MU LIBRARIES IN THE NEWS


Effective December 1, 2007 all MU staff will submit their requests via their MOBIUS Site Coordinator.

The MERLIN Coordinators for MU are:
• Judy Siebert Maseles (882-2715)
• Felicity Dykas (882-0837)
• Needra Jackson (882-9675)

In case of an emergency if both of these people are not available the MCO Help Desk will speak with any institution designated spokesperson.

(573) 882-7233 and select option 1 or (877) 366-2487 (toll-free in Missouri) and select option 1

Emergencies are currently defined as follows:

• Millennium server is down
• Site cannot connect to the Millennium server
• Transaction File is over 80% of capacity.
• Number of unprocessed transactions shown in the System Status display is over 1,000 and the number is not decreasing.

http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/staff/mcolso.htm
Announcements

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Archives Contributes to School of Journalism’s Centennial Timeline
Check out the School of Journalism’s new Centennial Timeline at
The Web site is composed of a significant number of historical images from the University Archives’
collections. Gary Cox, Public Services Archivist, worked closely with the Journalism School’s
Communications and Special Events Coordinator, Ashlee Erwin, to provide copies of almost 200
images to the centennial timeline project. During the coming year the Journalism School will add
photos and information to the Web site timeline by decade until the celebratory event, September
10–12, 2008.

Staff Representative Committee Serves You
The Staff Representative Committee serves to discuss issues pertinent to employees of the Libraries.
SRC is charged with serving as a resource regarding library employee’s opinions and concerns.
Please, feel free to contact SRC directly via the web comment form:
http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/staff/committees/staffrepresentative/comments.htm
There is also an SRC drop box in the staff lounge.
All comments and concerns may be made anonymously.
Your SRC committee.
Access Services Representative, Debbie Melvin, 882-1101
Administrative Services, Special Collections & Library Technology Services Representative,
PT Martin 884-6404
Branch Libraries Representative, Will McCrary 882-7286
Reference Services Representative, Ross Taylor 882-4692
Technical Services Representative, Karla Geerlings (Chair) 882-0837
http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/staff/committees/staffrepresentative/

Concert Tickets Available
There are over 50 tickets available for the Nicola Benedetti concert in Jesse Auditorium on
Wednesday, January 23. If you would like tickets, e-mail (scottgl@missouri.edu) or call (882-4701)
Gena Scott by January 18. More information is available at
Creation of the Standing Committee on Digitization Initiatives

The MU Libraries’ unique, rare and valuable collections are what set us apart from other libraries and cultural institutions. They are our legacy and among our most important assets. Selective digitization of these collections is an important part of the Libraries’ future. Most obviously, digital reformatting can enhance the value of existing collections by making them more accessible, better integrated with the Libraries’ other digital collections, and more widely used. They can also help support current or emerging research or instruction in academic units across campus; promote collaboration between internal and external partners; and help preserve rare and endangered materials.

The Director of Libraries has appointed a standing Committee on Digitization Initiatives (CDI) with responsibility for prioritizing, coordinating, and planning local digitization projects and for guiding the MU Libraries’ participation in joint projects with other institutions. The coordination role of the Committee will include establishing mechanisms to ensure that metadata and preservation considerations are addressed as part of the collection development process. The Committee will be responsible for evaluating and approving all digitization proposals brought forth from the MU Libraries. The Committee will also participate in identifying granting agencies that support the development of digital collections and cooperate in drafting grant proposals to those agencies.

The Committee will be chaired by the Director of Special Collections, Archives and Rare Books (SCARaB) and include the Collection Development Librarian, and the Head of the Catalog Department, and two to four subject specialists. The Director of the UM Digital Library of the UM Library Systems Office will be invited to meet with the Committee as needed.

Terms for the rotating members of CDI will be two years and may be renewed by the Director of Libraries. The initial rotating members were appointed by the Director of Libraries. In 2009, the Director of Libraries will entertain nominations and self-nominations for the rotating member positions as part of the annual committee staffing process.

Permanent Members:
Michael Holland, Chair & Director of SCARaB
Hunter Kevil, Collection Development Librarian
Felicity Dykas, Interim Head of Catalog Department

Rotating Members:
Anne Barker, Reference
Geoff Swindells, Reference
Anselm Huelsbergen, Archives

12/10/07
MU Libraries and Bond Life Sciences Center to Host NCBI Field Guide

The MU Libraries and the Bond Life Sciences Center are pleased to host the National Center for Biotechnology Information (NCBI) course “A Field Guide to GenBank and NCBI Molecular Biology Resources” to be held on the University of Missouri campus on January 23 and January 24, 2008.

The Field Guide consists of a 3-hour lecture and an optional 2-hour hands-on workshop. It provides practical information on GenBank, RefSeq, Entrez, and BLAST, as well as other databases maintained at NCBI. During the instructor-led workshops, students will gain hands-on experience with the resources at the NCBI site and will learn how to apply these resources in their specific research areas.

For more information, please see
https://healthlibrary.missouri.edu/secure/LifeScience/announcement.cfm

Many thanks to Mike Spears and Caryn Scoville for their work on the online registration form!

Submitted by: Kate Anderson

LTS Comupting Trouble Form

If you are having computer or software problems that don’t require immediate attention, please complete the LTS Computing Trouble Form:
http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/staff/lts/trouble.shtm

Also, please use this form for any changes to departmental server shares (the Q: drive) or web shares. It will help us track jobs more quickly.

If you need immediate attention, please call us at 884-6404.
Thank you, Michael Bland, head, LTS

December Library Anniversary Recognition
12/1/1979, Robert Almony
12/1/1980, Judy Maseles
12/1/1982, Patricia Jones
12/5/1983, John Kuhlman
12/17/1990, Jack Batterson
12/28/2006, Kat Koehn
You are cordially invited to

The MU Libraries Annual Winter Holiday Party

December 20th, 2007
4:00-6:00 pm
West Entrance Atrium, Ellis Library

Light refreshments will be provided.
You are invited to bring a holiday treat to share.
Family members and guests are welcome.

Sponsored by the MU Libraries Staff Association
http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/staff/committees/mulsa/
Winter Weather Safety on the road

The most important thing you can do when the weather gets rough is to think twice before hitting the road. A blizzard or strong winter storm can turn the trip itself into a life threatening situation. Considering many of you will be traveling over the holidays, please keep these tips in mind.

If you have to travel, check a few things before you leave:

- Keep your gas tank near full to avoid ice in the tank and fuel lines.
- Check your windshield wipers and keep your washer fluid full.
- Carry extra weight (such as sand bags) in the trunk of your car or bed of your truck, particularly for rear-wheel drive vehicles.
- If you have one, take along a cellular phone (with charged batteries), CB radio, or Ham Radio.
- Carry a winter storm survival kit, including:
  - blankets or sleeping bags,
  - additional warm clothing,
  - a flashlight with extra batteries,
  - a first-aid kit,
  - a knife,
  - high-calorie, non-perishable foods such as candy bars,
  - a small can and water-proof matches (to melt snow for drinking),
  - a bag of Sand or cat litter,
  - a shovel,
  - a windshield scraper and brush,
  - and booster cables
- Tell someone where you are going, the route you will be taking, and when you expect to arrive.
- Check the latest forecasts and road conditions just before departure.

And once you get going, just be careful.

- Turn on your lights and brush the snow off of them frequently.
- Slow down,
- Turn, brake and accelerate gradually,
- Leave plenty of room between you and the other vehicles.
- Be particularly careful on ramps, bridges, and overpasses.
- If you encounter a snowplow, allow plenty of room for it to pass and use extreme caution if you attempt to pass it. Remember that the blade on a snowplow extends several feet in front of the truck and can extend on both sides of the truck outside the lane boundaries.

If you become stranded, DON'T PANIC.

- Stay in your vehicle. Don't try to walk to safety.
- If you have a cellular phone, call for help.
- Attach a cloth to your car's antenna or window to indicate you need help
- Turn on the dome light and flashers to make your car more noticeable.
- Periodically run the engine and heater, but make sure you open your window a crack and make sure the exhaust pipe is free of snow.
- Watch for signs of hypothermia and frostbite.

Winter weather travel can be extremely treacherous. But a little preparation and common sense will go a long way in keeping us all safe this winter. Please stay safe this holiday season! ---Ellis Library Security