Grant Awarded to Ellis Library

Judy Maseles and Mike Holland, on behalf of the MU Libraries, applied for and were recently awarded a grant provided by the federal Library Services and Technology Act program in the amount of $62,795. The grant will fund a digitization project entitled “Agriculture Experiment Station Publications.” The materials to be digitized include historical bulletins, circulars, special reports and research bulletins that span the past century, from 1888 through 2005, and include 1,879 original publications created by the University’s Agricultural Experiment Station. Subjects include soils, forestry, farms and farming, the environment, the elderly, economic development, animal and crop diseases, and many more.

Thanks to Judy and Mike for your hard work in submitting this grant proposal and congratulations on the successful outcome.

Online Auction to Help Library Students

The Library and Information Science Graduate Student Association (LISGSA) is holding an online spring auction to help raise funds to send MU library students to professional conferences this spring and summer, including the Public Library Association National Conference in Boston and the American Library Association Annual Conference in New Orleans.

The auction site is now live and open for bidding at: http://tiger.coe.missouri.edu/~lisgsa/auction.html

On the site, you will find descriptions of a wide variety of listed auction items, the name of the person or organization who donated each item, current and past bid amounts, and instructions and links for making your own bid.

Bidding will close at 9pm on Monday, March 20.

Thanks to all who donated! We'd especially like to thank our corporate sponsors: The Upper Crust Bakery and Cafe, Ninth Street Bookstore, Ninth Street Video, Quinlan's Keep, Sparky's Ice Cream, and Chipotle.

Have fun, good luck, and happy bidding!

Room 201 will be closed on March 23rd through April 3rd, 2006 in order to install new carpeting. Room 201 will be reopened for use on April 4th.
Personnel Updates

Congratulations to Debbie Melvin. Debbie recently accepted the position of LIS I in Ellis, ILL-Borrowing.

Hello to Ryan McAllister, part-time LIS I, UMLD. Ryan is currently pursuing an undergraduate degree in Classics at MU, with an anticipated graduation date of May 2007. Additionally, Ryan is a member of Eta Sigma Phi (the National Classics Honor Society), the MU Alumni Association, and was awarded the WS 2006 Kemp Prize for excellence in classical literature. Before accepting the LIS I appointment, Ryan was a student assistant at UMLD.

“Good Job, Well Done” Employee Award – Call for Nominations

Nominations are still being solicited for the April “Good Job, Well Done” Employee Award. The award recognizes a library employee who has "gone above and beyond" within the past six months. The recipient will receive a $25 gift certificate to the Bookstore. Criteria for the award, as well as the nomination form, can be found at: http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/sdc/employee-award.html. The award is given to any MU Libraries employee 50% FTE or greater, except for student assistants, GLA’s and members of SDC. Any MU Libraries employee can submit a nomination in recognition of any eligible library employee.

Nominations are due by Friday, March 24. In the event of multiple nominations, the ‘extra’ forms are retained for consideration at the next appropriate nomination cycle for the eligible unit(s).

Library HR Surveys

I will be issuing two surveys over the course of the next several weeks and thought I would briefly review them. The following text duplicates information shared at recent open meetings.

One survey is designed to solicit feedback on the effectiveness of the library’s Human Resource office in areas of customer service, application of personnel policies, etc. I hope to distribute it soon. The second survey invites library employee to evaluate a number of elements typically associated with job satisfaction. Look for this survey in April.

Both surveys will be distributed in electronic format and should take 15-20 minutes to complete. Participation is voluntary and responses are anonymous. Data from both surveys will be shared with library employees.

Thanks in advance for your participation.

~Leo Agnew

Celebration of Service

The MU Libraries’ 2006 Annual “Celebration of Service” will be held on Wednesday, April 12th, from 2:00-3:30 pm in the Mark Twain Ballroom at the Memorial Union (second floor). The program itself takes place from 2:30-3:00 and will include recognition of service anniversaries, remarks from the Director of Libraries, Jim Cogswell, and more. We will also enjoy wonderful refreshments. All MU Libraries’ staff, student employees, and library retirees are welcome to attend. Please come and help celebrate the dedication and hard work of the entire MU Libraries’ staff!

~Staff Development Committee
UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-COLUMBIA LAW SCHOOL LIBRARY

LIBRARIAN I (TEMPORARY)

DESCRIPTION:
The Law Library seeks qualified applicants for the position of electronic resources librarian during the next academic year. This is a full-time, temporary appointment beginning July 1, 2006 and ending no later than June 30, 2007, without expectation of reappointment. This temporary position will have significant responsibilities managing electronic resources, assist with library system applications, digitizing initiatives, and provide reference and instructional services including teaching research in the first year legal research and writing course.

The University of Missouri-Columbia Law Library serves a faculty of approximately thirty and a student body of about 500, including a nationally recognized graduate LL.M Dispute Resolution program. The Law Library staff includes seven librarians and nine additional staff members who work in a collaborative, team-oriented environment committed to providing excellent customer service. Departments include Collection Services, Patron Services, and the Law School’s IT department which is administered and located in the library. The collection has over 350,000 volumes and access to a wide range of specialized legal and academic research databases. Information on the Law Library and the School of Law is available on the school’s website at: http://www.law.missouri.edu.

SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES/DUTIES
1. Manage access to the library’s legal database subscriptions including password/IP maintenance; marketing resources; setting-up new product trials; manage e-journal access and procedures; and designing training programs for faculty, students, and librarians
2. Provide reference service to library patrons using both print and online sources (Westlaw, Lexis, and Internet, etc.)
3. Maintains and keeps law library Intranet current
4. Participate in library instructional programs, including the first year Legal Research and Writing course, and library tours for outside groups.
5. Assist with existing digitization projects and identifies new projects
6. Assist with library system applications
7. Some weekend hours may be required

QUALIFICATIONS
Required:
1. MLS degree from an ALA-accredited institution or equivalent. Degree must be earned no later than August 2006
2. Excellent legal research skills
3. Substantial knowledge of law-related electronic resources
4. Excellent communication skills

Preferred:
1. JD degree from an ABA-accredited law school
2. Related-work experience in both technical and public services
3. Instructional experience
4. Interdisciplinary research experience pertinent to legal scholarship

SALARY: Commensurate with qualifications and experience. Benefits during this temporary appointment include medical, dental, and life insurance plans.

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Submit cover letter, resume, copies of official undergrad and graduate transcripts, and names of three references with contact information.

AVAILABLE: July 1, 2006. The position will remain open until filled. Screening of applications will begin immediately. Applications received by April 20, 2006 will receive full consideration.

The University of Missouri-Columbia is committed to cultural diversity and it is expected that successful candidate(s) will share in this commitment. MU is an equal opportunity/ADA institution and encourages applications from women and minority candidates.

MU makes available to applicants a security report of crimes that occurred on campus over the previous three years. For a copy of this report, contact the University Police Department at (573) 882-5923 or access their web site at: http://www.missouri.edu/~mupdwww/.
**MU Libraries Vacancies**

*Library Information Assistant, 100% FTE, M-F, 8-5, $8.45/hr; Access Services, Interlibrary Loan, Borrowing*

**Duties:** Assist in preparing books and photocopied articles for patron use. Search and send out Interlibrary Loan Requests via the computer using the OCLC Interlibrary Loan Subsystem. Provide service to patrons, in person and by telephone. Oversee the work of student assistants. Request articles from Document Delivery Suppliers and check them in when received. Request dissertations from UMI Dissertation Express and supervise the checking in of the dissertations when received. Compiles statistics as assigned by Department Head and Division Head. Other duties as assigned. Perform alphanumeric sequencing of books and serials. Perform basic math computations. Work with minimal direct supervision and meet speed and accuracy goals as determined by the department. Functionally supervise staff as needed.

**Minimum Qualifications:** High A high school diploma or an equivalent combination of education and experience from which comparable knowledge and abilities can be acquired is necessary. Six months of responsible office experience is necessary. Directly related education or training may be substituted for experience. The ability to type may be necessary depending upon the position available.

**Preferred Qualifications:** Strong customer service skills, ability to successfully perform detailed work and organization, time management and prioritizing skills. Ability to use a PC with a working knowledge of Word, Excel and the Internet. Familiarity with fax and photocopy machines. Library experience a plus. Ability to type a minimum of 30 wpm desirable. Ability to maintain effective relationships with co-workers and patrons.

**Library Information Assistant** – Interlibrary Loan Department - Lending, Access Services, Ellis Library
A full description of the position may be found at the following address:
https://www.missouri.edu/~hrswww/application/vacdetails.php?vac=1002155

**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

**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.

**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.

**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/.

Please submit articles to News Notes editor, Kathy Lowery (loweryka@missouri.edu), by noon on Thursdays.