

MU Libraries Library Connections

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A Look at the Past While Stepping into the Future

Greetings! Our Friends of the Libraries (FOL) organization has a perfect opportunity to acknowledge the past 100 years of Ellis Library while contributing to the next 100 years. As we approach this centennial year, FOL board member and professor emeritus of journalism Steve Weinberg, BJ '70, MA '75, is writing a history of Ellis Library. Additionally, FOL will have many opportunities to meet the needs of the library, such as preserving collections, funding public programs and advocating for increased support.

As part of the celebration, we are asking for everyone's input and help, as well as assistance in promoting our organization and recruiting new members. It is mind-boggling to realize the number of students whose academic achievements relied on the resources of our library. Yet as those same students move on to

successful careers in many fields, often the library is a forgotten recipient of their university support. All of our libraries (Ellis, Engineering, Geology, Health Sciences, Journalism, Law, Math, *Columbia Missourian* newspapers, Veterinary Medicine and the University Archives) are major resources for learning and research and, in some of our students' lives, a great place to meet friends, grab a quick nap, use technology or discover a whole new world.

Planning is underway for the centennial celebration. The executive board welcomes your input and participation. Feel free to contact me at sjfales@gmail.com with suggestions or questions. Membership applications for FOL are online at: library.missouri.edu/giving/friends.

— *Susan Fales, M Ed '85, EdSp '87*
President, Friends of the Libraries

National Library of Medicine Director to Speak at Library Society Dinner

Dr. Donald A. B. Lindberg, director of the National Library of Medicine (NLM) and former MU professor, will be the featured speaker at the Library Society Dinner at 6 p.m. April 10 in Stotler Lounge of Memorial Union.

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While visiting Dr. Donald A. B. Lindberg at the NLM, Chancellor R. Bowen Loftin is presented a copy of *Hidden Treasure: The National Library of Medicine*, which documents the remarkable depth and breadth of NLM's historical collections. Photo by Matt Gaunt.



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Library Society Dinner

Keynote speaker: Donald A. B. Lindberg, director of the National Library of Medicine

6 to 9:30 p.m.

Reynolds Alumni Center, Columns Ballroom

APRIL 11

Friends of the Libraries Annual Meeting

9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

Reynolds Alumni Center, Room 211

Friends of the Libraries Annual Luncheon

Speaker: Brian Cain, MU librarian

Noon to 2:30 p.m.

Reynolds Alumni Center, Great Room

Where in the MU Libraries?



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

After the Mold: Update on the MU Libraries Recovery Efforts

The University of Missouri Libraries continue to recover from the outbreak of mold discovered in October 2013 in UMLD2, an offsite storage facility. Approximately 630,000 volumes were exposed to mold and are in the process of being treated, replaced or discarded.

About 300,000 volumes have been cleaned by a private restoration company and are being returned to Columbia to be stored in UMLD, the primary storage facility for MU Libraries. Once the books are processed and returned to the storage facility, they will again be available for use. Of the volumes affected by the mold, MU Libraries estimates that approximately 70 percent or 450,000 volumes will be cleaned and returned to storage.

About 130,000 volumes remain to be cleaned, which will be funded by a \$400,000 grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. The grant from the Mellon Foundation, as well as donations

to the Collection Enhancement Fund, will support the continuing treatment or replacement of damaged materials. Remediation funds also are being drawn from a special insurance fund established to insure materials in the offsite storage facilities.

As the full impact of the mold is assessed, MU Libraries will continue to work with partner institutions to share resources and maintain access to affected documents. Of the remaining damaged materials, primarily government documents, the majority are being replaced with copies from Washington University and Missouri State University. Library staff members are working to minimize disruption to the availability of these documents during the process of recovery and replacement. MU Libraries hope to complete the recovery process by the end of the summer.

The extensive mold damage caused by fluctuations in temperature



Brian Cain, interim library depositories manager, stands next to boxes of library materials in the new offsite storage facility. Photo by Matt Gaunt.

and humidity in UMLD2 highlights the need for environmentally secure storage facilities. A new offsite storage facility with superior climate control function has been selected and is operational. The MU Libraries continue to pursue long-term options for storage of its physical materials and hopes to propose construction of an addition to UMLD soon.

Meet the Librarian: Navadeep Khanal, E-learning Librarian

What led you to MU Libraries?

I moved to Columbia because my wife got a teaching position here. The e-learning librarian position grabbed my attention because it was new to MU Libraries and offered its own set of excitement and challenges. There would be ample opportunity for work and collaboration in an area relatively new to academic libraries, and I would be helping MU Libraries explore these areas and be part of envisioning change and growth.

What does an e-learning librarian do?

An e-learning librarian facilitates learning, particularly self-directed learning, using online resources among e-learners. E-learners include both online and on-campus students, faculty and researchers. Self-directed learning using online resources is usually the first step in the inquiry process of knowledge-seekers in the highly connected and resource-rich information environment of today's academic reality. Catering to this reality is a priority for academic libraries in order to facilitate

continued success in the processes of inquiry, learning and knowledge creation. This includes working with librarians and administrators to plan and consider how and in what formats information and services are provided; to realign how instruction and workshops are delivered; and to help the library envision new — or make improvements to existing — resources, services and programming.

The vast amount of resources that our patrons have access to is not only vital for their education and academic success but also gives them a competitive edge in their careers. At the same time, the sheer volume of information and resources also can make them seem veiled and confusing. By looking at research and evolving practices in libraries and at wider trends in the creation, distribution and use of information online, an e-learning librarian helps libraries create multiple online learning and interaction opportunities. This helps users explore, navigate and effectively utilize the resource-rich environment of the academic library.



Nav Khanal is the first e-learning librarian for the MU Libraries. Photo provided by Nav Khanal.

What are some of the unique aspects of your job?

My job combines aspects of librarianship, research, teaching, instructional design, information technology, media production and outreach. It is, by design, a collaborative position both within the MU Libraries and units across campus. I collaborate with colleagues in thinking about our services, finding out what is needed, implementing solutions and improving services. For example, over the summer, we set up a studio to create video tutorials and training material. Beginning in fall 2014, we began recording workshops provided by librarians and other content experts for students and faculty to view online. In spring 2015, we will offer workshops and training in a hybrid format (physical classroom and online) and record those as well. A collaborative project is in development involving students, a number of librarians, instructional designers and IT people on campus to develop online learning games that use the library as a creative space for knowledge creation and sharing. The collaborative aspect of the position and the wide range and variety of projects make this a unique job.



E-learning graduate assistants Karalyn Skinner and Sifan Ouyang work in the newly created e-learning production studio. This studio was made possible with funds from the Dave Dugan Journalism Endowment. Photo by Nav Khanal.



Ken Mares and his father established an endowment for the MU Libraries in 1996.

Making a Difference by

ESTABLISHING AN ENDOWMENT

for the MU Libraries

One of the primary reasons for the success of the MU Libraries is the longstanding generosity of our donors. One type of gift that truly keeps on giving is an endowment. Endowments yield interest, which provides the Libraries with valuable resources for its collections, faculty, facilities and programs. Library endowments may also support new technologies, collections, facilities, preservation or many other types of new initiatives.

New named funds are established upon receipt of a gift of \$25,000 or more for an unrestricted or restricted endowed fund. Unrestricted endowments are of great benefit to the Libraries and provide resources for the director of libraries to meet emerging priorities at his or her discretion.

Former Student Worker Gives to Future Student Workers

Jeanette Bobeen, BA '73, MA '74, of Sioux City, Iowa, established an endowment for the MU Libraries in the summer of 2014. While she was a student at MU working on a bachelor's in English and then a master's in library science, Bobeen worked in several jobs at Ellis Library. After her mother passed away in 2012, Bobeen started to think about her own legacy. One day, while reading through her *Library Connections* newsletter, she started thinking how important the MU Libraries had been to her when she was a student. She contacted the MU Libraries development

office and started talking to Matt Gaunt about helping out student workers by making a contribution to the Libraries. She decided to create an endowment that would provide scholarships to library student workers.

Bobeen was raised in Troy, Missouri, and was one of seven



Martha Mares Lebo created an endowment to fund the purchase of children's literature.

children. Her parents sent all of her siblings to college (two of them to MU), and twice they had three children in college at the same time. "If I had not had my library jobs, I would have never made it through school," Bobeen says. In addition, she feels that the excellent education she received at MU allowed her to have a great career as a children's librarian. After graduating from MU, she worked in public libraries in Kansas and Illinois, and she now serves as the youth services manager at Sioux City Public Library.

A Family Devoted to the Libraries

Ken Mares, BA '65, and Martha Mares Lebo, BS Ed '61, inherited their love of education and libraries from their father, E. W. Mares, who, along with Ken, established an unrestricted endowment for the Libraries in 1996.

Ken Mares is the director of Students and Teachers as Research Scientists, a program he founded at the University of Missouri-St. Louis that introduces high school students and teachers to practices of successful scientists in academic, private and governmental research institutions. Mares graduated from the University of Missouri-St. Louis and recently retired from the institution as a faculty member. Mares is an active supporter of the MU Libraries. He is a member of the Friends Council and is a charter member of the Library Society, and he has served on the Libraries Capital Campaign Steering Committee.

Lebo, who passed away in 2012, followed her father's example by creating another endowment at the Libraries. She graduated from MU in 1961 and worked as an elementary school librarian until retiring in 1999. Because she was a school librarian, she created a collections endowment to fund the purchase of children's literature. She was a great supporter of the MU Libraries. She was a member of the Friends of the Libraries and the Library Society.

News from the Stacks

- MU gained approval from the National Science Foundation to become a satellite location for the Research Data Center in Kansas City, Missouri. Researchers from MU and around the Midwest will be able to access U.S. Census Bureau data for research projects ranging from public health issues to economics. Hank Foley, senior vice chancellor for research and graduate studies at MU, says this new center will further position MU as a leading research institution in the region. The new facility will be located in Ellis Library and is expected to open in fall 2015.
- Marie Concannon, BES '87, MA '90, government documents regional coordinator, is chair of the Depository Library Council, the advisory committee to the Public Printer of the United States and the Superintendent of Documents.
- MU Special Collections and the University of Missouri-Kansas City are involved in the Intercampus Research Program grant project "Multispectral Analysis of Missouri's Cultural Resources." Multispectral analysis allows for the examination of ink application and prior text removal, compositional layering, and "dirty" fingerprints in rare books that might reveal patterns of usage. Using the results, researchers and students can decipher a book's history.

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In 1960, after receiving his medical degree from Columbia University, Lindberg joined the pathology department at the University of Missouri School of Medicine. He taught at MU for 24 years and became director of the information science group. While at MU, Lindberg developed applications and systems to computerize medical records and laboratory results. He soon earned an international reputation for his expertise with medical information systems.

Lindberg was appointed director of the National Library of Medicine in 1984. He pioneered new technologies that increased the accessibility and usability of the NLM's databases and services. Prioritizing innovation and focusing on the potential future of computer and communications technologies, Lindberg drove the library forward in

building databases and digital records systems that became international standards in medical information.

Lindberg announced that he will retire from his position in March. "Don is considered by many to be the country's senior statesman for medicine and computers," said Francis S. Collins, MD, the director of the National Institutes of Health.

Lindberg's work has revolutionized the use of medical information technology. From his beginnings at the University of Missouri to his international involvement in the development of new information technologies, Lindberg has worked for decades to advance the cause of accessible and innovative medical information. Through his direction of NLM, Lindberg has been a driving force in the advancement and innovation of communications technology in the medical field.

Where in the MU Libraries?

Answer: Pictured is The Nook, a new quiet study space in the northeast corner of the fourth floor of Ellis Library.

Two study rooms, composed of 437 study spaces, were closed in Ellis Library to be used as office space for staff relocated during the renovation of Jesse Hall. The staff at the MU Libraries decided to reallocate and renovate some existing space into study space. Some walls

were removed, others painted, and a study bar was installed along the north wall. Barstools were purchased, and comfortable chairs were moved into the area. An enclosed room with computer workstations for student use was created. A 2013–14 award from the Student Fee Capital Improvement Committee funded this renovation as well as another quiet study space on the first floor in a former staff workroom.

Fall Events in the MU Libraries



A pop-up exhibit from Special Collections in the colonnade of Ellis Library. Special Collections routinely sets up mini exhibits in the library. This exhibit featured Halloween-themed materials. Photo by Sifan Ouyang.

MU students Eva Mowatt and Elgin Burton decorate mini pumpkins at the annual MU Libraries Homecoming Open House Oct. 25 at Ellis Library. Photo by Shannon Cary.



IN MEMORIAM

Former first lady of MU Patricia Wallace of Columbia died Sept. 14, 2014, at 78. She is survived by her husband, Chancellor Emeritus Richard Wallace, two daughters and two grandchildren. Patricia was an ardent Tiger supporter, particularly of the football and basketball teams. She also was a great champion of the arts. Shortly after Richard was appointed chancellor, Patricia began a campaign to restore the historic Residence on Francis Quadrangle. In 1999, she helped establish the Chancellor's Residence Preservation Society. The Wallaces have been long-time supporters of the MU Libraries, serving as members of the Library Society and the Friends of the Libraries.



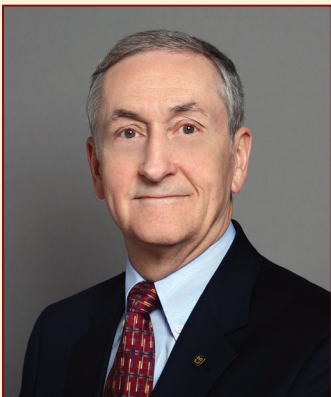
The MU Libraries hosted "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War" at the Law Library from Sep. 18, 2014, until Oct. 31, 2014. This traveling exhibition featured photographic reproductions of original documents, including a draft of Lincoln's first inaugural speech, the Emancipation Proclamation and

the 13th Amendment. The exhibit, developed by the National Constitution Center and the American Library Association Public Programs Office, was made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Photo provided by the American Library Association.



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