MULSA Wants You!

Last Chance! MULSA wants you to join its executive board. Here is the opportunity to have a little fun by getting involved with one of THE MOST EXCITING GROUPS in the library. You can run for any of the following positions:

**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
Microsoft Vista News

LTS will not be switching to the Microsoft Vista operating system until at least the Fall ‘07 semester, if not later. The hardware compatibility problems are only a partial reason. Primarily, many of the single purpose software programs we use will have problems running under Vista, if they run at all. Vista also requires more RAM memory than many of our staff and public computers currently use.

Since anyone purchasing a new personal computer at home will almost certainly have Vista, we wanted to reprint some of the following article for your information. The entire article can be found at PC World: http://www.pcworld.com/article/id,129375-page,1-c,vistalonghorn/article.html

Note: Dell is now offering a few models with Windows XP installed, so you may choose between the two operating systems.

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Living With Vista: First 30 Days
With the new version of Windows finally out, early users say they’re bedeviled by hardware and software problems—but some love the OS anyway.
Dan Tynan, PC World
Monday, March 12, 2007 1:00 AM PDT

Last February, Bryce Parkhurst brought home a new Toshiba Satellite notebook with Vista Home Basic installed. The 33-year-old Easton, Pennsylvania, circuit designer bought the PC to enjoy music, but it soon hit sour notes. Everything seemed to run a little slower under the new operating system. His Alesis Photon X25 MIDI controller hardware no longer worked. When he tried to run his favorite DJ software, it didn’t work properly; when he tried to quit the program, Vista rebooted him into Safe Mode. Any system change instigated a seemingly endless series of “Accept or Cancel” messages from Vista’s User Account Control feature. After five days, Parkhurst had had enough. He removed Vista and installed Windows XP. Since then, his new notebook has been trouble-free.

In contrast, Bernard Mongeon is quite pleased with Vista Ultimate, despite problems getting it to work with the scanner and security software on his three-year-old desktop. The 54-year-old weather forecaster in Kingston, Nova Scotia, accepts such glitches as a normal part of moving to a new operating system.

Mandar Jadhav, an 18-year-old Rutgers University student, is somewhere in between. He loves the slick 3D look of Vista Premium, but is pained by the software and hardware incompatibilities he encountered when he upgraded his nearly new Dell laptop.

These three users neatly capture the disparate views of Vista during its first 30 days in the field. In PC World’s online survey of nearly 1000 early Vista adopters, slightly more than a third said they were very satisfied with the new OS. Another third reported being satisfied overall, but not exactly wowed; nearly one in four were unimpressed. And regardless of their overall verdict, a majority--some 61 percent--reported at least one hiccup getting Vista to work with their existing hardware or software. After more than five years in the making, Vista offers much promise but still has many problems to resolve.

The Black Studies Program Presents
“Giants of Black Thought: An Exhibition of Poster Presentations”
by Winter 2007 Introduction to Black Studies Students
(Dr. David L. Brunsma)

Opening and Reception
Thursday, May 3
11:00 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.
Ellis Library, Room 202

Come see our students’ work and enjoy light refreshments.

If you are unable to attend...
the exhibit will be on display for two weeks in Ellis Library, Room 202.

GIANTS OF BLACK THOUGHT
W.E.B. DuBois
Patricia Hill Collins
Audre Lorde
Eldridge Cleaver
Maya Angelou
Marcus Garvey
Carter G. Woodson
Nikki Giovanni
Angela Davis
Toni Morrison
bell hooks
Eduardo Bonilla-Silva
Frantz Fanon
Randall Robinson
Martin Luther King Jr
Malcolm X
James Baldwin
Michael Eric Dyson
Cornell West
Lisa Jones
Charles Mills
Zora Neale Hurston
Richard Wright
Assata Shakur

The Month of May Around the World

- May is named after the Greek goddess, Maia.
- In Finnish, the month is called toukokuu, meaning “month of sowing”.
- In Slovene, it is called veliki traven, which means the month of high grass.
- In Czech, it is called květen, which means the month of blooms.
- In Xhosa, May is known as ngekaCanzibe, meaning “month of Canopus”. It is also the final month of the year by the traditional Xhosa calendar.
- In Japanese, it is called Gogatsu or Satsuki, meaning “fifth month”
- In Chinese, May is Wuyuè, also meaning the “fifth month”.


Courtesy of Student Library Group.
THOMAS EAGLETON PAPERS AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC

COLUMBIA, April 26, 2007—The papers of Sen. Thomas F. Eagleton (1929-2007) are open for public research at the Western Historical Manuscript Collection (WHMC). A wealth of material spans Eagleton’s years as Democratic Circuit Attorney for the city of St. Louis from 1956-1960, Attorney General of Missouri from 1960-1964, Lieutenant Governor of Missouri from 1964-1968, and U.S. Senator from Missouri from 1969-1986. Additionally, his post-Senatorial papers cover his teaching experience at Washington University, his service on various boards and commissions, his newspaper columns, and other areas.

When Sen. Eagleton made his first gift of papers to the Western Historical Manuscript Collection in May 1986, he said, “I am glad to have witnessed—and participated in—American politics between the ’50s and the ’80s. I hope my papers will be of some use in the scholarly task of understanding Missouri, the Democratic Party, and the ‘unfinished journey’ we Americans are taking through the twentieth century.”

Correspondence, photographs, speeches and press releases, audiovisual items, microfilm, newspaper clippings and other sources comprise the rich collection.

“With over 400 linear feet of material and so many diverse topics, researchers can approach the Eagleton Papers from countless angles,” WHMC-Columbia Associate Director David Moore said. “The collection is an excellent source for studying late twentieth-century topics, from local issues affecting Missouri to national and international affairs, such as U.S.-Soviet relations at the end of the Cold War.”

The papers may be accessed Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. (except University holidays) and until 9 p.m. Tuesdays when MU classes are in session.

Western Historical Manuscript Collection-Columbia
23 Ellis Library, University of Missouri www.umsystem.edu/whmc/

MU LIBRARIES IN THE NEWS

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.** 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=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/Full_ad_web.htm

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**Search Update – Print Collections Archivist/Librarian I**

The search committee for the position of Print Collections Archivist/Librarian I has identified two candidates to interview. Information on their interview dates, times, etc. follows. A third candidate has been invited to interview and we are awaiting a response. A fourth candidate was identified but withdrew citing acceptance of another job offer.

Gerald Ward will interview May 7. Mr. Ward currently serves as a Proposal Developer for Applied Energy Management in Greensboro, NC. Other work experience includes conservation technician for Etherington Conservation Services, preceded by employment as a bookseller, conservator, and grant proposal developer. He is scheduled to receive his MLS from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro May, 2007.

Katherine Carr will interview May 9. Ms. Carr currently serves as a Rare Book Assistant with Ursus Rare Books in New York. Other work experience includes an internship at the Berg Library in New York and a library assistant position at Fales Library at New York University. She is scheduled to receive her MLIS from Long Island University Palmer School May, 2007.

Both candidates will give a presentation followed by a question and answer session. The topic is “What is the value and purpose of Special Collections in the University community and beyond?” Both presentations will take place from 2:15 – 3:15 p.m., in room 159, Ellis Library.

The candidates’ resumes, cover letters, and references have been forwarded to library staff as part of an Outlook schedule-a-meeting notice. Itineraries and evaluation forms will be distributed closer to the interviews.

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**Graduation Day**

Congratulations to **Felicity Dykas** and **Will McCrary** on ‘graduating’ from Employee 101 (aka Supervisor 101). Their time and participation in the course deserves recognition. Employee 101 is designed to provide employees with a better working knowledge of select MU HR policies and procedures.
May is almost here! Thank you to those who attended the MU Libraries Student Appreciation Pizza Party! We hope you met some of your MU Libraries co-workers, both students and faculty. Next week we will send out a student employee survey. Please return the survey to help SLG better plan for activities in the fall semester! If you are interested in joining the Student Library Group, please email umcellislibraryadmin@missouri.edu.

Thank you, Annie Guo, SLG Co-President

Outstanding Student Employees of the Week!
I am delighted to nominate Amy Fortner and Geoff Stumbaugh for Employees of the Week in recognition of their many contributions to the MU Libraries over a combined thirteen semesters of service.
– Bette Stuart, Library Info Specialist II, Current Periodicals

**Amelia (Amy) Fortner**
Department: Current Periodicals Reading Room
Hometown: Independence, MO
Major: Double major in English and International Studies, with a focus in Latin America
Dream job: A Writer
How long have you been working for MU Libraries: Five years
Favorite thing about Mizzou: Columbia
Favorite thing about working at MU Libraries: The friendly atmosphere
Favorite Movie: *Amélie*
Favorite Books: *The Heart is a Lonely Hunter* by Carson McCullers
Favorite Quote: “To love. To be loved. To never forget your own insignificance. To never get used to the unspeakable violence and the vulgar disparity of life around you. To seek joy in the saddest places. To pursue beauty to its lair. To never simplify what is complicated or complicate what is simple. To respect strength, never power. Above all, to watch. To try and understand. To never look away. And never, never, to forget.” - Arundhati Roy
Supervisor Quote: “Amy is completing her fifth year of service as a student assistant in the Ellis Current Periodicals Reading Room. Amy is a highly valued member of our department. Over the years, Amy has willingly learned new skills, assumed new responsibilities, and additional hours. She has volunteered to work week-end shifts each semester, and has worked as many as three shifts every week-end for an entire semester. Amy has demonstrated commitment and flexibility by her willingness to substitute for other student workers, often on short notice. Amy is hardworking, responsible, dependable, loyal, and pleasant. Amy will be graduating in May, and will be greatly missed. I want to express my appreciation to Amy for her five years of excellent service.”

**Geoff Stumbaugh**
Department: Current Periodicals Reading Room
Hometown: Montgomery City, MO
Major: Masters in Library Science, Bachelors in Communications, Minor in Music
Dream job: Stay at home dad
How long have you been working for MU Libraries: January of 2006
Favorite thing about Mizzou: the people
Favorite thing about working at MU Libraries: learning experience
Favorite Movie: *The Fifth Element*
Favorite Books: comic books
Favorite Quote: “One morning I shot an elephant in my pajamas. How he got in my pajamas, I don’t know.”
Supervisor Quote: “It has been a pleasure to have Geoff working as a student assistant in the Ellis Current Periodicals Reading Room for the past sixteen months. Geoff carries out the duties of his job in a very professional and conscientious manner. Geoff’s good eye for detail and excellent problem solving skills contribute to the success of the department. His positive outlook, enthusiasm, and work ethic are exemplary, and his sense of humor is enjoyed by all. Geoff is completing the requirements for an MLS degree in May.”