Diversity in American Libraries

The Staff Development Committee invites you to examine the topic of Diversity in American Libraries. Program Moderator, Dr. Denice Adkins, Assistant Professor, School of Information Science and Learning Technologies, is an expert on this subject. In fact, one of her main research interests is Library Services to Latinos.

The program will present segments of a web seminar initially given by Dr Ravindra Nath Sharma on September 21, 2005. Dr. Sharma, Director, West Virginia State University Library, is the author of numerous publications and the recipient of many awards. After airing Dr. Sharma’s broadcast, Dr. Adkins will lead a discussion of the major issues he examined. Please join us for this event. Your views and comments are critical.

The program is slated for:

2 – 3:30 pm
February 15, 2006
Library Instruction Room 1
Ellis Library

RSVPs are not required. Release time available with supervisor approval. For information on future SDC programs, visit our calendar at http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/sdc/program.html.

We hope to see you there!

~Staff Development Committee

Deb Ward Honored

Deb Ward, MU’s Health Sciences Library Director, has been appointed to the National Library of Medicine's Biomedical Library & Informatics Review Committee. This 21-person committee reviews the grant proposals to the National Library of Medicine, and meets in Bethesda to discuss priorities for funding the proposals. Her term of appointment is July 2006-June 2010.

Congratulations on this most prestigious honor Deb!

“A scrupulous writer in every sentence that he writes will ask himself... What am I trying to say? What words will express it?...And he probably asks himself... Could I put it more shortly? But you are not obliged to go to all this trouble. You can shirk it by simply throwing open your mind and letting the ready-made phrases come crowding in. They will construct your sentences for you—even think your thoughts for you to a certain extent—and at need they will perform the important service of partially concealing your meaning even from yourself.”

~George Orwell
Adopt-a-Library Update

Over recent months, significant progress has been made in Mizzou’s Adopt-a-Library efforts. For those of you who may not know, Mizzou’s Adopt-a-Library project was formed to help rebuild and restore materials in a library ravaged by Hurricane Katrina. The Mizzou team has focused its efforts on helping the Leonard Washington Memorial Library Collection, located on the Southern University at New Orleans (SUNO) campus. We would like to update you regarding what has been accomplished by our team.

Felicity Dykas, Suzy Bent, Mary Amann, and others in the Catalog Department and Library Technology Services created a search engine and updated the 655 field of 56,621 titles in our MU Libraries’ collection. The Catalog Department will continue to code records as the information becomes available. The search engine created for the SUNO community will search our catalog and return only those titles that are also freely available online. The SUNO community is welcome to search our entire catalog and use ILL to request print materials, but this engine will give them immediate access to documents, maps, sound records, and more from their location. If you’d like to give it a spin, you can find it at http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/suno/search.htm.

Ruthe Morse and Wayne Sanders have been busy with sorting the Ellis Library Book Sale Area Books. Just last week, we sent our first shipment of replacement books to Southern University. Out of the first 168 titles we sent them, they were pleased to accept 116 titles (or about 70%) for their collection.

SISLT students have finished processing books from the Reflector for inclusion the donation list. These books would normally be sent to university surplus and sold at auction, after they have been de-selected for inclusion in the Reflector collection. The list is currently under review by SUNO.

While not created for the SUNO project, SISLT students and faculty have been involved in creating two electronic resources that will have immediate application in SUNO’s teacher education program – KITE and eThemes. See http://kite.missouri.edu and http://emints.org/ethemes. We are prepared to provide training on how to access and implement these resources. Other online resources (e.g., webcasting) are being developed that might be used as professional development for the SUNO library staff.

June DeWeese and Kathy Lowery have been handling publicity for the Adopt-a-Library program. Our efforts have been mentioned in Mizzou Weekly, Columbia Missourian, Columbia Tribune, The Tufts Daily (one of our partner library's newspapers), and MU Student News. The news articles have resulted in several offers from individuals and groups with materials they are willing to donate. Anne Barker and I have been working with SUNO on reviewing the offers. Unfortunately, SUNO has not been able to accept any of the external offers, but we've been able to refer the donors to the Texas Library Associations book drive for libraries affected by Hurricane Katrina.

SUNO is currently holding classes in a local middle school and are being housed in a hotel. The trailer campus was not ready by January 17th as anticipated. They hope to have the trailers ready sometime in February, but no firm date has been set yet. They had 1,300 students return for classes this semester.

Current volunteer activities: ***If you have an hour or two, we have several book trucks of gift materials that need to be typed into a list for review by SUNO. We just need author, title, ISBN information typed into an Excel spreadsheet. If you're interested, please contact me at PetersK@missouri.edu or stop by 52 Ellis Library. ***We are still sorting through the Book Sale Area Books. If you would like to help, please contact Ruthe Morse at MorseL@missouri.edu. ***If you have materials you'd like to donate, please send author, title, ISBN information to Anne Barker at BarkerA@missouri.edu.

~Kathy Peters
Mizzou Adopt-a-Library Team Coordinator
In celebration of *Black History Month*, throughout February, News Notes will include a schedule of the forthcoming week’s programs. Mark your calendars and plan to attend at least one or more of these entertaining events.

**Schedule of Major Black History Month Events 2006**

**FEBRUARY 2006**

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Library Anniversary Recognitions—February

2/1/72, Mary Ryan
2/5/90, Suzanne Lippard
2/14/05, Kory Kim
2/15/00, Karen Darling
2/17/86, John Meyer
2/28/94, Stephen Stanton

Presentation Reminder
-Informed Citizens in the Global Information Common

The Staff Development Committee invites you to join Geoff Swindells as he discusses the paper he presented this past August at the 71st IFLA General Conference in Oslo, Norway. The presentation will take place:

- Thursday, February 9th
- 2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
- Instruction Room 1, 4th floor, Ellis Library

In his paper, Geoff begins with the troubling fact that while citizens in a global society require access to a wider and more diverse range of political information than ever before, the very technologies that enable this access also tend to bypass the kind of complex learning environments, like libraries, where citizens can learn to make productive use of that information. However, rather than marking the irrelevance of the library for contemporary citizenship, he goes on to argue that political literacy in the network society may actually depend upon bringing the sophisticated reference structure of the library to the network. He concludes with some thoughts on some of the challenges faced by libraries as they negotiate this transition.

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MU Libraries Vacancies

**Monograph Cataloger** - MU Libraries-University of Missouri-Columbia - A full description of the position may be found at the following address: [http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/NewsNotes/Job_ads/Monograph_Cataloger.htm](http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/NewsNotes/Job_ads/Monograph_Cataloger.htm)

**Graduate Library Assistant** - A full description of the position may be found at the following address: [http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/NewsNotes/Job_ads/c14069_GLA.htm](http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/NewsNotes/Job_ads/c14069_GLA.htm)

**User Support Analyst** - A full description of the position may be found at the following address: [https://www.missouri.edu/~hrswww/application/vacdetails.php?vac=1002011](https://www.missouri.edu/~hrswww/application/vacdetails.php?vac=1002011)

**Office Support Staff III** – MU Libraries Administration & Reference Services - A full description of the position may be found at the following address: [https://www.missouri.edu/~hrswww/application/vacdetails.php?vac=1001984](https://www.missouri.edu/~hrswww/application/vacdetails.php?vac=1001984)

**Library Information Specialist I** - Ellis Acquisitions - A full description of the position may be found at the following address: [https://www.missouri.edu/~hrswww/application/vacdetails.php?vac=1001900](https://www.missouri.edu/~hrswww/application/vacdetails.php?vac=1001900)

**Head, Journalism Libraries-University of Missouri-Columbia** - A full description of the position may be found at the following address: [http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/job_postings/J_Librarian.mht](http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/job_postings/J_Librarian.mht).

**Web Development Librarian MU Libraries** - A full description of the position may be found at the following address: [http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/job_postings/Web_Libr_mht.mht](http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/job_postings/Web_Libr_mht.mht).

**NOTE:** Depending on candidate qualifications, this position will be filled at the academic level of Librarian II or III, or as an Education Technologist (a non-academic title). The Education Technologist title is listed at MU’s Human Resources’ website: [https://www.missouri.edu/~hrswww/application/](https://www.missouri.edu/~hrswww/application/).

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~Carl Sandburg

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