MU Libraries Host Exhibition Dedicated to Queen Elizabeth I

The reign of Queen Elizabeth I often has been referred to as the “Golden Age” of English history. Elizabeth continues to occupy a legendary place in history and popular culture more than 400 years after her death. Now, to commemorate her reign and legacy, University of Missouri-Columbia Libraries is one of only 40 institutions across the United States to host “Elizabeth I: Ruler and Legend,” a traveling photo-panel exhibit sponsored by the Newberry Library in Chicago and the American Library Association.

“Clearly Elizabeth appeals to a wide variety of people, and we want to tap into that,” said Anselm Huelsbergen, an archivist for MU Libraries. “We want to draw on the expertise we have on campus, in the community, and at other educational institutions in Columbia, to create a program with appeal to the public at large.”

The exhibit opened Oct. 19 and runs through Nov. 29 on the main floor of Ellis Library. Admission is free and open to the public during library hours. The exhibit will provide a vivid portrait of Elizabeth’s complex life and legacy, with sections on politics, religion, art, culture and exploration. Additional displays will feature rare books and artifacts from the Libraries’ Special Collections, Archives and Rare Books Division, the Museum of Art and Archaeology and the Department of Textile and Apparel Management.

A variety of programs and events will accompany the exhibit. These include the official opening of the exhibit at 2 p.m. on Oct. 27 in 201 Ellis, which will feature a keynote address by history professor Lois Huneycutt and live performances of Renaissance music by faculty from the music department. There also will be presentations on books and writing in the Elizabethan Era, the Elizabethan secret service, thematic aspects of Shakespeare’s works, and portraits and images of the Queen, as well as a recital of Elizabeth-period music on guitar and a performance of Shakespeare’s Comedy of Errors.

“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 of the same name by the Newberry Library in 2003 to commemorate the reign of Queen Elizabeth I on the 400th anniversary of her death. A schedule of all the public programs, hours, maps and other information is available on the Special Collections website at http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/specialcollections/Elizabeth/.

The 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 also was provided by the Vance Family Fund and the University of Illinois at Chicago.

(Adapted from press release written by Megan Tate of MU News Bureau.)
MULSA Halloween Party
Tuesday, October 31
2:30-4:00 PM
Ellis Staff Lounge

Come one, come all to the Libraries’ Halloween Bash, sponsored by MULSA.

There’ll be a costume contest, a pumpkin carving contest, and lots of fun treats!
In costume or as yourself, bring your favorite seasonal goodies and join us in the Ellis Staff Lounge for a Howling good time!
News from the Catalog Department

Colleen Smith, who worked in the Catalog Department from 1991-1999, and more recently has done project cataloging work with the MOBIUS Consortium Office, has accepted the LIS I position in the Catalog Department, Catalog Management Unit. She will start work November 6. Welcome back, Colleen!

The Catalog Department’s own Mary Amann has accepted the LIS II position in the Digital and Continuing Resources Unit as the Catalog Project Specialist. She will also start work with that unit November 6. Mary will help train Colleen and help out short-term with ongoing projects in the Catalog Management Unit. Congratulations on your promotion, Mary!

Wayne Sanders has assumed the role of our second representative to the MERLIN Quality Control Committee with Norma Fair’s retirement, joining Felicity Dykas. Amanda Sprochi also attends as alternate. MU Libraries has one vote in these deliberations.

Geoff Swindells has been selected as Chair-elect of the Depository Library Council to the Public Printer of the United States. His term as Chair begins October 1, 2007.

The Depository Library Council was established in 1972 to assist the Government Printing Office in identifying and evaluating alternatives for improving public access to government information through the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP).

Kelli Hansen will be leaving Special Collections to join her husband in Austin, Texas where he has been relocated. Kelli has accepted a web editing position at the Texas State Library. Her last day is October 27th. We will miss her a great deal, she has been an incredible asset to Special Collections.

CORRECTION: Kelli Hansen, Karen Witt, and Alla Barabtarlo led the tour of the Rare Book collections at the MLA Conference.
MU LIBRARIES EVENTS

E l i z a b e t h
Ruler and Legend

October 30th 3:30 – 4:30 PM
Judith Clark
(Stephens College Faculty)
"Reading Visual Representations of Elizabeth I"

November 1st 2:00 – 2:30 PM
David T. Read
(MU Faculty)
"Poets and Patrons: Surviving as a Writer in the Elizabethan Era"

November 2nd 2:00 – 3:00 PM
Jim Downey
(Legacy Bookbindery)
"The Art of the Book in Elizabeth's World: Design and Binding in the 16th and 17th Centuries"

All events are free and open to the public.
http://mulfairies.missouri.edu/specialcollections/elizabeth

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Events are in Ellis Library Colonnade
MU Libraries Vacancies

**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_US.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

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**Competency Level Increase Recognition**

Congratulations to **Ivy Hui** for successfully qualifying for a competency level increase within her title. Ivy moves to LIS I, Level 3. To qualify, Ivy demonstrated a level of consistency and quality in her work that met the criteria for advancement.

Sixteen library employees have now realized a competency level increase since the implementation of the program. To learn more about the MU Libraries’ LIA/LIS Classification/Compensation/Competency plans, go to
http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/spf/cctf/reclassification.html
Assistant Director for User Services Update
The search committee for the position of Assistant Director for User Services has identified two candidates to interview:

Dr. Sarah Cron will interview Nov. 13-14. Dr. Cron currently serves as Dean of Academic Information Services and Director, Kent Library at Southeast Missouri State University, a position she has held since 1998. She received her M.A. in Library Science from the University of Iowa (1975). Dr. Cron received her Ph.D. in Library and Information Science from Indiana University in 1992.

Ruby Licona will interview Nov. 30 – Dec. 1. Ms. Licona currently serves as Special Projects Librarian and Associate Professor at Weber State University Library, a position she has held since 2005. She received her MLS from Louisiana State University.

Both candidates will give a presentation followed by a question and answer session. The topic will be “Developing and implementing an Action Plan for serving today’s library users: Identifying user expectations, addressing user needs, and assessing outcomes.” The time and location of the presentations are to be determined. The candidates’ resumes, cover letters, interview itineraries, and evaluation forms will be distributed to staff closer to the interview period.

Leo Agnew
Personnel Coordinator

Hello to Hayden Murphey, LIS, Ellis Shelving. Hayden has a Bachelors in Geography from the University of Kansas and a Masters in Geography from the University of Delaware. Her work experience ranges from adjunct faculty member to graduate student to doubling at an opera house as both usher and assistant to the music librarian.

Hello to Michael Hopkins, LIS 1, Journalism Library. Michael has a Bachelors in Computer Science. He worked for us for several years as a student assistant in both Journalism Library and Ellis Shelving.