

# Library Connections

## Supporters Toast MU Libraries' Success at Library Society Dinner

MU Libraries surpassed its \$8 million campaign goal, announced Bill Stauffer, chair of the MU Libraries Steering Committee, at the April 18 Library Society Dinner. (See page 2 for a thank you letter from Stauffer.)

Donations to the MU Libraries have supported renovation of the Information Commons, an expansion of the

engineering and journalism libraries, a new faculty lecture series, a chamber music series and a 141 percent increase in the number of collection endowments.

"Congratulations are due to all of you," Chancellor Brady Deaton said. "In the eight years of the For All We Call Mizzou campaign, you have heeded the call to expand your giving."

More than 140 guests attended the black-tie event, including university VIPs, library supporters and student ambassadors.

The dinner included a keynote speech by Vartan Gregorian, president of the Carnegie Corporation of New York and past president of Brown University and the New York Public Library. Gregorian spoke passionately about the value of books and libraries and the importance of supporting libraries.

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Jim Cogswell presents a Library Society tie to guest speaker Vartan Gregorian at the April 18 dinner event.

## Library Resources Now Available for Alumni

Graduation no longer means losing access to valuable library resources. MU Libraries has partnered with the Mizzou Alumni Association to provide members of the association with some of the library resources available to students daily.

MU Libraries created a Library Resources for Alumni Web page, which can be viewed by visiting [mulibraries.missouri.edu](http://mulibraries.missouri.edu) and clicking on "Resources for Alumni." Among its features, the page provides quick access — from the comfort

of home — to thousands of articles in journals found in EBSCO Academic Search Alumni Edition and Business Source Alumni Edition.

"Accessing library services online has been a growing need for many alumni," says David Roloff, director of membership and marketing for the Mizzou Alumni Association. "Providing access to these databases provides additional value to association membership."

"When you want to know more about a topic, you can retrieve full-text online articles that are more

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### Save the Date

Mark your calendar for  
the Oct. 25, 2008  
Homecoming Open House  
at Ellis Library.



# Over the Top!

Dear friends,  
As we entered the new millennium, the University of Missouri made plans for the most ambitious fundraising campaign in its history. That plan involved developing support for the MU Libraries at a level never attempted before. Alumni, friends and corporate supporters were asked to contribute a combined total of \$8 million to the libraries during the For All We Call Mizzou campaign. We knew how much our supporters cared about the libraries, so we trusted that this goal was



Bill Stauffer

attainable. We have been working toward that goal ever since.  
In April, I was privileged to announce at our annual Library Society Dinner that the MU Libraries had reached the pinnacle. As of the end of March, we raised a total of \$8,014,742, with several months yet to go in the campaign. We are over the top and still counting!  
Your generous gifts to the MU Libraries have provided the measure of excellence necessary to achieve true greatness. As our campaign comes to a close, it is a joy to see the transformation of our libraries made possible through your support. MU Libraries has expanded its physical space, its print and online collections, its service

hours and its event offerings. The support of our benefactors has made a huge difference to the faculty, students and community members who depend on the MU Libraries as a central component of their learning, discovery and growth.  
To all of you who have contributed to the success of our campaign — and for your continued commitment to the MU Libraries — I offer my heartfelt thanks.

Bill

Bill Stauffer, BJ '52  
Chair, MU Libraries Campaign Steering Committee

# Essay Contest Winners Announced at Friends Luncheons

Winners of the 2008 Robert J. Stuckey Essay Contest received awards at the Friends of the MU Libraries 18th annual luncheon on April 19. The contest is open to all Missouri high school students.  
The late Robert J. Stuckey was a member of the 1963 junior class of Farmington High School when he died in a car crash. Because Robert had planned to attend college and enjoyed reading, his family set up a fund in his name for the purchase of books for college. It has since evolved into an essay contest for Missouri high school



Friends of the Libraries was pleased to celebrate the 100th birthday of Anna Sanders, library supporter and co-founder of the Donald G. Sanders Collections Endowment at the MU Libraries.

students, administered by the Friends of the MU Libraries. Sarah Englis Young, member of the Stuckey Essay Contest Committee, announced the two winners.  
Blair E. Wilde of St. Elizabeth, Mo., won first place in the contest with a monetary award of \$1,500 for her essay, "A Shelf Full of Wisdom." In the essay, Blair recounts fond memories of reading to her little sister and how the experience impacted her sister's second-grade spelling bee.  
Lynn Andreas of Kingsville, Mo., won second place and received a \$750 award for her essay, "Reading: A Job or a Journey?" In the essay, Lynn explains



Blair Wilde and Lynn Andreas, winners of the Stuckey Essay Contest, smile for the camera after receiving their awards.  
how reading is a wonderful tool for obtaining information and gaining personal pleasure.  
The teachers of both students were also on hand to receive awards of \$250 each for encouraging excellence in reading and writing.  
Read the award-winning essays online at [mulibraries.missouri.edu/about/friends/](http://mulibraries.missouri.edu/about/friends/).

# Endowment Gifts Celebrated



Dave Dugan, right, stands with his proud son-in-law and grandson, Brian and Jack Briggs, next to an endowment plaque at the Donor Appreciation Ceremony on April 19. An endowment was sponsored in honor of Dugan, a former J-School professor.

The Annual MU Libraries Donor Appreciation Ceremony was held April 19 in the Friends of the Libraries Colonnade of Ellis Library.  
Once a year, the MU Libraries celebrate those who have donated \$25,000 or more to create collection endowments for the Libraries. At the ceremony, donors are invited to place bookplates into books that have been purchased with their endowment funds. This year five new plaques were unveiled:  
• The late Barbara Lee Atherton provided an estate gift to endow the purchase of books, paper and materials in the field of pathology for the Health Sciences Library.  
• Sam B. Cook, A&S '44, former University of Missouri curator,

recently established an endowed chair in economics, along with a library endowment to support the chair's research.  
• Jim Stewart, BJ '78, led efforts to establish an endowment in honor of Dave Dugan, a professor emeritus of journalism.  
• Raymond A. Ehrle, EdD '61, established an endowment to honor alumnus, Dr. John McGowan, EdD '54, professor emeritus of educational and counseling psychology.  
Endowments to MU Libraries nurture higher education. The support provided by these endowments allows the libraries to continue to grow vital collections that will benefit today's students and faculty, as well as future generations.



Waiting for new AD  
4.5" tall x 7.5" wide





# Ellis Library:

## *The Heart of Mizzou*

North Side of Ellis Library, ca. 1971 C:1/40/1

Adapted from *The History of the University of Missouri–Columbia Library* by June LaFollette DeWeese  
Photos courtesy of University Archives

The Elmer Ellis Library at the University of Missouri stands at the physical center of campus and is the dividing point between the Red and White campuses. More important than its physical location is its symbolism: the building is the heart of the campus. Some students have spent more time in the library than in any other single building on campus. Nearly all students have at one time or another been inside the library.

Looking back over 150 years of history, one can easily see the high and low points. The annual reports from directors of libraries throughout the years contain many of the same refrains: Lack of adequate space to house the collection and provide study space for users; shortage of staff to perform necessary tasks and improve services; and shortage of funds for both collections and salaries. In spite of the

recurring challenges, those same directors praised the dedication of a hardworking staff who have managed to do an outstanding job with professional dignity and continuing enthusiasm.  
As long as the library remains the heart of the campus and in the minds of administrators, faculty, students and alumni, everyone will be able to trace not only the history of the library, but the history of the university within its walls.

### HISTORICAL BOOKMARKS

- 1841**  
First provision for a library is \$1,000
- 1892**  
Academic Hall burns and the library's collection is all but destroyed
- 1894**  
Remaining library collection moved into the first floor of Jesse Hall
- 1901**  
Campaign for a new library begins
- 1913**  
Missouri State Legislature appropriates \$200,000 for library building and \$75,000 for site
- 1914**  
Construction on the main library, now Ellis Library, begins
- 1927**  
The library collection surpasses 250,000 volumes
- 1936**  
West Wing addition to library completed
- 1958**  
Construction of new east wing addition to the library begins
- 1962**  
The MU Libraries' collections surpass 1 million volumes
- 1964**  
The first automated library circulation system is installed in the main library
- 1971**  
The main library is named Elmer Ellis Library in honor of the first president of the University of Missouri System
- 1987**  
The southern addition to Ellis Library is completed
- 2004**  
The James B. Nutter Family Information Commons opens in Ellis Library
- 2008**  
MU Libraries' first campaign tops \$8 million



Academic Hall After the Fire, 1892 C:0/3/8



Library Construction, ca. 1914 C:20/8/6

*“Some students have spent more time in the library than in any other single building on campus.”*



# Meet the Librarian: Deb Ward, Director of the Health Sciences Libraries

Deb Ward has been the director of the MU Health Sciences Libraries for nine years. The J. Otto Lottes Health Sciences Library serves the entire University of Missouri community, but its primary users are faculty, students and staff of the School of Medicine, Sinclair School of Nursing, School of Health Related Professions, Health Services Management and the University Hospitals and Clinics. Ward also oversees the Zalk Veterinary Medical Library, which serves the School of Veterinary Medicine.

## Tell us a little about your background and experience and what led you to MU Libraries.

As a young woman living in rural Eastern Kentucky, I had a health problem that was handled poorly by my doctor. That illness changed my life. A few years later, I began my career as a health sciences librarian in that same region, where I worked a 20-county area for the University of Kentucky Medical Center, traveling the coal roads to get print books and journal articles to physicians, nurses and others who worked in the small hospitals.

After about five years, I took a position at Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in a field that then at least had a name – library extension. It wasn’t until almost 10 years later that the field was finally named “library outreach” by the famous heart surgeon from Houston, Michael DeBakey. I also took on increasing responsibility for the library, and when the director retired, I was named interim director.

At the time, I wanted a different



Deb Ward

kind of experience, so I helped find a wonderful person to take the director job, and took the position as associate director for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine at University of Nebraska Medical Center Library. But I returned to Kentucky when my mother became quite ill. I worked for UK a second time, this time as a medical library administrator.

It was the enticement of working at a university with a rich computing environment and a tradition of strong cross-disciplinary collaboration that brought me to Mizzou in the summer of 1997. I wanted to be part of building a health information support system that would leverage current information to support clinicians, researchers and students. Missouri had almost no health information support outside of the large cities, and I wanted to see what I could do to make a difference to people in the rural areas.

## What is the role of the J. Otto Lottes Health Sciences Library within the University of Missouri Health Care system?

The primary mission of the Health Sciences Libraries is to support the information needs of the schools of health professions, medicine, nursing and veterinary medicine, as well as the distributed University of Missouri Health Care. Their information needs range across topics to support education, clinical practice and research.

We eagerly promoted the change to electronic information resources so that we could get information out to everyone efficiently. In addition, we teach classes in information retrieval, reference management and the use of information to support evidence-based care.

Sometimes patients ask us questions, and we have a librarian trained in how to meet their needs. One new role some of us have taken on here is conducting

small research studies to examine how information and librarian collaboration can contribute to the quality of health care in our hospitals and clinics.

## You are currently planning for a renovation of the library. Can you describe the plans for the renovation of the facility and how this will facilitate any changes in the role of the library?

The J. Otto Lottes Health Sciences Library is a beautiful learning space with lots of natural light. But it also has some heating, cooling and wiring issues as it approaches its 25th birthday. It has never had good noise control due to how it was constructed. The planning team would like to improve the noise level in the library by using sound absorbing-materials and lessening echoing through the construction of new spaces.

Times have changed, there is less emphasis on print collections, and the library needs to be updated so that spaces formerly needed for the print reference collection can be converted to space where people can interact more freely with one another without disturbing others, and where people can bring laptops, use information technology and distance-bridging tools to support collaboration.

We would like to convert the existing photocopy room to a coffee shop that would open into the atrium of the Medical Sciences addition. We plan to create a more unified service area to make it easier for users to connect with a human being to help them use the electronic and print resources they can find here. And we hope to create a more welcoming study environment for the health sciences students.

I’ve proposed a plan that would

fill in open atrium space so that we can gain square footage to use for group study as well as individual reading and computing spaces. We would like to update the first floor, making that space more attractive and useful.

We would also like to outfit one of the first floor conference rooms with a smart board and distance communication equipment as a resource for students, faculty and staff. This would expand the ability of the facility to support collaboration with colleagues not only here, but in other locations around the country, even the world.

## Library Society Dinner

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Director of Libraries Jim Cogswell recognized Library Society members and the accomplishments made possible by their support. Gary Smith, master of ceremonies for the

*“Autonomy, solace, knowledge and wisdom are found in the library.”*

— Vartan Gregorian

event, wrapped up the evening by thanking guests for their commitment to the libraries, and Kristy Braswell, BA ’03, led attendees in singing the alma mater. The theme, “MU Libraries: Preserving the Past, Forging the Future,” was brought to life through a display of historic Library images.

## Library Resources

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authoritative and reliable than many Internet sites found via Google,” says Jim Cogswell, director of MU Libraries.

For more information about accessing alumni resources, contact Rhonda Whithaus at whithausr@missouri.edu or 882-9264.

For more information about the Mizzou Alumni Association, visit [www.mizzou.com](http://www.mizzou.com).

*These databases are available only to MU alumni. The resources can be utilized by alumni in accordance with copyright regulations for personal, non-commercial use.*

## IN MEMORIAM

**Charles “Charlie” Timberlake** of Columbia died March 21, 2008, at age 72. Dr. Timberlake was a professor of Russian history and taught undergraduate and graduate courses on Russian history at MU from 1967–2004. In 1990, he was recognized by the Mizzou Alumni Association with the Distinguished Faculty Award in 2000. While at Mizzou, he served on numerous committees, including the campus wide Library Committee. He was a member of the Friends of the Libraries and a charter member of the Library Society. Timberlake is survived by his mother, Mabel, his wife, Pat, his three sons and his nine grandchildren.

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## A Lively Library



The Missouri Quintet performed in February as part of the Ellis Library Chamber Music Series.



To celebrate National Poetry Month, the MU Libraries hosted a reading by Missouri Poet Laureate Walter Barga, BA '70.



Michael Wallis, author and voice of the sheriff in the movie *Cars*, spoke in Ellis Auditorium on May 9 about his books, *The Lincoln Highway* and *Route 66*.



Sherrie Goettsch, HES '87, and guest speaker Greg Hawley mingle at the April 19 Friends of the Libraries Luncheon.