An Easy Click Takes You Back to Missouri Cities in the 1880s
Maps from 1880 to 1920 of Missouri Cities Are Now Digitalized at University of Missouri Library’s Website

COLUMBIA, Mo. – With a quick computer search by city or street name, people can now study historical maps of every Missouri city between the years of 1883 to 1922 online at the University of Missouri’s Digital Library Web site.

Originally compiled and published by the Sanborn Fire Insurance Map Company to assess the risk of insuring property, the 6,500 maps in the digitized Sanborn collection are drawn at a scale of 50 feet to an inch. The maps include detailed information such as location of water mains, fire alarms and fire hydrants and are color-coded to identify the construction material of each building.

The Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) through the Missouri State Library of the Missouri Secretary of State’s Office gave the University of Missouri-Columbia Libraries a $16,208 grant to digitize and index the maps. The process took 18 months to complete. Now, people anywhere can see maps that were previously only available at the MU Libraries and Library of Congress. Plat books from Missouri counties that were produced by the government also are available at the library’s Web site.

“The maps are quite rare and those maps published before 1923 belong in the public domain,” said Michael Holland, head of special collection, archives and rare books at the MU Libraries. “Taken together, these maps reveal layers of change, allowing us to see the same area developed over time.”

People use the historical maps to research genealogy and historic buildings, to prove property rights and to study the history of a Missouri town, Holland said.

“Studying these maps really allows you to understand how a city grew,” Holland said. “They are historical records of the state and provide us with insight about some of the major land and property owners during that time. One of the remarkable aspects of these maps is their condition. The Library of Congress did a great job maintaining them and that makes a great deal of difference when examining the details of the maps. Sanborn maps published after 1922 through 1951 are available in hard copy at the MU Libraries’ Special Collections & Rare Book Department, but are not currently available online due to copyright restrictions.”

Founded in 2001, the University’s Digital Library has 20 text collections and 23 image collections including World War I sheet music, MU sports posters, and Victorian studio portrait photographs. Other items recently digitalized include the Missouri Alumnus, the MU alumni monthly magazine; The Savitar, the MU yearbook; and The Tiger Claw, the yearbooks of University High School at MU.

To view the maps, please visit: http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/

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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
Ellis Library Chamber Music Series

November 13, 2007  12:00 p.m.

Program

Con Brio Quartet  
Darry Dolezal, Coach

Quartet in B-flat Major, Op. 18, No.6  
Ludwig van Beethoven

I. Allegro con brio  
II. Adagio ma non troppo

Gina Eygenhuysen, Yasi Hemmat, violin, Michael Wilson, viola, Josie Patton, cello

University Percussion Ensemble  
Julia Gaines, Director

Spanesque Oscillations

Steve Riley  
Amy Brachman, Liz Fornango, Jon DiLallo, Frank Manda

Marimba Quartet

Michael Burritt  
Emily Marx, Liz Fish, Taylor Thorne, Amy Brachman

MU Trombone Choir  
Bill Mann, Director

Fanfare for the Vienna Philharmonic

Richard Strauss  
transc. Bruce Tychinski

Contrapunctus XIV from the Art of the Fugue

J.S. Bach  
transc. Stephen Keller

Octet for Trombones, op.87

David Uber

I. Burlesque

II. Late Show

III. Clowns

Tenor Trombones

Drew Buck  Eric Eisenreich  Buddy Green  Christina Leaderbrand  Walter Webber

Jamie Burditt  Brady Gall  Grace LaRose  Austin Rausch  David Witter

Erik Dancy  Tony Genova  Rachel Lawrence  Chris Terrell  Megan Zimmerman

Bass Trombones

Josh Kennedy  Joel Martin  Jared Smith

Upcoming Ellis Library Chamber Music Series Events

Tuesday, February 12  Missouri Woodwind Quintet

Tuesday, March 11  MU Steel Drum Band

Tuesday, April 8  Saxophone Quartet, Percussion Quartet
Rebecca Graves & Gabriel Peterson (MU SISLT grad) won the MCMLA Research Award 2007 for Best Research Poster. Their poster, “Analyzing Similarity Functions in Ovid MEDLINE and PubMed”, was presented at the joint conference for the Midcontinental and Midwest chapters of the Medical Library Association in Omaha, NE on October 15th.


The annual Fall Auction by the Library & Information Science Graduate Student Association (LISGSA) is still going on. Bidding closes at midnight on Sunday, November 11. http://tiger.coe.missouri.edu/~lisgsa/fallauction

Library Issues Forum:
A Museum of the Book?
Monday, November 12
9–10:30 A.M.
Room 4G41
Ellis Library

“It is easy to understand why, at the end of the age of print, academic libraries—and, indeed, all libraries—are dazed and confused. The technology upon which we have built our missions over the past half millennium is being usurped ... Most of what we as librarians know about organizing information is a refinement and enhancement of the work of Melvil Dewey and other 19th century library pioneers ... Academic libraries must find and articulate their roles in the current and future information ecology. If we cannot or will not do this, our campuses will invest in other priorities, and the library will slowly but surely atrophy and become a little used museum of the book.” David W. Lewis, “A Strategy for Academic Libraries in the First Quarter of the 21st Century” College & Research Libraries 68(5): 418-34. Available online at http://tinyurl.com/2fkj2f.

The Staff Development Committee invites you to join Geoff Swindells in a conversation about David Lewis’ provocative new article on the future of the academic library. RSVPs not required. Release time available with supervisor approval.

MU LIBRARIES IN THE NEWS


“Students now use e-books.” For All We Call Mizzou Campaign Newsletter, Fall 2007.

Congratulations to Shannon Cary on accepting the Senior Information Specialist (Communications Officer) position. Shannon begins full-time in the position on Nov. 19. Shannon is a Mizzou alum and received her M.L.I.S. from Louisiana State University. Her previous positions include public services librarian at Owensboro (KY) Community College and program officer for the Association of College and Research Libraries.
**MULSA’s Adopt-A-Family Project**

It’s that time again. A race through the holidays is beginning. The first hurdle may be Thanksgiving but the second jump is the Adopt-a-family project. This year we are sponsoring two families: Tina and her children (Larry, Andrea, Adrian, Vernice and Lamar); and Shiquila and her children (Travis, Deontral and Briauna). See the MULSA page for the wish list: [http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/staff/committees/mulsa/AdoptedFamilies/adoptedmain.htm](http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/staff/committees/mulsa/AdoptedFamilies/adoptedmain.htm)

Our delivery date is December 11th, which means we need your donations here by the 5th so that we can do any extra shopping and wrap it all on the 7th. The VAC discourages the adults in a family from asking for personal items that is why there’s nothing next to them. However, I called the VAC and requested sizes for them. They have not been able to reach Shiquila yet, but Tina and Larry’s sizes are listed.

If you’d like a printable list, I can send you the spreadsheet. I’ll be sending around donation envelopes as well for the shopping challenged.

Thanks, Ruthe
morsel@missouri.edu or 884-8757

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**Annual Thanksgiving Feast**

The Annual MU Libraries Thanksgiving Feast, sponsored by MULSA, will be held next Thursday, November 15 from 11:30 to 1:30 in the Ellis staff lounge. This should give everyone a chance to eat and enjoy the company of others without leaving library areas unmanned.

Jack’s Gourmet will cater the event, providing turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy, dressing, rolls, butter and green bean casserole. Library attendees are asked to contribute a carry-in dish.

As always, the Thanksgiving Feast is free to MULSA members; non-members and guests are asked to pay $5 each. Family and friends are welcome!

MULSA will also sponsor a concurrent food drive, with food and contributions going to help Central Missouri Food Bank in their endeavors to assist the needy of our area. There’ll be a collection box (for non-perishable food items) and jar (for cash—coin or bills) in the staff lounge, so bring your donations with you.

You are encouraged to bring your own table service; staff lounge dishware and disposable products will also be available—watch for the recycling containers!

Mark your calendars and join us on Thursday for the Feast!

Karla Geerlings & Michelle Baggett
MULSA Social Chairs