Staff Members Contribute To Success of MLA Conference

On October 4-6 at the Holiday Inn Executive Center, the Missouri Library Association (MLA) held its 106th Annual Conference and Trade Show. The following staff served as excellent representatives of the MU Libraries at the conference:

- Alla Barabtario led a tour of the Rare Book Collection;
- Barb Jones presented “Channel Markers for Librarians Working with Special Customers” and exhibited at the National Network of Libraries of Medicine booth;
- James Keyzer-Andre led a tour of the UM Libraries Depository;
- Karen Witt and Anselm Huelsbergen presented the poster session “Roles and Relationships: Special Collections, University Archives, and Research Libraries,”
- Gena Scott led “The Challenges and Triumphs of Fund Raising” table talk,
- Wayne Sanders led the “Studies in Missouri Library History” table talk, and
- June DeWeese and Judy Maseles served as co-chairs of the Table Talks Committee and members of the Local Arrangements Committee.

Thanks to their commitment of time and energy, these MU Libraries staff members made an important contribution to the professional development and community building of Missouri librarians.

“We greatly appreciate June DeWeese and Judy Maseles being part of our local arrangements committee and their leadership of the table talks,” stated Melissa Carr, MLA Conference Co-coordinator. Carr provided the following statistics about the conference. The conference had:

- 595 registrants;
- 72 trade show booths—MOBIUS won the Friendly Booth Award;
- 4 pre-conferences;
- 2 post-conferences;
- 63 programs;
- 11 poster session presentations;
- 12 table talk topics;
- 11 performers for the Performer Showcase;
- 3 teams for the Book Cart Drill Team Competition, which was sponsored by the Kansas City Metropolitan Library Information Network; and
- Celebrations for the Missouri Library Network Corporation’s (MNLC) 25th anniversary and the School of Information Science and Library Technology’s 40th birthday.

Congratulations to everyone involved with making this year’s conference a success!
Successful Launch Secrets:
How the Ball State University libraries created digital collections for use in the classroom, on campus, and beyond.

Tuesday, October 24
1:00–2:00 PM
Library Instruction Room 1 - 4G41 (across from the elevators)

LIVE Web event featuring guest speaker, James Bradley, Head of Metadata and Digital Initiatives, Ball State University Libraries.

During the presentation, James will talk about:

- Getting the project off the ground (challenges and details);
- Participants and partners (academic departments, museums, historical societies, etc.);
- Entrepreneurial opportunities; and
- Future plans.

Grant Writing Workshop

Monday, October 23
12:30-3:30 PM
Library Instruction Room 1 - 4G41 (across from the elevators)

Diana Very, Library Development Consultant and LSTA Grants Officer, from the Missouri State Library will be conducting a grant writing workshop. This workshop will cover the complete grant proposal process, including how to conduct research for LSTA grants and other grant sources. Both pre- and post-award grant file management will also be discussed.

If you would like to attend, please contact Brenda Graves-Blevins respond by Monday.

New MERLIN Feature:
Customized E-Mail Reports

- Do you have a favorite novelist and you want to be notified whenever MERLIN gets a book written by him or her?
- Do you know a faculty member who is doing a long-term project on a topic and wants to be notified when MERLIN gets any new book on that topic?
- Have you helped a patron who would like to be notified whenever a new DVD on a certain subject comes in?

If you would like to learn how to create customized e-mail alerts in MERLIN, visit the following link:

http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/engr/merlindsdi.html

Library Security:
A Teamwork Approach

Tuesday, October 24th from 10:00am – 11:00am
Wednesday, October 25th from 2:00pm – 3:00pm
Thursday, October 26th from 4:00pm – 5:00pm
All Dates: Library Instruction Room 1 - 4G41 (across from the elevators)

Ellis Library Security is conducting a new staff training session. This presentation will be for all the staff and the student-workers; attendance is not mandatory but is encouraged (no RSVP’s are required). Topics covered will include; what the Ellis security staff is trained to do, what services we provide, and how we can all work together to make the library the safest and most beneficial environment for ourselves and for our patrons. There will also be an opportunity for a question and answer session and an opportunity for everyone to provide some feedback to us on how we, as a security staff, can better serve you.
MULSA Halloween Party

Tuesday, October 31
2:30-4:00 PM
Ellis Staff Lounge

There’s a little nip in the air, and that can only mean one thing: Halloween is nearly here! Time for all you spooks to brush off your costume finery and join us for the annual Halloween party!

Members of the MULSA Executive Board will bring snack items with an eye toward more healthful foods (cheese, crackers, fruit, etc.), so we’re asking other attendees to share with us the decadent, sugar-laden goodies which say “Happy Halloween” to the kid in each one of us.

In conjunction with the event there will be a contest for the best costume, and one for best pumpkin carving. If you’d like to enter the pumpkin carving contest, please contact Tammy Green (GreenTa@missouri.edu). Or try your hand at creating your own party favor—decorate a mini pumpkin!

Costuming is not required, but can only add to the fun as we gather to observe this most ghoulish holiday. Join us!

For other upcoming MULSA event dates and times, as well as MULSA Community Service opportunities and other items, see our web page at: http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/mulsa/
UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN

Dear Colleagues,

The United Way Campaign ends on October 31st. You are already aware of the myriad ways your donations are used to help those living in our community. Our United Way Campaign letter, sent out in September, reviews some of the worthy causes funded by your contributions.

Additionally you already know that if you return your United Way Campaign contribution card to Mark Ellis by the deadline, you are eligible for a drawing which includes two $25 bookstore gift certificates and an original Terri Knouff floral design.

We are delighted to announce that the incentives have become even more interesting. Our director has made available to us concert series tickets. Six sets of tickets, a set includes two tickets to the same event, are now included in the incentives for this campaign. Some of the concert series events for which you might win tickets include Cats, B.B. King, Kenny Loggins, the Hungarian Symphony, and the Shanghai Acrobats.

Those who return their pledge cards by the deadline will have their names entered into the drawing for the tickets and the other incentives. As you will recall, you will have your choice of what you would like to win based on the order in which your name is drawn and the prizes available. Of course, the first name drawn can select any of the prizes. The next person whose name is drawn will choose from the remaining prizes and so on. So if you have not done so already, please get your pledge cards in to Mark Ellis in the next few days.

Thanks for your support of United Way.

Yours truly,

Terri Knouff
HSL Circulation, 232 HSL
882-2459

AND

Paula Roper
168 Ellis Library
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Amanda Sprochi, Health Sciences Cataloger, has been appointed as the MU Libraries representative to the Council on International Initiatives (CII). The Council on International Initiatives, established in 1996, is a campus-wide group, representing each of MU’s colleges and schools, that advises the Provost on priorities and initiatives in the international arena. CII is involved with the Global Scholars Program, Study Abroad, Visiting Fulbright Scholars, and numerous other efforts to promote and expand MU’s vision for international education. Amanda brings interest and enthusiasm for expanding MU’s international role as well as experience as a Peace Corps volunteer in Africa.
MU LIBRARIES EVENTS

ElIZABETH
Ruler and Legend

October 23rd  3:30 – 4:30 PM
Mack Jones (MU Faculty Emeritus)
"To Be Or Not To Be: Shakespeare's Thematic Ambiguities"

October 24th  6:00 – 7:00 PM
Gloria Dossett (MU Graduate Student)
Ellis Library Auditorium
"Shakespeare's Garden"

October 27th  2:00 – 3:30 PM
Opening and reception
Keynote by Lois Huneycutt
(MU Faculty)
Ellis Library - Room 201
"Elizabeth I and the Problem of Female Sovereignty: The Reinvention of Medieval Queenship"
Period music provided by the MU Brass Quintet.

All events are free and open to the public.
Events are in Ellis Library Colonnade – unless otherwise noted.
http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/specialcollections/elizabeth

"Elizabeth I: Ruler and Legend" is a national traveling exhibition organized by the Newberry Library's Center for Renaissance Studies, in collaboration with the American Library Association Public Programs Office. It is based on a major exhibition mounted by the Newberry Library in 2003 to commemorate the reign of Queen Elizabeth I on the four hundredth anniversary of her death. This exhibition has been made possible in part by two major grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities, promoting excellence in the humanities. Major support for the exhibition is provided by the Vance Family Fund and the University of Illinois at Chicago.
MU Libraries Vacancies

Library Information Specialist I - Journalism Library. A full description of the position may be found at the following address:
https://www.missouri.edu/~employment/vacdetails.php?vac=1005070

Library Information Specialist II (Cataloging Projects Specialist) - Technical Services, Ellis Library. A full description of the position may be found at the following address:
https://www.missouri.edu/~employment/vacdetails.php?vac=1004990

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

Assistant Director for User Services. 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

Assistant Director for Technical Services. A full description of the position may be found at the following address:
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

Goodbye to James Franke-Webb, LIA, Access Services Shelving/Reserve. James accepted a job that matches up with his long-term career goals.

Hello to Robin Kespohl. Robin has been hired to work part-time, temporary in TS-Cataloging through the end of December. She will work on various projects such as cataloging electronic books and cataloging tangible media digitized from the MU Libraries collections. Robin will report to Felicity Dykas.

Goodbye to Cindy Dudenhofer, LIS I, Journalism Library. Cindy accepted the position of Director of Library at Central Methodist University.
MU Policy - HR 411 Voting

With the November 7 elections just around the corner, it seems like a good time to review HR 411, the University’s policy on voting and related requests for time off. To highlight the main points:

- Employees may be excused from work for time necessary to allow them to vote (this includes time away for absentee voting, if necessary).
- This time may be up to, but not exceed, three (3) successive hours for the purpose of voting.
- Such period of time includes any off-duty time between the opening and closing of the polls (e.g., lunch).
- Employees shall be paid for any time requiring absence from duty to allow up to three (3) successive hours; provided, however, that such absence is requested prior to the election. Such time must be recorded on a time sheet or a monthly absence form.
- Supervisors have the right to specify the time an employee may be absent for voting (e.g. for coverage issues).
- Employees whose work hours permit three (3) successive hours between the opening and closing of the polls when not on duty, will not be eligible for any paid time off for the purpose of voting.

Feel free to contact me at 882-9166 or agnewl@missouri.edu if additional information is needed.

Leo Agnew
Personnel Coordinator

Student Excellence Award

Nominations are being solicited for the fall 2006 Student Excellence Award. The purpose of the award is to recognize those students who are dedicated, creative, and/or industrious. Any student employed in Ellis Library or in any of the branches is eligible for consideration. The recipient will receive a $25 gift certificate to the MU Bookstore. New this year is the ability to recognize up to two qualified students. The award will be announced later this month and will be presented to the student in his/her own department.

The nomination deadline is Friday, November 17. Please forward nominations to Leo Agnew, 104 Ellis Library. The nomination form can be found at http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/sdc/student.html. In the event of multiple nominations, the ‘extra’ forms will be retained for consideration for the spring 2007 student award.