2007 Scholarly Communications Conference
The Millennial Dilemma: Convergence and Divergence in Meeting the Needs of Higher Education

As part of the continuing series on Scholarly Communications, the MU Libraries, Educational Technologies @ MU (ET@MO), and the University of Missouri Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs are planning a day-long workshop on March 20, 2007 in Columbia MO. This Conference is supported by the Institute of Museum and Library Services under the provisions of the Library Services and Technology Act as administered by the Missouri State Library, a division of the Office of the Secretary of State.

The topics will focus upon the millennial generation of college students and faculty—particularly their expectations concerning information access in a time of unrelenting technological change—and the resulting forces of convergence and divergence in higher education.

This conference will examine the ways in which academic libraries, faculty, and support units of the university address the information demands of a networked generation of students and faculty while simultaneously serving traditional users accustomed to the legacy resources of a pre-digital era. We will explore the convergence of new media technologies which seek to offer perpetual connectivity and have an ongoing effect on teaching and learning methods. Likewise, speakers will address the divergent forces that impact academic institutions as keepers of our intellectual heritage and affect access to historical content. Finally, woven throughout these topics are the threads of legal, social, technological and global issues that impact students’ and faculties’ access to information.

Keynote speakers Betsy Barefoot, Co-Director for the Policy Center on the First Year of College and Associate Professor of Educational Leadership, Brevard College, North Carolina, Chris Dede, Timothy E. Wirth Professor of Learning Technologies at the Harvard Graduate School of Education, and Carie Windham, author of Getting Past Google: Perspectives on Information Literacy from the Millennial Mind and Father Google and Mother IM: Confessions of a Net Gen Learner, as well as a panel of Missouri experts, will address these relevant topics and help conference participants explore ways to better meet the needs of their own students and faculty.

Registration forms and additional information will be available in February 2007 at http://mulibraries.missouri.edu

Questions and comments may be sent to June DeWeese at deweesej@missouri.edu
BROWN BAG LUNCH MARKETING DISCUSSION SERIES

First Discussion
Tuesday, February 13
12:00-1:00 p.m.
Reference Conference Room (Ellis 159)
Ellis Library

The Communications Advisory Group invites you to attend the first Brown Bag Lunch Marketing Discussion. Bring your lunch, listen to a brief, informal presentation, and participate in the discussion. At the first lunch we will be discussing some key marketing concepts. For a nice overview of library and information services marketing, please check out the University of Illinois Current LIS Clip on this topic: http://clips.lis.uiuc.edu/2003_09.html.

We hope these lunches will allow everyone to learn more about marketing and to contribute ideas for marketing MU Libraries. Everyone is welcome. Refreshments will be provided!

MU LIBRARIES IN THE NEWS

The Maneater: “Ellis replaces 100 old computers with iMacs”
http://www.themaneater.com/article.php?id=25744
MU Libraries Vacancies

*Library Information Assistant – 100% FTE*, Work hours include Sun. either 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. or 4:00 p.m. - 12:00 a.m. and Mon. – Thurs. either 2:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m. or 3:00 p.m. – 12:00 a.m. (to be finalized upon hire; some shifts may be eligible for shift differential pay); $8.62/hr. Circulation Desk, Night Supervisor, Ellis Library

Duties: Night supervisor at the Ellis Library Circulation/Reserve Desks. Responsible for functionally supervising several student workers at the circulation desk during evening hours. Reports to and coordinates with the Night Supervisor of the Circulation/Reserve Desks while working at night. Serve as a resource to both patrons and staff regarding circulation policies. Search for books which patrons and other library staff have been unable to locate in the Ellis Library. This position requires some physical stamina and involves moving materials and related physical actions part of the workday. Must be able to transport books weighing up to 10 pounds as well as move fully loaded book trucks (at least 100 lbs.). Must able to stand and move about several hours during each day. Must be able to read call numbers on books located on shelves at ground level and up to nine feet in height and where lighting is diminished; ladders and footstools are available.

Minimum Qualifications: 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: Requires excellent telephone skills. Strong interpersonal and communication skills, including the ability to work productively and cooperatively with patrons and co-workers from a variety of backgrounds in a high-volume public service area. Good listening skills. Ability to explain issues clearly. Prior library work experience required. Supervisor experience is desired.

**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

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Hello to Rebecca Fizer, LIS I, Technical Services, Cataloging. Rebecca has a Bachelor’s in Political Science from Central Missouri State University, graduating summa cum laude. Her work experience includes an internship for a U.S. Senator and assistant textbook buyer at the bookstore at CMSU.
Library Workplace Satisfaction Survey Update

A note to say ‘Thanks’ to all library employees who participated in the MU Libraries’ Workplace Satisfaction Survey.’ One-third of library employees have responded to date, and I want to recognize your willingness to take time to provide feedback. A reminder that the survey response period ends at the close of business Friday, January 26.

The purpose of this study is to better understand the degree of agreement between employees and supervisors on elements commonly associated with workplace satisfaction. It is my hope to be able to share the results with you by the end of February.

Lastly, I would like to thank Michael Bland for his technical assistance in this endeavor.

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Photos of New Employees

A new feature to Library News Notes is the addition of photos for new employees. This activity was announced by Jim at the January 2007 all-staff meeting. Ellis Security will be responsible for taking photos. Supervisors of new library employees are asked to have their new employees stop by 93 Ellis on their first day for a quick photo. Security will maintain the photos in a secure database which will be used, additionally, to help Security verify the identity of new employees who now need access to secure areas. While your new employee is at 93 Ellis, ask Security to process their key card access information...for one-stop service at its best.

New Appointment

I am pleased to announce that the position of Executive Staff Assistant I (ESA I) in Administration has been offered to and accepted by Mark Ellis. This position is responsible for providing executive level support to the Director of Libraries as well as managing the support staff and student assistants of the Library Administration office. Mark received a Bachelor's in English from the University of Missouri in 1997 and has several years of library employment to his credit. He assumed his new appointment on January 14, 2007.

(New library employees please note: Mark is no relation to Elmer Ellis, the namesake of our central library building.)

Jim Cogswell