018. The cataloged titles are now in the YUL Library Storage Facility.

Librarian recruitments. YUL-TS filled two manager positions in E-Resources and Serials Management: Michael Fernandez began serving as E-Resources Acquisitions Librarian on October 15, 2018, and Jennifer Bazeley will begin serving as E-Resources Metadata Management Librarian on July 15, 2019. Also in ERSM, we expect the successful conclusion of a search to fill the E-Content Management Librarian position very soon. In Monographic Processing Services, a search to fill a managerial position, Monograph Accessions Librarian, is underway.

Casalini SHARE-VDE initiative. YUL-TS, Beinecke Library Technical Services, and the Yale Center for British Arts participated in Phase II of the Casalini SHARE-VDE initiative. As part of the work performed by the SVDE Transformation Council, YUL-TS Discovery Metadata Librarian Tim Thompson developed a comparison viewer tool that allowed side-by-side comparisons of original MARC records, corresponding BIBFRAME output from the SVDE conversion, and corresponding output from LC’s MARC-to-BIBFRAME conversion. Tim is now updating the comparison tool and migrating it for hosting by Casalini Libri.

LD4P cohort participation. YUL-TS and Beinecke Library Technical Services are participating in the current cycle of Linked Data for Production. Our LD4P work with the Black Bibliography Project (BBP) began in January 2019 with development and testing of the BBP data model and ontology using catalog data for BBP titles that had been converted to linked data as part of SVDE. We have also identified our LD4P metadata production team and have selected pamphlets and other “medium rare” uncataloged items from YUL and the Beinecke to describe in BIBFRAME as soon as the Sinopia editor is available. Finally, we are in the process of licensing metaphactory (https://metaphacts.com/) to test and apply search and visualization strategies for LD4P data.

Catalog management projects. The project to bring the Yale Film Study Center collection of ~30K DVDs and VHS tapes under full bib control was completed in Summer 2018 as planned. The project to transfer ~400K titles classified in the “Old Yale” classification system from Sterling Library to the Library Storage Facility began in 2018. YUL-TS’s role to catalog titles that were missed in YUL’s retrospective conversion projects and to enhance the cataloging of under-cataloged titles is scheduled to be completed in Spring 2021.

Report migration projects. The effort to migrate the monthly YUL acquisitions report from an unwieldy spreadsheet to a self-serve Tableau environment was completed in early Fall 2018. A similar project to bring our COUNTER data into Tableau is targeted for production in October 2019.

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