

FISCAL YEAR 2022

# LIBRARIES ANNUAL REPORT



University of Missouri





*Special Collections | Building Stories, Chris Ware | PN6728.8 .P36 W37 2012*

### **Our Libraries**

Elmer Ellis Library (main library) | Engineering Library and Technology Commons | G. Unklesbay Geological Sciences Library | J. Otto Lottes Health Sciences Library | Journalism Library | Mathematical Sciences Library | Zalk Veterinary Medical Library | University Archives | University of Missouri System Libraries Depository

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## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PROVOST

### **Welcome!**

The review of the past fiscal year is always a good opportunity to look back as well as look forward, reflecting on the impact the University Libraries have on the success of MU students and faculty. Our goal is always to maximize our resources of funding, collections, spaces and services to support Mizzou Tigers at every stage of their academic development and achievement.

The academic year 2021-2022 was an important one for the MU Libraries, as we completed the move of University Archives into Ellis Library, and we began seeing the Art & Archaeology Museums moving into spaces previously occupied by the State Historical Society. Library staff at all levels worked diligently all year long to begin the challenge of migrating our UM System integrated library system to a new platform. The change was driven by the expiration of our contract with the former vendor, with no bid from them to continue working with us. We chose open-source FOLIO as a product over which we would ultimately have more control going forward while requiring more work from the staff up front to implement. After the close of the academic year, the launch was accomplished, giving us the summer to work out as many of the inevitable “bugs” as possible before the beginning of the new semester in fall 2022.

At the Health Sciences Library, about two-thirds of the library was repurposed for needed School of Medicine office space. Planning is underway to make the best use of the remaining square footage after most of the collection was relocated to the storage facility. We all look forward to seeing the newly refurbished space put to good use to support the academic goals of the students and faculty in the health-related disciplines served by that library. At the same time, work in all University Libraries continued to enrich the teaching, research and professional practice of our hard-working faculty.

We were heartened by the funding of a challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities to the Libraries for the refurbishment of the Ellis Library West Stacks. The stacks are structural, making them an excellent closed-stack space to eventually house the special collections and archives material, as recommended by our space planning consultant firm, Shepley Bulfinch. By implementing the design proposed by architects at PGAV, we will achieve the climate control necessary to create a preservation environment for these materials. Our challenge is to raise \$1.5 million over the next several years to make this goal a reality. For every three dollars we raise, NEH will match with a dollar of their funds, up to \$500,000. We're up for the challenge, and our hopes are high for modernizing the MU Libraries going forward.

Effective partnerships are high on our list of priorities for making Ellis Library a prime focal point on the University of Missouri campus. Ellis Library now houses the Teaching for Learning Center and the Museums of Art & Archaeology, and we are leaning toward planning that will see a stronger partnership with the Student Success Center. We believe that a strong combined presence is a key to creating a foundation of excellence for student and faculty success in the heart of campus. Enjoy your review of the past year's highlights!

*Deborah H. Ward*

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Vice Provost for Libraries and University Librarian





# **UNIVERSITY LIBRARIES**

## **Fiscal Year 2022 Expenditures**

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**Total:** \$16,507,897

**Personnel:** \$6,264,563

**Operating:** \$1,159,718

**Collections:** \$5,264,468

**UM Shared Resources:** \$3,819,148

# ABOUT OUR SPACES

**741,065** *total visits*

## **Ellis Library**

Seating Capacity: 1,637  
Hours Open Per Typical Week: 136  
Visits: 544,613

## **Engineering Library and Technology Commons**

Seating Capacity: 175  
Hours Open Per Typical Week: 73  
Visits: 75,599

## **Geological Sciences Library**

Seating Capacity: 27  
Hours Open Per Typical Week: 61

## **Journalism Library**

Seating Capacity: 112  
Hours Open Per Typical Week: 56  
Visits: 55,222

## **Health Sciences Library**

Seating Capacity: 421  
Hours Open Per Typical Week: 86  
Visits: 34,042

## **Veterinary Medical Library**

Seating Capacity: 90  
Hours Open Per Typical Week: 45 (24 hour access with CVM Badge)  
Visits: 31,589

## **Mathematical Sciences Library**

Seating Capacity: 15  
Hours Open Per Typical Week: 45



# CYCLE OF SUCCESS

**Laying the Research Foundation** *Written by Dr. Jennifer O'Connor, Associate Teaching Professor and Dr. Becky Largent, Assistant Teaching Professor at the Sinclair School of Nursing.*

Navigating MU's Health Sciences Library resources can be overwhelming for new students, particularly those in distance mediated programs, such as nursing. As part of a week-long intensive orientation, Rebecca Graves, our Health Sciences librarian, provides a workshop to prepare nursing PhD and Doctor of Nursing Practice students for research activities. This workshop focuses on how to perform database searches and use reference management tools. Rebecca guides students through the search process, emphasizing specific techniques and strategies for research organization. We count on Rebecca to assist students in understanding and implementing evidence-based practice strategies. Her interactive style and knowledge makes students feel comfortable seeking support. While the first major assignments in a doctoral program can be daunting, she is well-equipped to help students through it and make the process feel manageable.

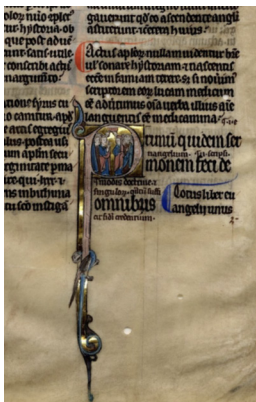


## **Nine Years Old and Alone in 1880**

“If a child picked up coal at a Kansas City train yard in 1889, how much money might he get for one bucket?” Mary Hadreas of Astoria, Oregon asked the MU Libraries this question because of a family legend. Using the award-winning Prices and Wages Guide, created by Government Information Librarian Marie Concannon, student assistant Cade McKnelly calculated that the child would receive one cent for each bucket of coal. This confirmed the story that a family member left home at the age of nine, went to Kansas City and earned money by gathering coal for a penny per bucket.

## **Out of the Box Thinking Helps Case Report Get Accepted**

When having difficulties with journals accepting your case report, talk to a librarian. Evan Prost, Associate Teaching Professor of Physical Therapy, worked on a case report about the solution to a patient's back pain, but had difficulties getting the manuscript accepted. After the three rejections, Prost consulted with Diane Johnson, having previously sought her assistance with authorship and copyright questions. Once learning about the case report topic and what the team was looking for, Diane recommended the team try the BMJ Case Reports from the *British Medical Journal* and the case report was published in December 2021. “She was able to think outside the box and recommended an alternative target, and it worked!” says Prost. “We take so much for granted with the smooth operation of the library and its website. Remember that there are real people behind the scenes making that happen.”



## **Partnership Brings Medieval Manuscript Collection into the Digital Age**

In 2021, Dr. Brittany Rancour worked with Special Collections to create a digital guide to the Fragmenta Manuscripta collection through a partnership with the Department of Visual Studies. The Fragmenta Manuscripta Collection is a collection of manuscript fragments, most of them from the twelfth to the fifteenth centuries, but some date even further back. Rancour's project involved providing in-depth descriptions of over 200 manuscript fragments. Before Rancour's work on this project, there was no finding aid at all. Head of Special Collections Kelli Hansen stated, “This finding aid has helped staff and patrons tremendously in locating specific items according to various themes.”

**For more Cycle of Success stories, visit [library.missouri.edu/news/cycle-of-success](https://library.missouri.edu/news/cycle-of-success).**

# LIBRARY HIGHLIGHTS

## New Integrated Library System Announced

In August of 2021, The UM Library Council, in conjunction with the UM System ILS Task Force, announced that FOLIO had been selected as the new integrated library system. Migration began in fall of 2021. The MU Libraries' new library catalog, which is shared with the UM System Libraries, launched on June 22, 2022. The classic catalog is now integrated with the search box on the homepage. This search includes:

All the cataloged materials from the four University of Missouri System campus libraries

All the cataloged materials from the State Historical Society of Missouri

Materials from MOspace

Electronic resources including articles, eBooks, journals, video, and other digital materials from library databases and open access (OA) resources.

## MU Libraries Receives NEH Grant to Renovate Ellis Library West Stacks for Special Collections and Archives

The University of Missouri Libraries was awarded a \$500,000 Infrastructure and Capacity Building Grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH). This funding will be used to renovate the West Stacks in Ellis Library to provide climate-controlled storage for Special Collections and Archives. Construction is anticipated to begin in 2024.

"This renovation will benefit students and researchers by ensuring our distinctive collections are housed in appropriate conditions for long-term preservation," says Deborah Ward, Interim Vice Provost for Libraries.

The West Stacks consists of eight levels of structural stacks, and this renovation will enable all eight levels to house rare and archival collections. Special Collections and Archives is home to a diverse selection of historic materials, including manuscripts, papers, maps, and more.

"These materials are valuable assets for secondary and university teaching, and they attract scholars from other universities," stated MU Provost Latha Ramchand.



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# LIBRARY USAGE | Fiscal Year 2022

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## Circulation by Library

- Ellis: 27,311
- Depository: 3,107
- Engineering: 1,248
- Geology: 205
- Health Sciences: 554
- Journalism: 1,416
- Math: 896
- Veterinary Medical: 370
- **Total Circulation: 35,107**

## E-Resources & Website Use

- Website Visits: 1,589,844
- Webpage Views: 2,834,475
- Database Searches: 24,370,247
- MOspace Downloads: 1,730,522
- LibGuides Views: 1,451,068

## LibGuides (Top 10 guides by use)

- Prices & Wages by Decade: 767,365
- Resources for Medical Students: 29,796
- Evidence Based Nursing Practice: 29,059
- EndNote for Windows: 25,382
- Negro, Black and African-American Census Reports: 22,971
- Journalism - Strategic Communication: 20,595
- Data Sets for Quantitative Research: 16,179
- Translation Services: 14,522
- Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering: 14,147
- ATU-AT-Motif: 13,278

## Digital Media and Innovation Lab Usage Stats

- **Total: 230 requests made, 353 students total**

## Collections

- Number of Print Volumes: 2,614,431
- Number of e-books: 1,209,379

## Equipment Checkout

Includes digital storytelling equipment, AV equipment, laptops, iPads and AV accessories

- Ellis: 7,500
- Health Sciences: 1,279
- Geology: 36
- Engineering: 1,192
- Missourian: 6
- Math: 5
- Journalism: 6,193
- **Total: 16,211**



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## **E-Learning Modules & Student Use**

- Plagiarism: 2,684
- Special Collections Handling: 854
- Scavenger Hunt (online): 215
- Scavenger Hunt (in-person): 262
- Primary & Secondary Resources: 64
- Library & Archival Collections: 25

## **Instruction**

- 7,371 Class/Tour Participants
- 376 Classes

## **Libraries YouTube Videos**

- Videos: 400
- Views: 38,743
- Lifetime Views: 208,956

## **Reference Questions**

- In-Person: 1,835
- Virtual: 5,238

## **Other Questions**

- In-Person: 20,904
- Virtual: 3,216

## **Research Consultations**

- 592

## **Interlibrary Loan and Delivery Services**

- Items Borrowed: 21,261
- MOBIUS Borrowed: 6,668
- Items Loaned: 17,813
- MOBIUS Lending: 7,625
- Campus Scan & Delivery Service: 2,024

## **Special Collections Materials Usage**

- Book Usage: 3,060
- Research Help: 555

## **Special Collections Instruction**

- Sessions: 92
- Participants: 1,266

## **Archives Material Usage**

- Requests: 548
- Collections Used: 1,279

## **Archives Instruction**

- Tours/Classes/Presentations: 18
- Participants: 109

## **Archives Requests for Publication**

- Requests: 30
- Digitized Objects Provided: 113

# PRESENTATIONS & PUBLICATIONS

**Concannon, Marie** (co-presenter). Inside the Monthly Labor Review: 107 Years of Historical Data. U.S. Government Publishing Office, Virtual, June 2022.

**Moeller, Kimberly.** (2021, September). Literature Reviews: Providing Support, Leading Workshops, and Publishing Your Own. Missouri Library Association Annual Conference, St. Louis, September 2021.

**Pierce, Jeannette E,** (co-presenter). News You Can Use: Update on the ACRL Academic Library Trends and Statistics Survey. Presentation, American Library Association Annual Conference, Washington, D.C., June 2022.

**Pryor, Christina.** You On Paper: An Application Process Workshop. Missouri Library Association Annual Conference, St. Louis, September 2021.

**Pryor, Christina.** Wellness Works! Texas Library Association Annual Conference, Fort Worth, September 2021.

**Pryor, Christina.** Literacy, Health, and Libraries. MOBIUS Annual Conference, Independence, June 2022.

**Pryor, Christina** (panelist). Reimagining the Practicum Experience: Post-pandemic Round-up. Medical Library Association, New Orleans, May 2022.

**Sprochi, Amanda.** Cool Things We've Cataloged. Rare Books and Manuscripts Section of ACRL Online Seminar, September 2021.

**Sprochi, Amanda.** The new RDA toolkit, what's next? Invited speaker, Library Administrators Council of Northern Illinois Technical Services Section Fall meeting, September 2021.

**Whithaus, Rhonda** (co-presenter). MOBIUS E-Resources Committee Forum. MOBIUS Annual Conference, Independence, June 2022.

**Moeller, Kimberly** (co-author). (2021). The etiologic, theory-based, ontogenetic hierarchical framework of alcohol use disorder: A translational systematic review of reviews. Psychological Bulletin, 147(10), 1075-1123.

**Pierce, Jeannette E.** (co-author). (2022). 2020 ACRL Academic Library Trends and Statistics Survey: Highlights and Key EDI findings. College & Research Libraries News, v. 83, n. 4, p. 145.

**Pryor, Christina** (co-author). (2022). Literacy and health outcomes: A policy roadmap for library leaders. Berwyn, Illinois: EveryLibrary Institute, NFP. (2022, February).

**Thudium, Rae** (co-author). (2021). Public Libraries Expanding Health Literacy for Drug Court Participants (Vol. 47).



# NEW FACES | Get to Know Our Staff

## *Acquisitions, Collections & Technical Services*

### **Joel Kramer**

*Sr. Library Information Specialist, Acquisitions & Collection Development*

## *Administration*

### **Larry Dietzel**

*Head, Safety Team*

## *Research, Access & Instructional Services*

### **Kathleen Donelson**

*Library Information Assistant, Interlibrary Loan*

### **Kimberly Evans**

*Library Information Assistant, Circulation/Reserve*

### **Gabriel Harman**

*Library Information Assistant, Circulation*

## *Special Collections & Archives*

### **Michaëlle Dorsey**

*Preservation & Conservation Librarian*

## *Specialized Libraries*

### **Vera Elwood**

*Head, Journalism Libraries*

### **Lily Hunter**

*Library Information Specialist, Journalism*

### **Peter Kouba**

*Senior Library Information Specialist, Journalism Library*

### **Rae Thudium**

*Head, Veterinary Medical Library*

### **Majiyebo Yacim**

*Library Specialist, Journalism Library*

## Awards



**Marie Concannon**, head of government information and data archives for MU Libraries, was chosen for two awards by the Reference and User Services Association (RUSA), a division of the American Library Association (ALA). Concannon was selected as the 2022 recipient of the RUSA History Section's Genealogy/History Achievement Award for her creation, research and management of the Prices and Wages by Decade library guide as well as her service to the library community and ALA. In addition, she received the RUSA Award for Excellence in Reference and Adult Services Award for outstanding achievement in creating the Prices and Wages by Decade library guide.



**Rachel Brekhus**, a research and instructional services librarian at MU, was recently presented the Outstanding Professional Librarian Award by the Missouri Library Association. Brekhus has worked as a humanities librarian since 1999. Her favorite projects have been creating a Civil War Bus Tour of Columbia, maintaining the tradition of Black History Month Trivia Night, supporting middle and high school student research at National History Day in Missouri, and helping McNair Scholars establish excellent research and presentation skills.





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ELMER E.  
LIBRARIAN  
BORN IN  
DECEMBER 1871  
DIED IN  
MAY 1958