

MU Libraries Library Connections

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Welcome Letter from Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin

To the Mizzou family:

The MU Libraries have always been a place for students to study, to research course assignments and to discover hidden treasures in the stacks. To maintain this inspiring and stimulating atmosphere for an evolving student body, we must anticipate the needs of future students and provide them with tools to ensure their success. We must recognize how students are using Ellis Library and the other campus libraries to anticipate our future needs.

Group Study

Students increasingly seek out quiet and secure study spaces that allow them to work collaboratively with their peers. However, the number of group-study rooms currently available to students is not sufficient to meet the demand of students who need to work together on class assignments or research projects in the libraries.

Twenty-four-hour Space

MU students are engaged and active, participating in sports, internships and a wide variety of extracurricular activities on top of their schoolwork. Many choose to



MU Libraries Director Jim Cogswell and Library Society Dinner attendees watch as Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin ties his brand new Library Society bow tie. Photo by Scott Peterson.

begin their studies late in the evening, and they do not finish until the early hours of the morning. Introducing 24-hour study spaces to Ellis Library will support students who need extra time for academics and will enable both individual and group study with a full range of technological options.

Digital Collections

As the number of our online course offerings grows, and as students rely more heavily on electronic resources that are easily accessed both on- and off-

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Ann Campion Riley to Lead Library Association

Ann Campion Riley, associate director for access, collections and technical services at MU Libraries, has been elected vice president of the Association of College and Research Libraries (ACRL), a division of the American Library Association (ALA) for academic librarians, which has more than 12,000 members. Riley became president-elect after the June 2014 ALA annual conference and will assume a one-year presidency of the

association in July 2015.

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to lead ACRL," Riley says. "The experience of working with a future-oriented board of directors will be inspiring. ACRL members are hard workers and bring great spirits of inquiry to the organization. ACRL's current initiatives, such as promoting the value of libraries and studying the role of research data curation,

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News from the Stacks

- The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation has awarded MU Libraries \$400,000 to support the recovery effort from last October's mold outbreak in an off-site storage facility. The funding will allow MU Libraries to remediate mold for key groups of materials and will facilitate work with partner institutions for resource sharing. Thanks to the support from the Mellon Foundation, as well as our generous alumni and friends, total gifts and pledges to assist in salvaging our damaged collections have reached \$430,680. A contract has been awarded to restore the moldy books, and materials have been moved to a new environmentally secure storage facility. For more information, or to make a gift to the Collection Enhancement Fund, visit library.missouri.edu.
- The Renew Mizzou project requires two large rooms in Ellis Library — the West Reading Room on the second floor and the former Current Periodicals Reading Room on the main floor — to be used as office space for staff relocated from Jesse Hall. The two reading rooms were closed to students following spring commencement and will remain closed for up to one year until work in Jesse Hall is finished. The closure of the two study rooms will mean that 437 study spaces will be unavailable for students this summer and continuing until the end of the spring semester next year.

A Meeting of Miles

The MU Libraries have a history of keeping the Mizzou family in touch.

This year, Miles Shearrer, a senior at MU who works at Ellis Library, was reunited with the University of Missouri Health Care physician who saved his life 22 years ago.

Shearrer and his family reconnected with physician Judith Miles at a luncheon hosted by Les Hall, interim dean of the MU School of Medicine, and Jim Cogswell, director of MU Libraries, in January.

When Shearrer was an infant, his parents, David, BS Acc '91, and Kathy, BA, BS Ed '91, experienced a crisis many young parents fear but few encounter. The young Shearrer became fussy and inconsolable, quickly losing his coloring and turning gray. Kathy took her infant to the family's local pediatrician, Hana Solomon, who immediately told her to take her son to the University Hospital emergency department.

By the time Kathy reached the emergency room, infant Shearrer had stopped breathing, but the quick work of hospital staff and the care of attending physician Miles stabilized the newborn, who had contracted sepsis, a severe bacterial infection.



Library student worker Miles Shearrer (center) and his parents (left) were reunited with his life-saving physician Judith Miles (2nd on right) at a luncheon hosted by Les Hall, MD, interim dean of the medical school (far right). Photo by Jim Cogswell.

The family stayed in the intensive care unit for a week before returning home with a regimen of antibiotics. Shearrer experienced no adverse effects from his encounter with a deadly infection. Today, he is studying economics and history at MU.

Solomon, a 1986 graduate of the MU School of Medicine who completed pediatric residency training at MU in 1989, still practices in Columbia. Miles, an emerita professor of child health and genetics, seeks to find better treatments for childhood medical problems through her work at MU's Thompson Center for Autism and Neurodevelopment Disorders.

Where in the MU Libraries?



Do you know where this picture was taken in the MU Libraries? Find the answer at the bottom of Page 6. Photo by Shannon Cary.

Meet the Librarian:

Edward McCain, BJ '79, digital curator of journalism

What led you to MU Libraries?

I grew up in Independence, Missouri, and began taking pictures for the local newspaper at 15. My colleagues at the paper recommended I attend the Missouri School of Journalism. I took their suggestion, earning my bachelor's degree with an emphasis in photojournalism.

I worked at several daily newspapers in the southwestern U.S. Eventually, I started my own photography business. I discovered the value of stock photography, which allowed me to resell images I already had taken for new purposes. In order to increase the efficiency of my stock photography sales, I began learning about controlled vocabularies, keywords, metadata, schemata, databases, digital asset management systems and other methods of organizing information. I found myself drawn to this part of my business and finally made the connection to library science.

Upon graduation from the School of Information Resources and Library Science at the University of Arizona, my internship at the Center for Creative Photography (CCP) transitioned into a full-time temporary position where I worked with improving the digital imaging workflow, assisted in the migration of one collection management system to a newer one, began working with the digital collections to clean up and embed metadata at the item level, and assist in preparing digital files for publication in books.

While working at the CCP, I noticed a job listing at MU Libraries for digital curator of journalism. I was drawn to the challenge of working with and preserving digital news content because it would require a blend of archive and library science and knowledge of journalism and entrepreneurship.

How is your job a partnership between the MU Libraries and the Reynolds Journalism Institute (RJI)?

The digital curator of journalism po-

sition is funded 50-50 by MU Libraries and RJI. I work closely with Randy Picht, BJ '80, the executive director of RJI, and Michael Holland, the head of special collections, archives and rare books at MU Libraries. Being located at RJI allows me to be a part of RJI and the J-School operations and culture, and I make an extra effort to reach out to other archivists and librarians and look for ways that I can contribute to efforts to curate and preserve digital collections, data from research and valuable electronic resources. Lately that has taken the shape of working on the Digital Asset Management System Interest Group with Felicity Dykas, MA '93.

What are some of the interesting aspects of your job?

This is a one of a kind position. I haven't met anyone else with the title or function of digital curator of journalism. This speaks to MU's strength as a center of interdisciplinary thinking and action. On any day, I might be working with student and faculty journalists at the *Columbia Missourian*, MBA students at the Trulaske College of Business, executives in private enterprise, or other librarians and archivists who are working to preserve digital collections.

What vision do you bring to your position as digital curator?

Mizzou Advantage and MU Libraries have assumed a leadership role in efforts to preserve news archives since the first Newspaper Archive Summit in 2011. I want to make sure the University of Missouri continues and builds on that role by advancing what I call the journalism digital news archive agenda. Central to that agenda is preserving news content that was created by a keystroke on a computer, by a sensor in an imaging device or by software or other electronic means. Although there has been some attention given to preserving print or other



Edward McCain is the digital curator of journalism, which is a joint appointment with the MU Libraries and the Donald W. Reynolds Journalism Institute. Photo provided by Edward McCain.

analog news content by digitizing it, very little has been done to preserve the born-digital resources, and there is strong evidence that this "first rough draft of history" is disappearing down what George Orwell called a "memory hole" in his book *1984*.

Because this is such a novel endeavor, I've been given a fairly wide berth to explore how best to approach solving the enigma of born-digital news preservation. I've chosen to use a model based on systems thinking. Based on my current understanding of the state of born-digital news preservation, the BUILD initiative seems to offer a useful framework based on five broad areas: context, components, connections, infrastructure and scale. The basic idea is that these kinds of systemic problems cannot be resolved by addressing any one specific issue or using a single tactic. We need to work on multiple fronts if we are to achieve sustainable results.

Currently, my efforts include creating a conference of major stakeholders in the field of born-digital news preservation, including memory institutions, government agencies, information services providers and publishers. The conference has been funded by Mizzou Advantage and the Donald W Reynolds Journalism Institute.

PIECES OF THE PAST



UNIVERSITY ARCHIVES IS A MIZZOU TIME CAPSULE.

Story by Genevieve Conti
Photos by Shane Epping

Many Tigers have Mizzou history highlights memorized by the time they don a cap and gown: the birth of Homecoming, the story of MU's iconic Columns, a sports rivalry that lasted more than a century and the leaders who shaped the university into what it is today.

Take a trip to University Archives, and you'll quickly realize how much more there is to Mizzou's past.

"The university is an institution with a 175-year history," says Michael Holland, director of University Archives and head archivist at MU since 1997. "While students may be here for only a few years, they are part of a larger and longer history."

To document MU's official functions and the Mizzou community, the archives accept a variety of materials, many of which come from departments when their records are no longer in use.

Above: This Remington-Smith Premier typewriter with linotype key configuration is thought to have belonged to Walter Williams, founder of the School of Journalism. The 16 mm film reel holds footage from the 1948 Mizzou vs. Navy football game and from the team's visit with President Harry S. Truman at the White House.

"The majority of what we have is on paper because that's how business has been transacted since the founding of the university," says Anselm Huelsbergen, technical services archivist.

They also house some audio and video recordings and 3-D objects, which include the first university seal, a uniform from the first football team and what is believed to be Walter Williams' composition typewriter.

RECORDS IN THE DIGITAL AGE

The entire collection takes up about 13,000 cubic feet of space. (For reference, that's about 383,468 quarts of Buck's Tiger Stripe ice cream.)

Some of the archives are housed in Lewis and Clark halls, where the University Archives offices are, but most live in the records center on LeMone Industrial Boulevard.

"Currently, we're still adding between 300 to 400 cubic feet of paper a year," Huelsbergen says.

That number is down from a peak of about 700 cubic feet of paper per year, due, in part, to an increase in electronic records, which pose new challenges for archivists.

"When you take a piece of paper and house it in an acid-free folder and then in an acid-free container, your main concern is that something happens physically to that room," Huelsbergen says. "When you write some bits to a computer disc, you need to be sure that computer disc continues to spin, that you still have machines that can read it, that when they read it, they're reproducing it accurately."

DO YOUR HOMEWORK

Because the collection is so big, "you have to know a little about what you're researching before you show up," Holland says.

"In the world of archives, as opposed to libraries, we don't have a cataloging approach where you control everything by access through author, title and subject," Huelsbergen says. "Our concern is really where the materials come from, and in what context were they created."

Michael Holland, university archivist and head of special collections archives and rare books, appraises departmental records for potential inclusion into the University Archives collections.

Gary Cox, public services archivist, says the vertical files, or reference materials in the reading room in Lewis Hall related to broader topics (Homecoming, admissions, academic departments, student life, etc.), are a good place to start.

"Sometimes I'll pull out a vertical file so they can get their secondary sources in line first," Cox says. "You get your names and dates, and then it's a lot easier to look through our finding aids."

The finding aids, searchable on the archives website, are short descriptions of the materials in each collection.

STRANGER THAN FICTION

Requests for materials come from all over, Cox says. Many records requests are routine, but some can be pretty unusual.

One of the stranger requests he receives is about Jim the Wonder Dog, a Llewellyn Setter from Marshall, Mo., who lived from 1925 to 1937.

"He was supposed to be kind of a mind reader," Cox says of the dog, who reportedly chose the winner of seven Kentucky Derbies, could understand commands in foreign languages and could predict the sex of unborn babies. "Supposedly he came to campus, and the veterinary professors did a test on him, and it was supposedly filmed. I've never found anything about that, but people always ask about him. It's pretty strange."

"That is the beauty of archival work," Holland says. "It takes a very unimaginative person to get bored."



Calendar of Events

SEPT. 16

Is Liberal Education Out of Style?

A conversation with former
Chancellor Richard Wallace
and MU President Emeritus
Mel George during the
MU 175th Anniversary
Commemorative Week
3 to 4 p.m.
Stotler Lounge, Memorial Union

SEPT. 17 TO OCT. 31

American Library Association Exhibit: "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War"

MU Law Library

OCT. 25

Homecoming open house

10 a.m. to noon
Ellis Library Colonnade

Where in the MU Libraries?

Answer: This is the main floor of the Frank Lee Martin Journalism Library located in the Reynolds Journalism Institute. The Journalism Library has been providing critical resources to students, researchers and working journalists since 1908. A brand new Journalism Library facility opened in the fall of 2008 in the new Donald W. Reynolds Journalism Institute (RJI). The library is named after the associate dean of the Missouri School of Journalism, who enrolled a group of students expelled from Louisiana State University in 1934 after they refused to allow their student newspaper to be censored by U.S. Senator Huey Long.

Spring Events in the MU Libraries



Pulitzer Prize-winning author Marilynne Robinson speaking at the Library Society Dinner April 11. Photo by Scott Peterson.



Nora Faris, winner of the 2014 Stuckey Essay Contest, receives her award from Bill Carner. Photo by Gene Royer.



Library Society Dinner attendees mingle at the reception in the Ellis Library Grand Reading Room. Photo by Scott Peterson.

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are continuing challenges. Looking for the next set of challenges won't take long as ACRL looks forward and works to engage and serve new and current members."

ACRL Executive Director Mary Ellen K. Davis is excited for Riley to join the association's board. "Ann was a director-at-large on the ACRL board

from 2009–13 and has a long history of service to ACRL. Her knowledge of ACRL, academic librarianship and the higher education environment, along with her leadership in both ACRL and other organizations, will be an asset to the board as it continues to work with members to meet their needs and to advance the plan for excellence."

Friends of the Libraries Update

The Friends of the Libraries (FOL) Council had their biannual meeting April 12, 2014, in the Reynolds Alumni Center on the MU campus.

The FOL Council agreed to create a Nominations Committee to help fill open positions on the council. Mary Barile, MA '05, PhD '09, will head this committee with Gary Smith, M Ed '65, EdD '71, and Robin Wenneker, BS BA '91, as committee members. Jody Feldman, BJ '78, and Angie Gwinner, BJ '94, were approved as new council members.

The FOL Council discussed the creation of a FOL Faculty Subcommittee, consisting of faculty members from each MU campus department, to advocate for the libraries to the campus leadership.

Gary Kremer, executive director at the State Historical Society (SHS) of Missouri, spoke about plans for

a new SHS building. The design for the new SHS building has been approved and will bear a resemblance to Ellis Library. The new building will be located on the Heinkel Building lot between Fifth and Sixth streets near Elm Street. Land from the MU campus and the city of Columbia has been donated for the building. It will cost \$37 million to build. Kremer does not expect the construction to begin this year but hopes it will soon.

This year's winners of the Robert J. Stuckey Essay Contest are Nora Faris from Concordia High School in Concordia, Missouri, with her first place essay "On the Road (and Read) Again – the Journey of a Roving Reader," and JoAnna Massey from Cass Midway R-1 School in Cleveland, Missouri, with her second-place essay "The Importance of Gender in the Young Adult Action/Adventure Genre."

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campus, we must enable access to all of our library resources, both print and electronic. We must increase the number of digital resources available to our students, and we must provide more of our print materials in digital format to enable students to utilize the full range of our collections.

It can sometimes be difficult to look to the future, envisioning changes to the libraries we love. As we contemplate the changing needs of our students, we remember that the cozy stacks and the precious print collections of the MU Libraries will remain. But with your continued support, we can make changes that will enhance the libraries' functionality for our future Tigers.

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Dr. R. Bowen Loftin
Chancellor

DeWeese to Retire After 40 Years of Exemplary Service

June DeWeese, head of access services, who helped define the MU Libraries for more than 40 years, will be retiring on Aug. 31. As a major figure in many campus activities, state and national library associations, and in the founding of MOBIUS, DeWeese has been an important presence in the academic library world. Her strong leadership and advocacy will continue to affect the MU Libraries for years. At her retirement reception in April, more than 100 campus and community friends came out to honor her. She has also been honored by the university by receiving the title of Librarian IV Emerita.

Awards and Recognition

Bernadine Abbott Hoduski Founders Award

Marie Concannon, BES '87, MA '90, government documents coordinator for MU Libraries, is the recipient of the 2014 Bernadine Abbott Hoduski Founders Award. This award recognizes documents librarians who have made significant contributions to the field of state, international, local or federal documents. This award was presented to Concannon for her talent for turning challenges into win-win opportunities that have directly benefitted libraries throughout the state of Missouri.

Instruction Librarian Goodie Bhullar Honored

Congratulations, Goodie Bhullar, MA '77, MA '81, who received a 2014 Writing Intensive Teaching Excellence Award in recognition of her contributions in serving on the Campus Writing Board, coordinating library instruction for many writing intensive classes and being an excellent teacher. She was honored at a reception April 18 at the Benton Bingham Ballroom in Memorial Union.



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