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SAVE THE DATE

Thursday, Sept. 17, 2009
Donald Danforth Plant
Science Center
St. Louis

Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009
The Newberry Library
Chicago

MU Journalism Library rededicated for freedom of the press defender

In 1934, Louisiana State University expelled a group of journalism students for refusing to allow U.S. Sen. Huey Long to censor the student newspaper. In response to an inquiry from the United Press about the expulsion of these students, Frank Lee Martin, associate dean of the Missouri School of Journalism from 1930–34 and dean from 1935–41, accepted the students into the J-School with strong words defending the freedom of the press. “Without freedom of the press, the sovereign people cannot retain or exercise their sovereignty,” he wrote.

On May 15, 2009, University of Missouri leaders rededicated the journalism library in honor of Martin.

Sam Montague, BJ '36, one of the



Photo by Klive Oh

Sam Montague, BJ '36, and his wife, Marjorie, enjoy their return to Mizzou. Montague attended the Missouri School of Journalism after being expelled from Louisiana State University for refusing to allow U.S. Sen. Huey Long to censor the LSU student newspaper.

former LSU students, attended the rededication. Frank Lee Martin III

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Supporters gather to celebrate MU Libraries and free speech

Robert M. O'Neil, director of the Thomas Jefferson Center for the Protection of Free Expression, joked with the attendees of this year's Library Society Dinner about attempting to recover the Thomas Jefferson grave marker from MU's Francis Quadrangle and return it to the University of Virginia, where he previously served as president. But his discussion of the importance of libraries in protecting freedom of expression was no joking matter.

“By preserving and providing access to books and scholarship, libraries serve a key role as protectors of free speech,” O'Neil said.

On April 17, 2009, the MU Libraries hosted the fifth Library Society Dinner in the Grand Reading Room of Ellis Library. The evening began with a reception during which music was provided by MU Libraries administrative associate Kathy Peters, BS BA '93. Gary Smith, EdD '65, served as master of ceremonies.

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Looking ahead

As we prepare to begin another academic year, I want to thank you for your support of the MU Libraries. Your generosity enables us to play a central role in the education of our students. We often hear that libraries are the heart of any university. That is certainly true at Mizzou, where the MU Libraries occupy a central point both on the campus and in the minds of students and faculty. From the main collections of Ellis Library to our branch locations, the MU Libraries are at the very core



Gena Scott

of teaching and research excellence at the university.

As we look ahead, I want to remind you of some of the ways you can help support the future of the MU Libraries.

- Start an endowment to support our collections or programs.
- Honor a family member or favorite professor by donating to the Honor with Books program.
- Include the libraries in your estate plan.
- Join the Friends of the MU Libraries.
- Attend an MU Libraries event. We have several planned this year (see Page 3).
- Help repair a damaged book

by donating to the Adopt-a-Book program. All donations will be matched by a Kemper Foundation grant through December 2009.

These are just a few of the ways you can help ensure that the libraries remain a vital part of this institution.

Again, thanks for your support, and for demonstrating how important the MU Libraries are to you. This is Mizzou. This the time.

Gena Scott

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Stuckey essay winners extol the virtues of reading

Hillari Lagemann, a student at Elsberry (Mo.) High School, and Kaymon Witt, a student at Gallatin (Mo.) R-V High School, won the 2009 Robert J. Stuckey Essay Contest, which is administered by the Friends of the MU Libraries. The awards were given at the 19th annual Friends of the Libraries Luncheon April 18, 2009.

In Lagemann's first-place essay, "Fortune Tellers," she reflects on the stories her mother read to her and her siblings when they were growing up. "In a sense, the books that we enjoy as children are like fortune tellers," Lagemann wrote. "With no crystal balls needed, the choice of a book can predict our futures as we grow up."

In Witt's second place essay,



Photo by Brad Winter

"Realization," she described how her grandmother had passed down her love of reading. "She was positive that even though her grandmother was no longer with her in person, she would always carry a piece of her within," Witt wrote. "Their mutual passion of reading would always be something they shared."

Kaymon Witt (left) and Hillari Lagemann (right) won the 2009 Stuckey Essay Contest, which is organized by the Friends of the MU Libraries.

The annual Stuckey Essay Contest is open to all Missouri high school students. The first-place award is \$1,500, and the second-place award is \$750. The teachers of both students receive awards of \$250 each for encouraging excellence in reading and writing.

For more information about the Robert J. Stuckey Essay Contest and to read the award-winning essays, visit mulibraries.missouri.edu/about/friends.

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was also present on behalf of his grandfather, who passed away in 1941. In his remarks, Martin said that his friends used to call him the "grandson of the Journalism Library."

"We are particularly happy that Mr. Montague was able to join the celebration," said Dean Mills, dean of the Missouri School of Journalism. "He's a living symbol of Dean Martin's lifelong work on

behalf of a free press."

The Frank Lee Martin Journalism Library has provided critical resources to students, researchers and working journalists since 1908. A brand new Journalism Library facility opened last fall in the Donald W. Reynolds Journalism Institute. The institute won gold in the Education & Research category of the IIDA Mid American Design Awards April 17, 2009, at an award ceremony in St. Louis.

"Collaborative learning spaces and new technologies define the new library," said Dorothy Carner, head of the Journalism Library. "Today, the Journalism Library seeks to be the global information nexus for journalism, preserving the history and tools of the profession while making the universe of emerging information accessible to students, scholars and practitioners, on campus and around the world."

MU Libraries: Coming soon to a city near you

MU alumni are scattered throughout the country, and they love to get together. The MU Libraries have been pleased to host alumni events in Boston; New York; Pennington, N.J.; Washington, D.C.; and Wilmington, Del. These events, which are hosted by the libraries and MU alumni, are often held at cultural institutions and have featured fascinating guest speakers, including *Flags of our Fathers* author Ron Powers, BJ '63. The libraries have worked closely with local chapters of the Mizzou Alumni Association to promote attendance at the events.

Mizzou's influence reaches beyond the lower 48. On May 15, 2009, more than 30 MU alumni and friends gathered at the Hawaii State Art Museum in Honolulu. Dave Rolf, BJ '62, and his wife, Sheri, joined the MU Libraries in hosting a reception, which included a private viewing of the museum.

Gena Scott, director of development for MU Libraries, attended. "We have had a great response to these events, and the attendees are enthusiastic in their support of MU and the libraries," Scott said. "I enjoy meeting alumni own their own turf, and the alumni are excited to get together for a cultural activity."

The following alumni events are planned for this fall:

- In St. Louis on Sept. 17, 2009, from 6–8 p.m. at the Donald Danforth Plant Science Center, there will be a reception followed by a presentation from MU graduate Vahe Gregorian,

MA '88. Gregorian writes for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* and will talk about his experience covering the 2008 Olympic Games in Beijing.

- On Oct. 29, 2009, MU alumni will gather in Chicago for a reception in the Ruggles Room of the Newberry Library from 5:30–7:30 p.m. Dr. Wilma King, Arvarh E. Strickland Distinguished Professor of Arts and Science, will speak. King is an expert on African-American history, slavery and emancipation. The Library of Congress' traveling exhibition honoring the bicentennial of Abraham Lincoln will be on display.

If you live in St. Louis or Chicago, be on the lookout for your invitation to these two events. If you would be interested in hosting a reception in your city, please contact Gena Scott at scottgl@missouri.edu or 573-882-4701.



Marion Bryson, BS Ed '49, and his wife, Winona, attended an alumni event in Honolulu May 15.

Photo by Gena Scott



Photo courtesy of the Ridenhour family

Ruth (Dobek) Ridenhour served as a librarian assistant in the language and literature department of the MU Libraries in the 1960s.

Donor honors wife's love of MU Libraries

Retired physician Gene Ridenhour created a student ambassadors program at MU Libraries in honor of his wife, Ruth, who was an assistant at the library in the 1960s.



Photo by Gena Scott

Above: The Ridenhour MU Libraries Student Ambassadors attended leadership training and met Dr. Gene Ridenhour, seated. From left, the students are Jenn Paull, Caitlin Ellis, Elizabeth Criswell, Tressa Canaday, Nancy Meuth and Danielle Long.

Right: Ridenhour Ambassador Nancy Meuth, history '10, of Flint Hill, Mo., leads a tour of Ellis Library.



Photo by Rob Hill

In March, a group of 12 undergraduate students became the first Ridenhour Ambassadors. They had the opportunity to meet Dr. Gene Ridenhour, who talked to them about how much his wife loved working in the library and how she regarded the staff of the libraries as a second family.

“My wife loved working in the library because of the people,” Ridenhour says. “She believed that it was the people who made the library and that the most important part of her job was helping others.” He also talked to the students about the importance of being involved at MU and of promoting the MU Libraries by being advocates, educators and friendly faces.

“My wife loved working in the library because of the people.”
— Dr. Gene Ridenhour

“Serving as a Ridenhour Ambassador is a great opportunity,” says journalism student and Ridenhour Ambassador Brittany Petersen of Mulvane, Kan. “I have learned a lot about the libraries and enjoy sharing information with my fellow students. I also enjoy attending libraries events and meeting MU alumni.” Future plans for the Ridenhour Ambassadors program include having the students work on a promotional

video and plan a fundraising event.

The goals of the Ridenhour Ambassadors Program are to educate undergraduates about what the MU Libraries can do for them, to encourage undergraduates to visit the MU Libraries online and in person, and to obtain input from undergraduates in order to facilitate libraries planning.

Meet the students

The 2009–10 Ridenhour Ambassadors are:

- **Tressa Canaday**, English '10, Raytown, Mo.
- **Elizabeth Criswell**, English '11, O'Fallon, Mo.
- **Caitlin Ellis**, English '09, Edwardsville, Ill.
- **Katie Green**, journalism '11, Basingstoke, England
- **Noah Hollenkamp**, English '10, St. Louis
- **Danielle Long**, journalism '11, Kansas City, Mo.
- **Nancy Meuth**, history '10, Flint Hill, Mo.
- **Brittany Petersen**, journalism '10, Mulvane, Kan.
- **Jennifer Paull**, journalism '11, Dallas, Tex.
- **Morgan Roberston**, pre-nursing '12, Troy, Mo.
- **Ashley Schuyler**, respiratory therapy '11, Columbia
- **Juana Summers**, journalism '09, Kansas City, Mo.

For more information, contact Shannon Cary at carysn@missouri.edu or 573-882-4703, or visit mulibraries.missouri.edu/about/studentambassadors.htm.

Meet the librarian: Karen Darling, head of acquisitions



Photo by Adrienne Arden

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

With an undergraduate degree in German and no idea what to do with it, I went to live in Germany for a while, worked in a bookstore and a library and decided to pursue a library degree. I ended up doing that in England and then returned to the U.S. and have held various positions in large research libraries such as MU. Those various positions gave me lots of experience working at all sorts of library positions. Work on committees of the American Library Association (ALA) led me to be interested in library management, and when the position I currently hold was advertised, it was the perfect opportunity for me to match my expertise to a position.

What is the role of the acquisitions department within the MU Libraries?

The acquisitions department is primarily responsible for obtaining the materials that the libraries have decided to purchase for our faculty and students to use. We are involved in licensing of electronic databases, purchasing journals and books from anywhere in the world, making sure our journals are arriving on time and various other related items. Recently we added obtaining and loading materials to MOspace, the University of Missouri System's Institutional Repository, to our duties. This is an exciting new duty for us and we are all learning a great deal as we make these materials available to the MU community.

On July 17, 2008, MU Libraries staff congratulated Karen Darling, head of acquisitions, who received the Leadership in Library Acquisitions Award from the American Library Association June 29, 2008.

This summer, you received the Leadership in Library Acquisitions Award, which is given by ALA. Why is it important for MU librarians to be national leaders?

No library works alone. We share resources and we share expertise. Librarians generally think of themselves as very service-oriented and serving at the national or international level is no different. Throughout my career I have had the opportunity to share my expertise with my colleagues around the world and to gain from their expertise. As we resolve budget issues or figure out how to live in this fast-paced library environment, we need to be part of the global library environment to share with and learn from others. And, of course, the libraries' and MU's reputations are enhanced by having national leaders on our staff.

Why is it rewarding for you to receive this award?

This award is given to recognize the leadership of an individual to the field of acquisitions librarianship. This recognition is made for individual achievement of a high order in this area. The award jury was a group of my peers from around the U.S. It is particularly exciting for me to be recognized by my peers with whom I have worked throughout my career.

MU Libraries honor 150 years of Darwin

More than 150 years ago, Charles Darwin published his book, *On the Origin of Species*, now considered the foundation for the field of evolutionary biology. From March 3–31, an MU Libraries exhibition in the Ellis Library Colonnade followed the book's historical journey.

The exhibit, titled "150 Years of *On the Origin of Species*: The Historical Journey from Specimens to Species to Genes," was held in conjunction with the Fifth Annual MU Life Sciences & Society Symposium commemorating the 200th birthday of Charles Darwin. Rare and historical books and illustrations — primarily from the MU Libraries Special Collections & Rare Book Department and the Ellis Library general collection — traced the concept of biological variation from the Renaissance through the 20th century.

"Charles Darwin and *On the Origin of Species* are profoundly important to so many of the disciplines that are taught and studied at MU," said Jim Cogswell, director of libraries. "The MU Libraries were pleased to host and provide materials for this exhibit and to be part of the MU Life Sciences & Society Symposium."

To compliment the exhibit, the Libraries also hosted a presentation on the philosophy of evolution and creationism titled "Darwinism New and Old," by MU Philosophy Professor Andre Ariew. In his talk, Ariew examined the differences between Darwin's theory of natural

selection and modern versions.

Preceding the opening of the symposium, Cogswell and librarians Alla Barabtarlo and Michael Holland gave an early tour of the exhibit to Dame Gillian Beer and Professor Michael Ruse, British scholars who visited the university to speak at the symposium.

Beer, a revered literary scholar in Victorian studies, is the King Edward VII Emeritus Professor of English Literature at Cambridge University. In 1998, she was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire (the second highest level) for her services to English literature. Beer participated in the symposium largely because of her critically acclaimed book, *Darwin's Plots*, third edition (Cambridge University Press, 2009), which relates the form and language of Victorian novels to Darwinist thinking.

Ruse, a philosopher of science specializing in the philosophy of biology, is the author of many books, including *The Darwinian Revolution: Science Red in Tooth and Claw* (University of Chicago Press, 1999), *Monad to Man: the Concept of Progress in Evolutionary Biology* (Harvard University Press, 1997), and *Can a Darwinian be a Christian?* (Cambridge University Press, 2000). In 1986, he was elected as a fellow of both the Royal Society of Canada and the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

IN MEMORIAM

Ann Sanders of Columbia died Dec. 20, 2008, at age 100 at her home of pancreatic cancer. Her daughter-in-law, **Dolores Sanders Mead**, BS Ed '53, of Columbia, died Dec. 23, 2008, at age 76. Donald G. Sanders — Ann's son and Dolores' husband until his death in 1999 — uncovered President Richard Nixon's secret White House tapes while working for the U.S. Senate Watergate Special Committee. After his death, the Sanders family donated his papers to the MU Libraries. In addition to Watergate documents, the collection includes correspondence, memoranda, meeting minutes, notes, reports and other publications from Sanders' long career in federal and local government. It took more than two years to catalog the materials, which are now available for public viewing both online and at University Archives. Ann, Dolores and her second husband, Lewis Mead, also helped establish the Donald G. Sanders endowment to promote and maintain the collection.

Library Society Dinner

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Chancellor Brady Deaton attended the event and spoke to the society members.

Guests viewed some of the valued materials from the MU Libraries Special Collections and Rare Books division. Decorated cakes, which served as both dessert and centerpieces for the evening, also showcased images from the libraries' Special Collections.

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Library supporters gather in the Grand Reading Room for the fifth annual Library Society Dinner



Rare books from the
MU Libraries were
on display before
the dinner.



From left: Chancellor Emeritus
Richard Wallace, guest speaker
Robert M. O'Neil, Chancellor
Brady Deaton and Director of
Libraries Jim Cogswell all attended
the event.



Attendees visit before dinner. Kathy Peters,
BS BA '93, provided music.

Tom, BS '56,
and Nell Lafferre,
A&S '55, Library
Society Diplomats
and Friends of the
Libraries, attended
the Library
Society
Dinner.

