Come together @ your library: Celebrate National Library Week at the MU Libraries, April 15-21

(Columbia, MO) – It’s National Library Week - a time to celebrate the contributions of libraries, librarians, and library workers in schools, campuses, and communities nationwide - and the perfect time for our campus community to come together @ the MU Libraries—Your Connection to Knowledge.

The MU Libraries are celebrating National Library Week by holding a party for the MU faculty, staff, and students. Please join us for refreshments and library information at Ellis Library on Wednesday, April 18 from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

“Everyday, libraries in big cities and small towns, colleges and universities, in schools and in businesses help transform their communities,” stated Jim Cogswell, Director of Libraries. “At our libraries, people of all backgrounds can come together to access the Internet, research and write papers, use a study room, get assistance from a subject specialist, check out DVDs, meet up with friends, or grab some coffee in the Bookmark Cafe.”

First sponsored in 1958, National Library Week is a national observance sponsored by the American Library Association (ALA) and libraries across the country each April.

WEAR YOUR MU LIBRARIES T-SHIRT ON APRIL 18
CELEBRATE NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK

You’re Invited!

To celebrate National Library Week, we’ll be having a party open to all students, staff, & faculty.

The party will be in the colonnade of Ellis Library on Wednesday, April 18th from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Please wear your MU Libraries T-shirt if you like and stop by for cupcakes & punch.
In our final installment of severe weather tips we’ll look at lightning safety. It is a little known fact that lightning causes around 100 deaths in the U.S. annually (more than hurricanes and tornadoes combined). Contrary to popular belief, no rain needs to be falling to be struck by lightning. Lightning can strike up to several miles away from the thunderstorms and lightning advisories should be taken seriously.

General lightning safety rules:

- WHEN INSIDE: Avoid using the telephone (except for emergencies) or other electrical appliances.
- Do not take a bath or shower.
- WHEN OUTSIDE: Go to a safe shelter immediately, such as inside a sturdy building. A hard top automobile with the windows up can also offer fair protection.
- If you are boating or swimming, get out of the water immediately and move to a safe shelter away from the water!
- If you are in a wooded area, seek shelter under a thick growth of relatively small trees.
- If you feel your hair standing on end, squat and put your head between your knees and place your hands over the back of your neck. Do not lie flat!
- Avoid: isolated trees or other tall objects, bodies of water, sheds, fences, convertible automobiles, tractors, and motorcycles.

Information taken from NOAA weather services Web site  ---Ellis Library Security

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SCHEDULE CHANGE
BROWN BAG LUNCH MARKETING DISCUSSION SERIES
Tuesday, April 24 (originally April 17)
12:00-1:00 p.m.
Reference Conference Room (Ellis 159)
Ellis Library

The Communications Advisory Group invites you to attend the next Brown Bag Lunch Marketing Discussion. Bring your lunch, listen to a brief, informal presentation, and participate in the discussion. At this lunch we will be discussing several ideas the Communications Advisory Group is currently investigating for marketing the libraries, including banners, flat-screen panels, and screen savers.

We hope you will join us for a lively discussion. Drinks will be provided!

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Jo Ho, Storyteller, presents:

ABE, OUR GREATEST PRESIDENT!
April 19, 2007

4:00 p.m.

Ellis Library Colonnade
A Forever Free event

You will be enthralled with Jo’s living history storytelling program as she portrays such memorable characters as Nancy Hanks, Sally Lincoln, Sarah Bush Johnston, Mary Todd Lincoln and more. She’ll captivate listeners as she tells true stories of Abe, sharing the wit, wisdom, and perseverance of the unlikely man who became our 16th president.

Forever Free: Abraham Lincoln’s Journey to Emancipation
March 12-April 20, 2007
Ellis Library Colonnade

http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/foreverfree
MU Libraries Vacancies

* Library Information Assistant – 100% FTE, M-F 8-5 (negotiable); $8.62/hr. Reports to Head of Physical Processing Unit, Acquisitions Department, Technical Services Division.

We will fill two LIA positions in Physical Processing with one search effort.

Duties: Work as part of a team to prepare library materials for use by library patrons (e.g., books, journals). Implement established procedures in the handling of new materials, in the processing of damaged materials, and in preparing materials for binding. Principle tasks include book repair, labeling materials, sending for binding, repairing, creating computer entry records, and functionally supervising student assistants. Duties require accuracy, attention to detail and manual dexterity. See the job description at http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/staff/admin/positiondesc/Posdesc/TRSS/c14097.htm for more details. Success in the job will be determined by the supervisor and measured against the duties and competencies listed in the job description.

Min. 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.: Experience in book repair or in a job or hobby which requires manual dexterity, hand/eye coordination and the craftsmanship required of an artisan. Attention to detail and an ability to understand and respect the steps required to repair a book.

Must have the ability to: Work collegially in a team environment; move boxes of books weighing up to 100 pounds and wheeled book trucks weighing up to 250 pounds; shelves materials in alphanumeric order; work at a desk, book repair table and/or in front of a computer screen for up to 8 hours a day; pay close attention to detail; withstand occasional exposure to mold and/or dust; maintain regular and acceptable attendance.

Library experience, preferably in technical services and with an integrated library system. Experience with PC software and operating systems is desired. The ability to maintain effective relationships with coworkers in the unit and the rest of the library, during the course of a business day, is a must. Knowledge of a foreign language and some college education are a plus.

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

Office Support Staff III – Reference Services. Position is pending. Information about the status of the position may be found at the following address:
https://web.missouri.edu/~employment/vacdetails.php?vac=1006497

Print Collections Archivist or Librarian, Rare Books and Special Collections. A full description of the position may be found at the following address:
http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/staff/admin/hr/job_ads/Full_ad_web.htm
CELEBRATION OF SERVICE
Monday, April 16
2:00-3:30 p.m.
Mark Twain Ballroom (N201/202)
Memorial Union

Don’t forget to join your colleagues this coming Monday, April 16, at the MU Libraries’ annual “Celebration of Service.” This year’s event will be held from 2:00 – 3:30 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. Provost Brian Foster will be our guest speaker. A copy of the agenda follows. Please help celebrate the dedication and hard work of all Libraries’ employees.

On a related note, SDC has updated its program calendar. You can access the calendar at http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/staff/committees/staffdevelopment/programcalendar.htm.

Hello to Judith Cooper, (late-night) LIA, Access Services, Circulation/Reserve. Judith has a MLS from Rosary College (Dominican University) and a Bachelors in Anthropology from Illinois State University. She worked at Harvey Public Library (IL) as both a reference librarian and an adult services supervisor before relocating to Columbia.

My apologies to Terry and Judith for not including their pictures in last week’s newsletter. --Shannon
Celebration of Service
Recognition of the contributions of MU Libraries Employees and Student Assistants

Monday, April 16
2:00 pm. - 3:30 pm.
Mark Twain Ballroom  -  N201/202
Memorial Union

Program
2:30 pm. — 3:00 pm.

Opening Remarks
Brenda Graves-Blevins, Staff Development Committee

Recognition of Service Awards for 2006
Leo Agnew, Personnel Coordinator

Comments
Jim Cogswell, Director of MU Libraries

MU Libraries:
Your Connection to Knowledge
Presented by Brian Foster,
University of Missouri-Columbia Provost

Closing Remarks
Brenda Graves-Blevins

Flowers are given to staff members celebrating service anniversaries.

This is what the flowers represent:

5 years ..........1 red carnation
10 years ..........2 red carnations
15 years ..........3 red carnations
20 years ..........1 red rose bud
25 years ..........2 red rose buds
30 years ..........3 red rose buds
35 years ..........1 orchid
40 years ..........2 orchids
National Library Week

As you may or may not know, April 15-21 is National Library Week! It is nationally recognized by the American Library Association as “a time to celebrate the contributions of our nation’s libraries, librarians and library workers and to promote library use and support.” So be sure to let all your fantastic supervisors and co-workers know how much you really appreciate them this week!

- Jonathan Overberg, SLG Co-President

“If past history was all there was to the game, the richest people would be librarians.”
-Warren Buffett; CEO Berkshire Hathaway, investor, philanthropist

Reminder: The next Student Library Group meeting will be on Tuesday, April 17 at 5pm in the Ellis Library Conference Room. Hope to see you there!

Fun Library Facts:
1. The US has more public libraries than McDonalds.
2. US libraries circulate more items every day than FedEx ships packages (5.4 versus 5.3 million)
4. Americans go to libraries more than twice as often as they go to the movies.
5. Americans spend more than 3 times as much on salty snacks as they do on public libraries.
7. Libraries record more than 1.1 billion visits each year, compared to 204 million sports tickets sold in a year.
8. Students visit school library media centers almost 1.5 billion times during the school year.
9. Americans spend seven times more money on home video games as they do on school library materials for their children.
10. College and university librarians answer 97 million reference questions each year.

*Facts from www.aublib.logan.k12.ky.us/*