Donors Give MU Value Gifts

In a recent article in the Columbia Missourian entitled ‘Donors Give MU Value Gifts,’ Mary Barile, an MU doctoral student in theater, an avid book collector, and a loyal and generous supporter of the MU Libraries, was quoted as saying, “I think the whole point of collecting is sharing what you have...and the best way to do that is to donate books to Ellis (Library).”

Thanks to Mary for highlighting opportunities for the public to donate value gifts to the MU Libraries.

If you wish to read the complete article, please go to the following link:

Academic Promotion Committee

Congratulations to Anne Barker, the newly elected 2006/2007 chair of the MU Libraries Academic Promotion Committee. Other committee members are: Cindy Cotner, Felicity Dykas, Rich Rexroat, and Caryn Scoville.

Mark Your Calendar!

The New Staff “Mad Hatter’s” Tea will be held August 31st, 2006, from 2:30 until 4 pm, in Ellis Staff Lounge.

This event is held at the beginning of each fall semester to recognize and welcome members of the MU Libraries’ staff who have joined us in the last year.

MULSA will provide tea-time goodies and Ruthe Morse, in addition to others, will share her extensive hat collection. Feel free to bring/wear your most remarkable chapeau as you join us to meet and get to know our newest colleagues!

Congratulations!

Suzanne Lippard, Library Information Specialist II, of the Ellis Catalog Department has been elected to the MU Staff Advisory Council (SAC) as a representative for Technical/Paraprofessional staff.

Suzanne has a long history of service to MU, including the Strategic Planning and Resource Advisory Council, as well as SAC. Her term begins September 1, 2006, and runs through the end of August 2009. We are confident that she will help advance the needs of staff, and we wish her the best in this endeavor.

To learn more about SAC and some of its offerings for staff, visit: http://www.missouri.edu/~musacwww.

Bravo

NOËL KOPRIVA, Library Student Assistant, Catalog Department, received her Masters in Library Science at MU.

Congratulations Noël on this outstanding achievement.
**What Happens to Unsold Books from the Book Store?**

Do you ever wonder what happens to unsold books from the Book Store in Copy Services?

MULSA has partnered with Better World Books (BWB), a social-venture organization founded in 2002, to make sure that these books go to a good use. According to their mission, “Better World Books utilizes the value of the book to fund literacy initiatives locally, nationally and around the world.” In addition, BWB boasts having saved over 4.5 million tons of paper from landfills.

BWB pays the shipping costs and supplies the boxes and packing tape. MULSA supplies the volunteer labor to sort and pack acceptable books (no mass-market paperbacks, encyclopedia sets, and a few other exceptions) into boxes. To date, MULSA has shipped 26 boxes containing approximately 650 books to BWB. In turn, BWB donates 100% of its profits from book sales to non-profit literacy partners.

BWB works with a variety of literacy partners such as Room to Read, Books for Africa, and the National Center for Family Literacy. MULSA was able to earmark 15% of sales from its books to one of the above literacy partners. The National Center for Family Literacy ([http://www.famlit.org/](http://www.famlit.org/)), who’s mission “is to create educational and economic opportunity for the most at-risk children and parents,” was selected because we wanted to support the NCFL’s program to help Hurricane Katrina victims. To learn more about this program, visit: [http://www.betterworldbooks.com/Programs/Katrina.aspx](http://www.betterworldbooks.com/Programs/Katrina.aspx).

Books that do not sell after a period of time are collected, offered, and distributed to literacy partners. Unsold books and those unable to be used by their literacy partners are recycled along with books in poor condition.

If you would like to shop at BWB, please visit: [http://www.betterworldbooks.com/Bookstore/](http://www.betterworldbooks.com/Bookstore/)

~Ruthe Morse & Wayne Sanders, MULSA Book Sale Co-Chairs

"Never be bullied into silence. Never allow yourself to be made a victim. Accept no one's definition of your life; define yourself."

- Harvey Fierstein
MU Libraries Vacancies

**Library Information Assistant** – Access Services, Shelving. A full description of the position may be found at the following address: [https://www.missouri.edu/~employment/vacdetails.php?vac=1004235](https://www.missouri.edu/~employment/vacdetails.php?vac=1004235)

**Library Information Specialist I** – TS, Acquisitions, Electronic Resources. A full description of the position may be found at the following address: [https://www.missouri.edu/~employment/vacdetails.php?vac=1004236](https://www.missouri.edu/~employment/vacdetails.php?vac=1004236)

**Computer Programmer/Analyst** - Library Technology Services. Salary is commensurate with experience and competency level. A full description of the position may be found at the following address: [https://www.missouri.edu/~employment/vacdetails.php?vac=1004130](https://www.missouri.edu/~employment/vacdetails.php?vac=1004130)

**Library Information Assistant** - Health Sciences Library, Technical Services-Collection Management. A full description of the position may be found at the following address: [https://www.missouri.edu/~employment/vacdetails.php?vac=1004134](https://www.missouri.edu/~employment/vacdetails.php?vac=1004134)

**Library Information Specialist I** - Health Sciences Library – Interlibrary Loan. A full description of the position may be found at the following address: [https://www.missouri.edu/~employment/vacdetails.php?vac=1004049](https://www.missouri.edu/~employment/vacdetails.php?vac=1004049)

**Assistant Director for User Services** - MU Libraries, University of Missouri-Columbia. A full description of the position may be found at the following address: [http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/Posdesc/Admin/AD_User_Services_long_ad_final_version.htm](http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/Posdesc/Admin/AD_User_Services_long_ad_final_version.htm)

**Assistant Director for Technical Services** - MU Libraries. A full description of the position may be found at the following address: [http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/NewsNotes/Job_ads/AD_TS.htm](http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/NewsNotes/Job_ads/AD_TS.htm)

**Head, Journalism Libraries** - 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)

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**Fall Hours Now Posted**

Ellis and Branch Fall 2006 Hours are now posted on the MU Libraries website ([http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/Admin/hoursmaps.htm](http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/Admin/hoursmaps.htm)).

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