New Technology Group (NTG) Meeting
Monday, November 5
10:00 A.M. – 11:00 A.M.
Room 159
Ellis Library

Sarah Cron will talk about her recent attendance at the EDUCAUSE conference and Ann Riley will discuss the recent meeting of the Open Content Alliance that she attended. Read more about both organizations at http://www.educause.edu and http://www.opencontentalliance.org/.

NTG is an informal group of library staff that gathers monthly to discuss new technologies that could be of use to the MU Libraries. NTG makes neither recommendations nor does it have a formal charge. It is merely a forum for exchanging information. Everyone is invited to attend.

Election Time
The Staff Representative Committee is proud to announce that we have a full slate of area representatives/SRC chair candidates:

Karla Geerlings
Technical Services, 2006/2008

PT Martin
Admin./SPEC/LTS, 2006/2008

Deborah Melvin
Access Services, 2007/2009

Will McCrary
Branches, 2007/2009

Ross Taylor
Reference Services, 2007/2009

All 5 are eligible to be Chair of the committee for the 2007/2008 year. Please vote for one candidate using one of the following methods:

1. Use the anonymous comment form available at the SRC website at http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/staff/committees/staffrepresentative/comments.htm

2. Place your vote in the SRC suggestion box on the wall just inside the door to the Ellis staff lounge.

3. Place your vote in the SRC elections box on the table in the “cloak room” just inside the entrance to Cataloging/DCR in Technical Services

Please have your votes in by noon on Friday, November 2, when they will be counted by a neutral party.

Thank you.
Staff Representative Committee

The Usability Group of the Web Advisory Group is happy to announce that Adrienne Arden, Supervisor of Monographs Acquisitions, has joined our ranks and is a very welcome addition.

Wayne Sanders, Chair of the Usability Group

Library News Notes is a publication for the staff of MU Libraries, published most Fridays during the academic year and every other Friday during the summer. News deadline is noon on Thursday. Editor, Shannon Cary
The Illustrator’s Art for the Books of Jane Yolen,” an exhibition in two parts

Dates, Locations and Hours (Note two locations):
“An Appeal to Childhood - The Illustrator’s Art for the Books of Jane Yolen.” Boone County National Bank, Lobby Gallery, 720 E. Broadway, Columbia. Mon – Fri 9:00 am – 5:50 pm, Sat. 9:00 am – noon. Jane Yolen will give a gallery talk on November 28 at 1:15 pm.

“From Easel to Page - The Illustrator’s Art for the Books of Jane Yolen” University of Missouri – Columbia, Ellis Library First Floor Colonnade, November 2 – December 2, 2007. Mon – Thurs 7:30 am to 2:00 am, Fri 7:30 am - 8:00 pm, Sat 9:00 am – 8:00 pm, Sun noon – 2 am. Call (573)882-4391 for reduced hours during Thanksgiving Break. Jane Yolen will give a gallery talk on November 30 at 3:30 pm.

Exhibition Information:
Two art exhibits will open at the end of October in anticipation of an upcoming residency in Columbia by award-winning author Jane Yolen. A prolific fantasy and fairytale writer whose books are illustrated by many of today’s top illustrators, Yolen is lending a selection of the artwork from her personal collection for these exhibits. On October 30th, the Boone County National Bank will unveil fifteen illustrations in its Lobby Gallery. This exhibit titled “An Appeal to Childhood” will feature illustrations for some of Jane Yolen’s best loved picture books. Then, on the evening of November 1st, MU’s Ellis Library will present fifteen more illustrations coupled with the books in which they are featured in its Colonnade Gallery. This exhibit will feature art work paired with the finished book including several examples art by two illustrators for separate editions of the same work.

Top illustrators whose work is featured include Jane Dyer, Trina Schart Hyman, Gary Lippincott, Barry Moser, David Palladini, Ruth Sanderson, David Wiesner, Terri Windling and others. This exhibition is a part of Jane Yolen’s literary residency in Columbia Nov. 28 – Dec. 2. She will offer two gallery talks in which she will relate personal stories about how each collaboration with an illustrator came to be.

Contact: Mary Green, 573-443-3131, mary@kindcrone.com

American Cancer Society Relay for Life Faculty and Staff Brunch
Monday, November 5
9:00 A. M. – 11:00 A. M.
Stotler Lounge
Memorial Union

Grab some coffee and a bagel. Find out how you can be a part of our national award-winning Relay For Life of Mizzou.

For more information, contact Lauren Carson at lmchv3@mizzou.edu.
FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARIES FUND RAISER
“Look Who I Found in the Stacks: An Evening of Solo Theatre”

The Friends of MU Libraries and the Life and Literature Series are co-sponsoring a fund raiser on November 3 for the MU Libraries. There will be a wine and dessert reception at 6 p.m., followed by 3 short plays at 7:00 p.m. Guests will be entertained by an evening of theatre based on solo performances of Jane Clemens (Mark Twain’s mother), Otto Frank (Anne Frank’s father) and Joan Crawford.

Research for these works was done in Ellis Library and the Western Historical Manuscripts Collection. Co-directors are Mary Barile and Heather Carver.

Heather is an associate professor of theatre. She has developed the Life and Literature Series in the department, and is the co-chair of the Association for Theatre in Higher Education’s New Play Development Workshop. She is also the playwright/performer of the recent Booby Prize: A Comedy About Breast Cancer. She has guided the development of several student performance pieces that have been performed in the US and Canada. She and Mary have just completed a screenplay. Mary is a playwright and theatre historian. My plays have been performed in the US and Canada, including the York Theatre in New York. She’s also the President of the Friends of the MU Libraries and is a grant writer for MU.

Mary Barile says, “We always hear about how folks are doing research at Ellis Library or in the Western Historical Manuscripts Collection, but we rarely see the finished products of that work. With Look Who I Found in the Stacks, the audience is going to meet Otto Frank, Joan Crawford and Jane Clemens. These pieces are about ordinary people in extraordinary places and times. Kevin Babbitt performed Otto Frank in New York City last year. Matt Saltzberg has created a fascinating “interview” of Crawford at the height of her fame. And Pamela Judd conveys all warmth and humor that Mark Twain inherited from his mother, Jane. This promises to be an evening of engaging theatre.”

Tickets are $20 for the show and the reception and $8 for students (show only). For more information, contact Sheila Voss at vosss@missouri.edu or 573-882-9168. Tickets will go on sale in October.
Halloween Party!
Wednesday Oct. 31st
2:30-4:00 pm
Ellis Staff Lounge

Come join the fun at the annual Halloween party! Join your coworkers on Wednesday, Oct.31, for games, prizes and frightfully good treats!

Don’t forget we have three contests this year: costume, pumpkin and tombstone! Participate in as many as you like – great prizes for all three.

MULSA will provide some goodies, but feel free to contribute a “Creepy Treat”!

For other upcoming MULSA event dates and times, visit the MULSA web page: http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/staff/committees/mulsa/default.htm
TOMBSTONE TERRITORY

Howdy Pardners. This here Halloween there’s gonna be a opportunity to show yer creativity an’ dark sense of humor in a unique way. Yup, in addition to the annual punkin and costume contests, you’ll be gettin’ yer chance to write yer own (or someBODY else’s) epitaph. Best one gets a prize! Just make a paper tombstone with whatever ya want it to say and plant it in the cemetery in the Staff Lounge. Be sure to put yer name on the back. Keep the size reasonable now; this ain’t Boot Hill. There’s materials fer buildin’ stones by the cemetery if ya feel like usin’ ’em. So, wear a alter ego if ya want, carve them punkins and bring ‘em to the celebration (there’s prizes for both!), and git ready to do justice to the dear not yet departed. The DEADline fer gittin’ yer stones planted is Tuesday, October 30 at High Noon. This'll give yer pardners a chance to look ‘em over. Entries’ll be voted on at the Halloween festivities.

Stimulate them creative juices at:
(Press Ctrl then the link)

http://members.aol.com/smessen983/Halloween/Tombstones.html

http://members.aol.com/smessen983/Halloween/Epitaphs.html

Good luck to ya!
MULSA Halloween Committee
Human Resources

Security Guard - Administration, Ellis Library. Position is on ‘hold’ status. A full description of the position may be found at the following address: https://web.missouri.edu/~employment/vacdetails.php?vac=1008876

Senior Information Specialist - Administration, Ellis Library. Position is on ‘hold’ status. A full description of the position may be found at the following address: https://web.missouri.edu/~employment/vacdetails.php?vac=1009060

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MU Policy - HR 411 Voting

With the Nov. 6 ballot issues just around the corner, it seems like a good time to review HR 411, the University’s policy on voting and related requests for time off. To highlight the main points:

MU Policy - HR 411 Voting

The main points:

• Employees may be excused from work for time necessary to allow them to vote (this includes time away for absentee voting, if necessary).
• This time may be up to, but not exceed, three (3) successive hours for the purpose of voting.
• Such period of time includes any off-duty time between the opening and closing of the polls (e.g., lunch).
• Employees shall be paid for any time requiring absence from duty to allow up to three (3) successive hours; provided, however, that such absence is requested prior to the election. Such time must be recorded on a time sheet or a monthly absence form.
• Supervisors have the right to specify the time an employee may be absent for voting (e.g. for coverage issues).
• Employees whose work hours permit three (3) successive hours between the opening and closing of the polls when not on duty, will not be eligible for any paid time off for the purpose of voting.

To clarify:
Polls open at 6:00 a.m. and close at 7:00 p.m.
Voting is to take place either before work or after, principally.
Only if the employee cannot make it to the polls before or after work, should the employee request release time to vote.
This policy is not intended to be used as license to either arrive late or leave early.

If time off is truly needed to vote, the policy stipulates that requests for release time be made prior to election day.
If the supervisor approves release time, the employee does not have to make up the time.
Supervisors can determine when release time takes place that day, based upon departmental needs.

Employees with work hours that start at 9:00 a.m. or later are not eligible to request time off citing this policy. Reason: as per the last bulleted item above, their work hours permit three successive hours between the opening of the polls and their start time, i.e., 6:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.
Similarly, employees with work hours that end at 4:00 p.m. or earlier are not eligible to request time off citing this policy. Reason: their work hours permit three successive hours between the closing of the polls and the end of their shift, i.e., 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Feel free to contact Leo Agnew at 882-9166 or agnewl@missouri.edu if additional information is needed.

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Reminder – Library Job Descriptions

A reminder that the library has an initiative underway to review and update all job descriptions. Information on the process can be found at http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/staff/admin/hr/default.htm, including a link to job descriptions. Feel free to contact me if additional information is needed. Thanks. —Leo
Homecoming Open House at Ellis Library

Thanks to everyone who made this year’s Homecoming Open House such a huge success!