SATURDAY, APRIL 14
The annual Friends of the Libraries luncheon was a success with over 85 people in attendance. Doug Crews, Friends’ President, presented the Robert J. Stuckey Essay awards to Kelly Bouquet, first place essay winner, and Kristy Bass, second place essay winner. The luncheon speaker was bestselling author Ron Powers who discussed how libraries influenced his life as a child and then as a young man. He also spoke of the process of writing several of his books including *Huck and Tom Don’t Live Here Anymore: Childhood and Murder in the Heart of America*, *Mark Twain: A Life*, and *Flag of Our Fathers*. After the luncheon, Ron Powers stayed for a book signing.

Also on Saturday, 40 people attended the Donor Appreciation ceremony in the Ellis Library Colonnade to recognize endowment donors. The donors affixed bookplates into books purchased through their endowments. Seven new endowment plaques were also unveiled. Dr. Wallace was the guest speaker.

In addition, a special dedication ceremony was held for the Loving Cups display. Debbie Heapes, daughter of the late John Schweitzer, made a few remarks on behalf of her father and mother who donated the Loving Cups.
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!

Geoff Swindells has joined the management team of Government Information Online (GIO). GIO is a free web-based “Ask-a-Librarian” service provided by librarians with expertise in government information. The service is sponsored by the Committee of Institutional Cooperation (CIC), a consortium of 12 research universities, including the 11 members of the Big Ten Conference and the University of Chicago. The management team establishes best practices, digital protocols, and public service standards for the project.

MU LIBRARIES IN THE NEWS
“Miniature Literature Stands Tall.”

BETTER SALARIES AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP
Friday, April 27
2:00 p.m.
Room 222
Townsend Hall

MU Libraries employees are invited to attend a workshop hosted by SISLT and featuring Jenifer Grady, director of ALA-APA. The workshop will answer such questions as:
- How much am I worth on the job market?
- Is that really going to be my salary? Forever?
- How can I get a better salary?
- How do I best pursue professional development?
- What is the Certified Public Library Administrator Program?

While the target audience of the workshop is new librarians, it is a timely presentation on a subject of great interest within the MU Libraries. RSVP’s to SISLT are not required. Release time is available with supervisor approval.

Jenifer Grady is the director of the American Library Association-Allied Professional Association. The ALA Allied Professional Association was created to enable certification of individuals in specializations beyond the first professional degree, and to work for better salaries, pay equity and increased status for librarians and other library workers. It is a legally separate entity, tied to ALA through an interlocked Board and Council. Its informal name is ALA-APA: the Organization for the Advancement of Library Employees. http://ala-apa.org/about/alaapafaq.html.
MULSA Announcements

MULSA is looking for people interested in joining its board. Now is your opportunity to volunteer. The following seats are available:

Vice President/President Elect (1): Assists the president in carrying out the work and direction of the staff association and automatically becomes the President the following year.

Secretary (1): Records and distributes the minutes taken at our board meetings.

Treasurer (1): Maintains all the financial records for MULSA; this includes keeping the books and writing the checks.

Courtesy (1): Extends congratulations and condolences to library employees with cards, gifts, and flowers.

MUSE Editors (2): Responsible for the publication of the library staff newsletter, The Muse.

Ellis Staff Lounge (1): Coordinates cleaning of the lounge with daily help from volunteers. This person also buys cleaning supplies and maintains the vending machine refunds.

Social (2): Organizes and coordinates MULSA’s social activities.

Book Sale/Store Coordinators (1): Helps to organize, promote, and preside over the ongoing book sale in the Ellis Library Copy Service room.

Community Service (1): Coordinates and informs the staff about our service projects. We have supported such groups as the Mid-Missouri Food Bank and Columbia Second Chance Animal Rescue.

The deadline is May 4th. If anyone is interested, please contact Tammy Green greenta@missouri.edu or Jack Batterson batterson@missouri.edu

MULSA is starting to plan the annual picnic and we would like your help. We want to challenge you to find a theme for it. Our previous themes have been Hawaiian, Vegas, around-the-world and others. Please send your ideas to Karla Geerlings. Oh, did I mention that there will be a surprise for the chosen theme? I just did.

Tammy Green
MU Libraries Vacancies

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 – Physical Processing Unit. A full description of the position may be found at the following address:
https://web.missouri.edu/~employment/vacdetails.php?vac=1006988

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/T ull_ad_web.htm

COMPETENCY LEVEL INCREASE RECOGNITION

Congratulations to Rebekah Wilson for successfully qualifying for a competency level increase within her title. Rebekah moves to LIA, Level 2. To qualify, Rebekah demonstrated a level of consistency and quality in her work that met the criteria for advancement. Rebekah’s position was reclassified laterally from an OSS II title to the LIA title earlier this fiscal year.

As a FYI, 18 library employees have now realized a competency level increase since the implementation of the program in 2003. To learn more about the MU Libraries’ LIA/LIS Classification/Compensation/Competency plans, go to
http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/staff/admin/classification/reclassification.htm.

Hello to Cathi Veach,
Human Resource Assistant, Administration.