Faculty Respond Positively To New Databases

We’re pleased to announce the recent acquisition of two databases: *C19-The Nineteenth Century Index*, and *ECCO-Eighteenth Century Collections Online*. *C19* combines a variety of catalogs and indexes to provide integrated searching of 19th century material from books, journals, newspapers, magazines, archival materials, and government publications. *ECCO* provides searchable full-text images of books in all subject areas and many languages published in England and its dependencies between 1701 and 1800. Both databases represent significant efforts to expand access to historical materials and encourage new exploration in the periods covered. Announcement of the databases has been greeted by a chorus of thanks from faculty and graduate students to all involved in providing access to these resources.

A more detailed description of the content of *ECCO* is available at http://galenet.galegroup.com/servlet/ECCO?locID=morenetuomcol&helppg=ecco_about.htm&ste=23#description

More detailed information on the content of *C19* can be found at http://c19index.chadwyck.com/infoCentre/about.jsp

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The importance of *ECCO* to faculty and graduate student recruitment and retention cannot be overestimated. My own research and teaching have experienced a seismic shift as a result of this resource. It’s like having the British Library at our fingertips, full-text searchable and available for classroom use.

--Devoney Looser, English Department

*ECCO* changes everything. Our holdings in eighteenth-century British culture are now on a par with those of the British Library. Faculty and students whose work even touches on the period and place will find their access to primary materials expanded beyond what we could have even imagined ten years ago. The quality of our instruction will increase, and our students will be able to pursue a level of research far beyond what they could have previously accomplished. It is impossible to overstate the importance of this resource for those interested in early modern Britain and America.

--George Justice, Assistant Dean of the Graduate School

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January is often associated with ice, snow and temperatures cold enough to sell out the cold and flu section at Wal-Mart. This year is an exception thus far, bringing temperatures warmer than normal. But as anyone who’s lived in Missouri knows, the temperature is a fickle thing and conditions such as ice and snow can crop up at any time. So, as long as winter is still here (and I’m not referring to Mr. Winter in ILL), keep the following tips about ice in mind.

- Ice attacks viciously and can lead to sprained joints or severe injury. Golf cleats are a decent solution, but not everyone has access to such a luxury. The most common solution is to keep a sharp eye out for ice when the weather is cold and precipitation is prevalent; not only when walking, but also when driving.
- Speaking of driving, let’s take a look at black ice. Not to be confused with Vanilla Ice, it is often found on sidewalks and streets when the lighting is poor or when sunlight hits it just right. It appears invisible and will pop up without warning. Drive and walk slowly and cautiously to avoid these dangerous spots.

Ellis Library Security

IN MEMORIAM

Virginia Jones (retired, Technical Services) died on January 7th. She will be buried in Moberly MO. There will be no funeral services. She loved working in the library and was editor of MUSE in 1995-96. Many of us will remember her love of books, cats, crafts, and cooking. If anyone wishes to make a donation in her honor, please give to Columbia Second Chance.

Dear Colleagues,

That time of the year is approaching when we gather together all the information required to pay our taxes. Some of you may be wondering when you might receive the document that attests to your United Way donation. We were concerned so we spoke to a United Way representative and were told:

- Cash or check donations: Tax receipts are issued for these donations of $250 or more.
- Payroll deductions: Substantiation is required only if $250 or more is deducted from a single paycheck. Such contributions may be substantiated with an employer provided document such as a paystub or Form W-2, showing the amount deducted.

--Angela Jones - Finance Administrator, Columbia Area United Way 573/443-4523

Hope this helps and again thanks for giving to the United Way,
Terri & Paula
MU LIBRARIES IN THE NEWS

Check out these newspaper articles about the Donald Sanders Papers online catalog:

*Columbia Missourian:* “Sanders Collection is a Rich Trove”

*STLtoday.com:* “MU Puts Local Native’s Watergate Files Online”

If you see or hear MU Libraries mentioned in the news, please e-mail Shannon Cary at carysn@missouri.edu.

T-shirts and bookmarks were handed out to staff on Wednesday at the All-Staff Meeting. If you were unable to attend but would still like a t-shirt and/or bookmark, please contact Shannon Cary at carysn@missouri.edu.
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

Digital Resources Cataloger and Digital/Tangible Media Cataloger. Full descriptions of the positions may be found at the following address:
http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/admin/NewsNotes/Job_ads/Catalogers.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

CELEBRATION OF SERVICE
Monday, April 16
2:00-4:00 p.m.
Mark Twain Ballroom (N201/202)
Memorial Union

The MU Libraries’ annual “Celebration of Service” will be held on Monday, April 16, from 2:00 – 4:00 p.m., in the Mark Twain Ballroom located in N201/202 of the Missouri Unions. The program part of the Celebration is tentatively scheduled to run from 2:30 – 3:00 p.m. The Staff Development Committee will distribute a formal agenda before then. But in the meantime, please mark this event on your calendar and plan to help celebrate the dedication and hard work of all Libraries employees.