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Jim Cogswell, Director of Libraries, introducing the opening of the symposium on Feb. 24. The discussion was called “Teaching and Mentoring in Digital Environments: Curricula and Classrooms.”

## The Future of Archives in a Digital Age

by Zac Boesch

The Future of Archives in a Digital Age symposium took place on Feb. 24-25 in the Donald J. Reynolds Journalism Institute with keynote addresses by Robert Darnton, Director of the University Library at Harvard, and William Ferris, former chairman of the National Endowment for the Humanities.

The symposium was organized by Print for the People, a Mizzou Advantage networking group on digital humanities. The symposium addressed the shift in scholarship and teaching from a system almost entirely reliant on in-person exchange to one combining traditional communication and digital technologies. Since easy access to rare or special materials is the primary goal of the Print for the People project team

the symposium posed such questions as: What does it mean that for many the most used “libraries” have become “digital”? What are the implications for the development of knowledge at a time when vast amounts of data have not been made available in digital formats?

The conference was well attended throughout the two days of panels and had a standing room only crowd for its two keynote addresses. Robert Darnton gave a keynote entitled “The Research Library Today: Three Jeremiads In Search of a Happy Ending” and William Ferris’s address was entitled “Give My Poor Heart Ease: Digital Humanities and the Blues.” These keynote addresses and all the panel discussions will soon be available online.

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by Danruo Zhong

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