MU Libraries Ensure Future Access to Electronic Journals

Electronic access to journals is cost-effective and convenient, but as library collections become more electronic, the question of long-term future access to this material has arisen. MU Libraries has taken an important step to ensure that its users will always have access to its electronic journals by entering into an agreement with Portico, a not-for-profit service launched in 2005 that offers a permanent archive of electronic scholarly journals.

“Our relationship with Portico means that MU Libraries can continue to expand electronic access to information, which is increasingly the preferred format of our users, while also maintaining our traditional preservation function, which is vital to many researchers,” stated Jim Cogswell, Director of Libraries. “The libraries have dramatically increased online journal access for our users in the past year, and we now have subscriptions for over 8,000 Internet journals from the top science, medical, and social science publishers. The journals made available through Science Direct, Wiley InterScience, SpringerLink, and Sage will all be protected through the Portico service.”

Portico provides all libraries supporting the archive with campus-wide access to archived content when a publisher stops operation, ceases to publish a title, no longer offers back issues, or for some other reason the content is no longer available from the publisher or other source. To date, over 5,300 journals have been promised to the Portico archive, and over 175 libraries are participating in the archive. Portico is actively receiving content from publishers and is engaged in carefully converting this content to an archival format and depositing it into the Portico archive.
Black History Month 2007
“From Slavery to Freedom:
The Story of Africans in the Americas”

DON BYRON: “A TRIBUTE TO JR. WALKER”
Saturday, February 10
8:00 p.m.
The Blue Note, 17 N. 9th St.
Tickets $18-36
Contact: The Blue Note
@573-874-1944

"PACIFICATION AND PROFITS:
THE MANIPULATION OF AFRICAN
AMERICAN CONSUMERS SINCE THE
1960’s”
Tuesday, February 13
Noon-1:00 p.m.
324 Gentry Hall

"ENOUGH WITH THE RISING TIDE
OF BLACK CONSERVATISM”
Wednesday, February 14
Noon-1:00 p.m.
323 Gentry Hall

AFRICAN AMERICANS IN FILM
Wednesday, February 14
7:00 p.m.
Armory Sports Complex
701 E. Ash St.
573-874-6378

THIRD THURSDAY PRESENTS: THE SUGAR CANE
Thursday, February 15
7:30 p.m.
Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center

THE STORY” BY TRACEY SCOTT WILSON
Thursday, February 15
8:00 p.m.
573-882-PLAY

BIG XII CONFERENCE ON BLACK STUDENT GOVERNMENT
February 15-18
Lincoln, Nebraska
For more information contact jabariturner@mizzou.edu

PAN-AFRICAN FILM FESTIVAL
February 16 & 17
3:00-10:00 p.m.
Gaines/Oldham Black Culture Center

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For information about month long art exhibits, visit
http://web.missouri.edu/~umcstudentlifebcc/
MESSAGE FROM ELLIS LIBRARY SECURITY

Keycards can get you in, out, up, down and around the library when you need it most. They can also be, quite frankly, a pain. So this month’s article from security will be about keycards instead of more winter tips. At this point, everyone is more than likely sick of hearing about the weather.

The most prevalent problem with keycards is swiping. Swipes should always begin at the top of the keycard reader slot and move swiftly downward. Starting from the bottom and swiping upwards also works but will lead to undue stress on the back muscles. Also be sure that the magnetic strip on the back of the card is oriented in the proper direction. Checking your swipes will eliminate embarrassing and easily explained trips to the security office.

Should you obtain a new id card for any reason (worn out magnetic strip, lost, bad photograph, dog ate it, etc.), please contact or stop by the security office as soon as possible. We’ll activate your new card with a smile and a lollipop (while supplies last).

While we’re on the topic of replacing an id, it should be noted that losing your id card is a serious issue that can lead to identity theft. The following web site contains a short video with tips on how to prevent it: http://video.sheriff.org/psa_cartheft.shtml

In recent events, most of you are already aware of the problems that we’ve been having with door to room 52. You’ve probably also heard about the west doors locking on Wednesday the 7th. Some wires were crossed on that day (literally!) while repairs were being made to the Technical Services door. The problem has been remedied and the door to room 52 should be back to normal soon if not by the time this is printed. Thank you for your patience.

The Staff Development Committee is pleased to announce an internal calendar pilot for the MU Libraries. For this pilot we chose to use an Outlook calendar, because it is familiar to most staff and can easily be accessed when you view your personal calendar. The goals for the calendar are to increase communication of library-related events and to make it easier to schedule meetings that won’t conflict with other events.

All regular staff can add the following types of events to the calendar:

* Library programs (for library staff and for the public)
* Library training or development events
* Committee and task force meetings
* All staff meetings
* Divisional meetings
* Departmental meetings (if the department head thinks the information will be useful to a wide audience)
* Professional meetings or conferences attended by library staff
* Other events involving a group of people (e.g., LTS staff training being held elsewhere)
* Announcements of new exhibits

To learn how to access the calendar, and for more details and guidelines on its use, view the SDC MU Internal Calendar page at: http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/librarystaff/committees/staffdevelopment/instructions.html

Also, you’ll find the calendar use guidelines posted on the first Sunday of each month in the calendar.

SDC welcomes your comments and questions:
Brenda Graves-Blevins, Chair
Leo Agnew
Felicity Dykas
Pearl Newbrough
Michael Salmons
Deborah Ward
Brad Winter
MU Libraries Vacancies

*Human Resource Assistant – 100% FTE, M-F 8-5, $11.12 per hour. Administrative Offices, Ellis Library.

Duties: Perform a variety of office support and para-professional work in assisting in the library administration in various areas of human resources including employment, payroll, and recruitment. Serve as first point of contact for Libraries staff, Payroll and MU Human Resource Services regarding payroll and PAF questions and employee relations issues. Duties include but are not limited to: Process bi-weekly and monthly payrolls; complete paperwork for new hires and transfers; assist the library’s Human Resource Manager with policy interpretation, recruitment, and maintenance of employee files; assist with payroll controls process; coordinate student employment paperwork process; maintain budget-related spreadsheets; assist with office coverage of phones and visitors. Success in the job will be measured against the ability to demonstrate competencies listed in the job description.

Minimum Qualifications: High school diploma. Three years experience in human resources, customer service, public relations or a related area. Up to two years of relevant education beyond high school may be substituted for required work experience. Proficiency in multiple computer applications.

Preferred Qualifications: Knowledge and experience with PeopleSoft preferred. Knowledge of basic personnel policies and procedures. Experience with Microsoft Word, and Excel; strong organizational skills; good communication and interpersonal skills; ability to analyze & solve problems.

*Office Support Staff II — 100% FTE, M-F, 8-5, $8.62 per hour, Administrative Offices, Ellis Library.

Duties: Work in Ellis Library Administration office. Provide varied office support MU Libraries Administrative Offices. This is a general office support position requiring effective interpersonal skills and excellent customer service skills. Provide specific support to the Assistant Director, and the Administrative Associate. Serve as first point of contact for Library Staff and Patrons requesting supplies, tracking payments and reporting maintenance problems. Provide reception for MU Library Administrative Office when student workers are not available. Greet faculty, staff, students and other library users. Provide basic office support for the staff of the MU Libraries Administrative Offices. Prepare forms for processing, using a PC and a typewriter. Other duties as assigned. Perform basic math computations. Work under direct supervision and meet speed and accuracy goals as determined by the department.

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: The ability to efficiently support the work of several supervisors is necessary. Requires excellent telephone skills and effective interpersonal communication skills. Proficiency in Word, Outlook and Excel and accuracy in typing and data entry a must. Ability to handle a fast paced office environment with high volume of visitors. Requires ability to work well with others, attention to detail, organization and initiative. No typing test required.

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

Library Information Assistant, Access Services. A full description of the position may be found at the following address:
https://web.missouri.edu/~employment/vacdetails.php?vac=1006301
NEW ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

I am pleased to announce the filing of two library academic positions. Dorothy Carner has accepted the position of Head of Journalism Libraries. She will assume her appointment on or around June 1, 2007. Ms. Carner currently serves as Reference Librarian/Business Bibliographer at University of Texas-Austin. Ms. Carner received her MLIS from there in 1995 and has several years of library employment to her credit. She also earned Bachelors and Masters degrees in Education from Missouri State University. The Journalism Librarian position is based in the Journalism Library and is responsible for planning, directing and administering the programs of the Journalism Library and the Newspaper Library.

Dr. Sarah Cron has accepted the position of Assistant Director for User Services. She will assume her appointment on or around June 18, 2007. Dr. Cron currently serves as Dean of Academic Information Services and Director of the Kent Library at Southeast Missouri State University. Dr. Cron received her Ph.D. in Library and Information Science from Indiana University in 1992 and her Masters in Library Science from the University of Iowa. The Assistant Director position is based in the Journalism Library and is responsible for reference/instruction, collection development, access services, ILL/Document Delivery, and most branch libraries.

WEB LIBRARIAN/EDUCATION TECHNOLOGIST SEARCH UPDATE

The recruitment of a Web Development Librarian/Education Technologist, a search which has been on hold for some time, has been suspended. When the position was posted, we knew it would be difficult to find someone with the requisite blend of knowledge, skills and abilities. Although we identified two solid candidates for the position, we were unable to come to terms that would attract them away from their current employers.

I am convinced that the position is needed to help the Libraries implement and maintain an innovative and effective web presence. Accordingly, I have decided to revisit this position after our two new Assistant Directors join us in June. I want to thank the members of the Search Committee for their efforts, and I hope that we will be able to mount a successful search as early as this summer.

Jim Cogswell

February Library Anniversary Recognition

2/1/1972 Mary Ryan
2/5/1990, Suzanne Lippard
2/15/2000, Karen Darling
2/17/1986, John Meyer
2/27/2006, Sam Napier
2/27/2006, Ryan McAllister
2/28/1994, Stephen Stanton

Goodbye to Katie Frisbee, OSS III,
Administration/Reference. Katie is relocating to Phoenix, AZ with her husband.