MU Libraries’ United Way Campaign a Success

We did it! Thank you to our extraordinary co-workers for giving so generously to the annual United Way campaign. The MU Libraries raised $8,123 towards the University’s goal of $575,000 and achieved a new record participation rate of 29%. From affordable housing to healthcare access, our collective contributions will help many people in our community overcome life’s challenges and become more independent.

We would also like to congratulate the following individuals who won the various incentives available in our prize drawings:

Adrienne Arden
Wayne Barnes
Dorothy Carner
Marie Concannon
June DeWeese
Gwen Gray
Dottie Heuer
Judy Maseles
Charlotte Mustain
Rebecca Schedler

Thank you,
Michelle Baggett, Paula Roper, and Nora Tamm
MU Libraries United Way Campaign Committee
MULSA’s Adopt-A-Family Project

This year MULSA is sponsoring two families as part of the Adopt-a-family project. See the MULSA page for the wish list:
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.

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

New Technology Group (NTG) Meeting
Tuesday, December 4
10:00 A. M. – 11:00 A. M.
Room 159
Ellis Library

Ann Riley will present on the recent meeting of the Open Content Alliance, and Geoff Swindells will lead a discussion on cooperative reference efforts.

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.

MU LIBRARIES IN THE NEWS

“Click takes you back to maps of Missouri cities in 1880s.” Southwest Region News Service blog, 14 November 2007.

“Some historical maps of Missouri cities now archived online.” KBIA, 14 November, 2007.
http://publicbroadcasting.net/kbia/news.main?action=article&ARTICLE_ID=1183186&sectionID=1

“NPR obtained the tape from the library of the University of Missouri, Columbia, which received Sanders’ papers after he died in 1999.”
Call for Applicants, 2008 Global Scholars Seminars

The MU Council on International Initiatives is pleased to announce the tenth year of the Global Scholars Project, a faculty curriculum development project that encourages faculty to internationalize their courses. The Global Scholars Program received the Andrew Heiskell award in 2002 from the Institute of International Education. The award honors the campus’s efforts to expand its international curriculum.

This year, CII is collaborating with the Council on International Educational Exchange (CIEE) to offer MU faculty the option of two summer seminars: Mongolia (June 1-11); or Peru (May 29-June 8).

**Mongolia: Empire and Democracy**
June 1-11, 2008

The establishment of the Mongol Empire is one of the most important events in world history, and Mongolia is the only former Soviet-bloc state in Asia to have successfully developed a functioning democratic political system and market economy.. The seminar will allow participants to visit many of the historical sites associated with Chinggis Khan (popularly spelled Genghis Khan) and the Mongol Empire to develop a greater understanding of the context and geography that led to the Mongol’s conquest of much of Eurasia, a subject of growing, yet still underrepresented academic and popular interest. The seminar will also introduce participants to contemporary Mongolia to explore how Mongolians have sought to reconcile the heritage of Chinggis Khaan, who founded the great Mongol State in 1206, with the demands of the modern world and their experience transitioning from Communism to democracy and a market economy.

**A Fusion of Identities: Exploring Peru’s Complex Past, Present and Future**
May 29–June 8, 2008

To say ‘Peru’ is to conjure up many different images relating to its ancient history (Pre-Columbian Civilizations) and its more recent troubled history (Shining Path, Fujimori, Cocaine Industry). Experience Peru’s present firsthand and how changes have affected Peruvian’s perception of themselves and their country in the first decade of the new millennium. This 11-day seminar begins in Lima (6 nights) and ends in Cusco (4 nights). Round-trip group travel by air from Lima to Cusco is included in the seminar fee. Seminar participants should plan to fly home (or on to further travels) after the seminar from Lima.

MU librarians and archivists have been involved with this program from its inception, including ten who have traveled and served as Global Scholars in the past eight years. Applications for this year’s seminars are due by Friday, December 14, 2007. Please send application items listed below to Jim Cogswell at 104 Ellis Library. If you have questions or would like more details, please contact Amanda Sprochi, the Libraries’ representative to the Council, or former Global Scholars, Alla Barabtarlo, Anne Barker, Rachel Brekhus, Marie Concannon, Rebecca Graves, Diane Johnson, Paula Roper, or visit the Global Scholars Program web pages at [http://international.missouri.edu/committees/cii/gsp/#1](http://international.missouri.edu/committees/cii/gsp/#1)

Global Scholars Program: Archivists/Librarian application information

In order to apply, please submit the following items:
1. A copy of your current resume.
2. A statement from your supervisor assuring support of your application.
3. A written statement (no longer than one page) addressing the following:
   a) Your present role with students, faculty, and staff;
   b) Your commitment to assist students, faculty, and staff expand their knowledge of international information resources and promote international affairs to the wider university community;
   c) Your willingness to participate in Global Scholars activities, such as a follow-up workshop;
   d) Your willingness to participate in the international faculty mentoring corps in the next academic year;
   e) Your interest and ability to assist faculty Global Scholars as they revise their courses with international content; and
   f) Your interest in international library materials and services.
Extreme energy makeover: Home office edition
Robert Mitchell
Computerworld
http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9045738

November 08, 2007 (Computerworld) Do you know how much your home office costs? I’m not talking about the price you paid for the equipment (you probably do know that amount). Rather, I mean how much of a financial and environmental burden it is to you and your community on an ongoing basis.

I recently found out, for example, that the computing equipment in my home office last year consumed 803 kilowatt-hours of power and directly resulted in the emission of 889 lbs. of carbon dioxide and other greenhouse gases into the atmosphere. (See “The numbers behind the numbers” for the formulas used in this article.) My personal contribution to global warming also included 1.4 lbs. of sulfur dioxide and about half a pound of nitrogen oxide, all byproducts of the power-generation process serving my office, according to the Independent System Operator of New England.

All that energy came with a financial cost as well, of course. Could I save money and help save the planet by reducing my energy use without compromising my business? To answer that question, I set out to eliminate every wasted watt of energy -- and wasted dollar -- I could find in my office setup.

The result was shocking. Based on an audit of my own office’s energy use, I estimated that when I started, my equipment added $112 to my annual electricity bill, or 8.5% of the total for my household. Had I been more careful in the selection, configuration and use of the equipment, I could have saved as much as 80% of that -- and put $90 back into my pocket.

If that sounds like small change in the grand scheme of things, multiply it by the 36 million home offices in the U.S. that use computer and communications equipment, according to market research company IDC. If all offices in the U.S., both commercial and home, used Energy Star-certified equipment, individuals and businesses would save $1.8 billion in energy costs, and the resulting reduction in greenhouse emissions would be equivalent to removing 2.7 million cars from the roads, according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

My biggest savings came from some simple changes. ...
More http://www.computerworld.com/action/article.do?command=viewArticleBasic&articleId=9045738

Submitted by Michael Bland, head, Library Technology Services
Business Policy 1:010 - Canceling Classes and Suspending Operations Due to Inclement Weather

In anticipation of winter, it seems prudent to review MU’s policy on suspending business operations due to inclement weather. As per Policy 1:010, http://bppm.missouri.edu/chapter1/1_010.html, from the Business Policy and Procedure Manual, due to numerous vital activities, services, and research conducted at the University of Missouri, campus operations will not be suspended due to inclement weather. Even when classes are canceled, campus operations will not be suspended due to severe weather. If weather conditions affect an employee’s ability to travel to and from work, the same policy delineates how to account for the time missed.

Related to this, employees who suffer a slip, trip or fall while on University grounds should report the incident as a potential Workers’ Compensation claim. For employees in branch libraries, ask your division head about the procedures for reporting an injury. For employees in Ellis Library, contact Security at 882-4220. Be sure to inform your supervisor, as well.

If you have questions regarding any of this, please contact me at 882-9166 or via e-mail at AgnewL@missouri.edu.

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December Payroll Information

A few items of interest to all employees regarding pay days this month.

For employees paid monthly, due to system-wide issues, the December monthly pay date this year will be Friday, December 21. In contrast, December retirement checks will be paid on December 31.

For employees paid bi-weekly, the pay period ending 12/15/07 will be paid on December 26 and will be included on the 2007 W-2’s.

Goodbye to Steven Silvey, late-night Security Guard. Steven is leaving to focus more on his education.

Hello to Zephan Hazell, part-time, late-night Security Guard. Zephan is moving from student assistant to Guard status.

Competency Level Increase Recognition

Congratulations to Ernest Shaw for successfully qualifying for a competency level increase. Ernest moves to Systems Support Analyst, Expert level. To qualify, Ernest demonstrated a level of consistency and quality in his work that met the criteria for advancement.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT NEWS: Student Excellence Award

Congratulations to Karen Marshall and Jimmy Connell, both of Technical Services, Catalog, Catalog Management Unit, winners of the Student Excellence Award for the Fall 2007 semester! As winners of this award, Karen and Jimmy each receive a $25 gift certificate to the University Bookstore.

The reasons given in support of their nominations include:

• Their efforts contributed to bringing the JSTOR project to successful conclusion ahead of schedule.
• Their industriousness helps to keep the Remote Storage Transfer effort moving swiftly and without slowdowns.
• They consistently demonstrate work skills that exceed the ‘student assistant’ designation.