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Speed, John. A New and Accurate Map of the World Drawne according to ye truest Descriptions latest Discoveries & best observations yt have bene made by English or Strangers. London, 1651.

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GREETINGS FROM THE UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

University Libraries had an exciting semester, thanks in part to several exceptional gifts of rare materials. In this issue of *Library Connections*, you'll see images of maps and atlases that were donated by Gary and Jan Venable. You may be familiar with cartographers such as John Speed, whose 1651 world map is now part of the University Libraries collection. If you're a student, you may work with the Speed maps as part of a class project. The collection is large, with multiple maps by the great cartographers of the 17th and 18th century, and includes almost one hundred rare atlases. Digital Services has been busy creating images for the online Venable Collection and our Preservation Unit has been encasing them in mylar to prepare them for use in the classroom.

Digital Services and Special Collections have also been busy with the newly acquired Hiller Collection. The collection documents cities, industries, farming, transportation and everyday life in China during the second phase of the Chinese Civil War, 1945-1948. Of note is the

collection's documentation of family life among Americans abroad. About 250 photographs are now available in the MU Digital Library. A description of the collections and list of contents can be found on our website in the Hiller Collection library guide. Thanks to Yueheng Lyu, a spring 2019 history intern, for her work to make this collection available, and to the family of Martin and Margaret Hiller, for trusting the University of Missouri to care for this unique window into Chinese history and to make it accessible for research.

Good news continued into the late spring, as we received five 16th-century books from an anonymous donor. The donor plans to continue helping us develop our medieval collection, and by the time this is printed, we will have received additional rare books—each one of great value to our teaching and research mission. Collections like the ones I've just described are not typically purchased by our University Libraries,

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9,623,139
PAGE VIEWS



2,180,338
WEBSITE VISITS



1,248,117
IN-PERSON VISITS

LIBRARY SUBJECT GUIDES
770 GUIDES
9,623,139 PAGEVIEWS

INSTRUCTION
521 SESSIONS
9,950 PARTICIPANTS

VOLUMES:
4,541,039
3,491,204 SEARCHES

VIDEOS:
285
47,515 MINS WATCH TIME
25,217 VIEWS

TOP MODULES:
SCAVENGER HUNT:
634 STUDENTS
PLAGIARISM TUTORIAL:
1,159 STUDENTS
JOURNALISM INFO GATHERING:
631 STUDENTS

UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES

BY THE NUMBERS 2018

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as we cannot allocate the substantial resources that would be necessary. They come as gifts from our alumni and friends. Gifts of cash have been instrumental in funding the work associated with receiving these treasures, so I want to say a heartfelt thank you to all of you who have helped support the University Libraries this year. Your gifts are helping us accomplish great things!

I am also excited to share that we have hired a nationally known library space design firm to lead a space planning project that will inform decisions regarding future facility improvements. Expansion of the offsite book depository has been approved by our campus administration, providing an opportunity to rethink our use of space. We will carefully choose lesser-used items to be stored in the new facility in cooperation with our library users, and will lean on the space planning project to make decisions regarding use of the space as it is freed up in Ellis Library. There will certainly be more space planning news in the months ahead. I hope some of you will choose to invest in these new spaces when the time is right. Thank you for supporting our efforts to serve our students and faculty!

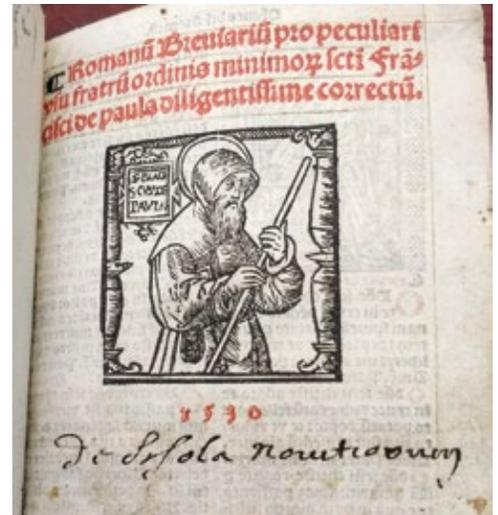
Sincerely,



Ann Campion Riley



Photograph of a dirt street lined with vendors, leading to a decorative gateway. Taken between 1945-1948



Romanum Breviarium pro peculiari usu fratrum ordinis minorum sancti Francisci de Paula diligentissime correctorum. 1530. Paris : Ex officina chalcographica Jolande Bonhomme vidue Thielmanni Keruer, 1556. This breviary, which is a type of book that contains the daily services for the celebration of Mass, was included in a recent donation of sixteenth- and seventeenth-century books from an anonymous collector.

IN MEMORIAM

Joyce Lindgren Mitchell, 86, died March 12, 2019, in Columbia, MO. Joyce was born in Des Moines, Iowa to Buell and Grace Lindgren. Joyce had a lifelong love of learning which began at Roosevelt High School in Des Moines. She received a BS from Iowa State University (1954); an MS in Arts Administration at Kansas State University (1980); and an MA (1994) and PhD (2000) in English from the University of Missouri. She also attended several summer sessions at Cambridge University in England. She worked as the Public Relations Coordinator for the University of Missouri Concert Series from 1981-1989. She was married to Roger Lowry Mitchell in 1955. He preceded her in death on June 4, 2013. She is survived by two brothers, four daughters and their families. Joyce served many years on the Friends of the Library Council and served as a judge for the Robert J. Stuckey essay contest. During their lives together, Roger and Joyce made numerous gifts to various units on campus, and in her estate, Joyce remembered the library with a substantial unrestricted gift. Her gifts of time, talent and treasure are remembered with gratitude.

Welcome NEW LIBRARIANS

In March, the University Libraries hired Rachel Alexander as a research support librarian for the Health Sciences Library (HSL). Rachel graduated with her Master of Library and Information Sciences from Mizzou and a Bachelor of Science from Lyon College. She comes to Mizzou from the Missouri Senate Library. She has previously worked as a research assistant at the Sinclair School of Nursing and as a graduate library assistant at HSL.

In May, the University Libraries hired Seth Huber as a technical services librarian. He will serve as the head of cataloging for the Libraries. Seth has a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Pittsburgh and a Bachelor of Music from Gardner-Webb University. He previously worked as the metadata services librarian at the Missouri University of Science and Technology. In addition, he served as a catalog librarian at Livingstone College and a paraprofessional cataloger at Western Carolina University.



Rachel Alexander
HSL Research Support Librarian



Seth Huber
Technical Services Librarian

ANNUAL REPORT

The University Libraries 2018 Annual Report is available at library.missouri.edu/about. If you would like to request a print copy, contact Shannon Cary at carysn@missouri.edu or 573-882-4703.

MIZZOU GIVING DAY

\$91,625 is a lot of money!! That was the total University Libraries giving, from 88 alumni and friends, as the University of Missouri promoted Giving Day on March 13-14. Thank you!

IMPACT AWARD

Laura Buck, senior library information specialist at the Zalk Veterinary Medical Library, has received a 2019 College of Veterinary Medicine (CVM) Dean's Impact Award.

Each year, the Dean recognizes individuals who "have had significant positive impact on college programs." Laura's nominating letters pointed to her helpfulness, friendliness and dedication to everyone in the College.

Laura began her service with the University of Missouri Libraries in 1989, moving to the CVM's Zalk Veterinary Medical Library in 1999. One nomination cited her "sincere dedication, can-do attitude and excellent organizational skills." Another noted, "she has always been a positive force in the library, keeping the needs of the students, faculty and staff foremost in her mind." Another called her "reliable and helpful," while yet another called her "an essential, vital resource within the library." One nominating letter wrote of Laura, "She is the institutional memory of the library. Wouldn't it be cool on her 30th year at MU that she received this well-deserved award?"

Cycle of SUCCESS

Twenty Years of Successful Partnership

“The health sciences library is a jewel in the Mizzou library system,” says Dr. Vicki Conn, Professor Emerita at the Sinclair School of Nursing.

As a faculty member at the nursing school, Dr. Conn focused on why patients don't take their prescribed medications and finding ways to increase exercise in chronically ill adults. Her research spanned over many years, and she credits Diane Johnson with helping her throughout the journey.

“I was the principal investigator of three National Institutes of Health R01 grants for enormous projects and [Diane's] expertise was critical for securing funding,” said Dr. Conn. Diane remained on the grants after the funding was secured, being named a co-investigator to assist with the research.

“Diane worked with my research staff to facilitate our easy access to the results of searches. For one of our projects, we evaluated over 37,000 potential studies for inclusion. The vast majority of those 37,000 were located by Diane. Diane was a central member of our research team.”

Dr. Conn recommends that all researchers take advantage of library resources and services. “I suggest people become acquainted with a librarian. It is very important for the librarian to understand your program of research. A librarian who completely understands your program of research can be a wonderful research collaborator.”

Providing Access to Resources Directly to Students

This article is written by Dr. Marilyn James-Kracke, Associate Professor of Medical Pharmacology and Physiology.

With the help of Rebecca Graves, Educational Services Librarian, and Mike Spears, System Support Analyst, my students in medical pharmacology are included in the list of students who can use UpToDate and its Lexi-comp drug database for 15 assignments that teach information technology to premedical and prehealth professional students. Each assignment explores different components of drug monographs, drug interactions reports, calculators for renal function, disease treatment strategies and pill identifiers, etc.



Cycle of Success

is the idea that libraries, faculty, and students are linked; for one to truly succeed, we must all succeed. The path to success is formed by the connections between University of Missouri Libraries and faculty members, between faculty members and students, and between students and the libraries that serve them. More than just success, this is also a connection of mutual respect, support, and commitment to forward-thinking research.

My students greatly appreciate this opportunity for professional training. These assignments provide additional valuable active-learning components to this advanced, basic science course.

For the Medical Physiology course and the Medical Pharmacology course, I provide direct links within the CANVAS course components to electronic textbooks so students can freely access any part of these well-recognized textbooks, using the library fees they pay as students. The students feel that I have their best interest at heart by saving them textbook dollars, while also providing access to quality textbooks.

Thank you librarians, for providing these excellent services to my students. I'm glad my students get a great library experience, so they learn to value these resources as future professionals.

Librarians Help Prepare High School Students for College

The Missouri Scholars Academy brings 330 gifted high school juniors from around the state to the University of Missouri Campus. Their time on campus includes a stop at Ellis Library.

Last year, the students visited with Humanities and Social Sciences Librarian Rachel Brekhus, who assisted the students with finding primary historical sources and secondary scholarly sources. The collaboration was so successful that, Ben Balzer, one of the Missouri Scholars instructors, jumped at the chance for his science fiction students to attend Rachel's research workshop during the 2018 session as well as expanding that collaboration to include Special Collections Librarian Kelli Hansen.

"Their work with my students was, in short, amazing! I extended my collaboration to Kelli because of how much last year's students enjoyed working with library resources," says Ben. The scholars looked at items ranging from a comic version of *2001, A Space Odyssey* to a rare copy of *Utopia* by Thomas More. The scholars left their visit to Special Collections inspired and excited to work on their research projects.



Ben sees this collaboration being a regular component of his classes. "I want high school students to gain familiarity with university resources so they will feel prepared to make good use of academic libraries when they arrive on college campuses. Students of literature should also be introduced to the social, political, ethical and historical significance of the texts they read. Working with research librarians helps students better recognize these broader contexts and how they enrich literary study," says Ben.

MU Student Uses Scary Experience to Inspire Her Art

A terrifying event that happened during a study abroad trip became the inspiration for Summer Richie's award-winning art project. Richie, a senior psychology major at Mizzou, said a guy chased her down a New Zealand street yelling at her. When she returned to her flat she told her flat mate, who responded, "Boys will be boys." That phrase stuck with Summer. "In my mind, it has a negative connotation. Other people use it in a light-hearted way. If a boy messes with a girl, people say – what can you do? But then it becomes used to justify his behavior."

Summer took the popular saying and turned it into an art piece for her fibers class. She bought three used books at Goodwill for the project. She said she's always loved redacted poetry and had the idea to cross out every word except the words "boys will be boys." It took her longer than she expected because "each book had 300 pages and there were three books, that was 900 pages," she said. She did all the work by herself, and it took her a couple of months to complete the project, which included handmade papers and cyanotype prints.



One of Summer's books was also on display last fall in Ellis Library, as part of Assistant Professor C. Pazia Mannella's Intermediate/Advanced Fibers class, in an exhibit called "Handle with Care." Richie's book was one of eight from the class to be accessioned into the University of Missouri's Special Collections and has since been shared with undergraduate classes and during a Friends of the Libraries event featuring artists' books from the collections.

Gary E. & Janet J. Venable ANTIQUARIAN ATLAS & MAP COLLECTION



Ortelius, Abraham. *Indiae Orientalis, Insularumque Adiacentium Typus*, [1587].



Ortelius, Abraham. *Typus Orbis Terrarum*, from *Theatrum Orbis Terrarum*. [Antwerp: Gilles Coppens de Diest, 1570.]

The Venable Collection documents the history of cartography, geography and exploration from the sixteenth through the early twentieth century. Materials in the collection include maps on loose sheets, bound atlases, textbooks and works on geography. The collection, which includes 163 single-sheet maps and 79 bound atlases, provides examples of the work of noted cartographers such as Abraham Ortelius, Willem Blaeu, Thomas Kitchin and John Speed.



Blaeu, Willem. *Americae nova Tabula*. Amsterdam, c. 1635.

LIBRARY SOCIETY RECEPTION 2019

On Thursday, April 25, supporters of the University Libraries gathered in the Grand Reading Room of Ellis Library to kickoff the University of Missouri's Donor Recognition Weekend. This year's reception drew more than 100 alumni and friends.

We hope to see you next year for music, food, friends and another great speaker!



Attendees check out a Special Collections exhibit featuring the Venable Antiquarian Atlas and Map Collection. All photos by Scott Peterson.



2019 Librarian of the Year Noel Kopriva and Vice Provost Ann Campion Riley stand with the MU Engineering Student Council, winners of the Outstanding Library Advocacy Award. Pictured from left to right: Molly Sandbothe, Benjamin Smith, Noel Kopriva, Chase Scanlan, Ann Campion Riley, Riley Short, Alyson Jones and Lara Bakula.



Chancellor Alexander Cartwright addresses the supporters of the University Libraries at the Library Society Reception.



Library Society Reception guests enjoy food and conversation in the Grand Reading Room.



Titus Blackmon visits with guest speaker Alison Rollins.



Poet and librarian Alison Rollins reads from her book, *Library of Small Catastrophes*.

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The University Libraries are blessed with wonderful volunteers and donors, many of whom are actively involved with our Friends of the Libraries Council. This year's ambitious undertakings include work by our Vision Committee to rethink our structure and ensure that we maximize our impact on advocacy, friend-raising and fundraising. Thank you to Robin Wenneker for chairing that effort. We are also planning a fundraising event for October—more on that in the near future. Thanks to our FOL Council President, Kelsey Thompson, for chairing the Fundraising Committee.

Last, but not least, Sheila Voss has accepted a new position at the library, coordinating facility projects. We are excited for Sheila, but her presence with the Friends will be missed. As we hire her replacement, we'll be looking for a skill set that is well suited for working closely with our Friends of the Libraries. Thank you, Sheila, for your many years of service to FOL!



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2019 Winner:
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