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DEAR READERS,

The University Libraries have had a busy and productive fall, which you will see throughout this issue of *Library Connections*. On September 27, the Friends of the University Libraries hosted a successful fundraiser at Providence Point, the home of University System President Mun Choi and his wife, Suzanne. Over 120 people filled their home, as the Friends raised \$16,775 to help with renovations for a new Special Collections classroom. The evening included outstanding food from Jina Yoo's Asian Bistro, along with entertainment by The Stable Boys improv troupe and award-winning pianist and Mizzou student, Ben Colagiovanni. There are several photos of the event in this issue, and you will see that it was a lovely evening. We hope you will join us at our next event!

Some of you may not know that the University of Missouri Libraries serve the entire UM Library System by coordinating and administering shared resources, such as electronic databases. We are excited to further our relationships with the UM System by working toward President Choi's goal of making

textbooks and other materials more affordable for our students. Our Outreach Librarian, Grace Atkins, is the campus coordinator for the System effort to promote Affordable and Open Educational Resources (AOER). Of course, it has always been the mission of the University Libraries to provide students access to the materials they need to succeed, so it is a natural fit for us to work with libraries across the UM System to provide affordable textbooks and course materials to our students.

Thank you for your continued support of the University Libraries!

Sincerely,

Ann Campion Riley
Vice Provost and University Librarian

Calendar of Events

FEBRUARY 4, 2019

Exodus: Images of Black Migration in Missouri and Beyond, 1866-1940

4:00pm - 5:00pm

114A Ellis Library

APRIL 18 - 20, 2019

Unbound Book Festival

Columbia, MO

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2019

Library Society Reception

Part of Donor Recognition Weekend

4:30 - 7:00 pm

Ellis Library Grand Reading Room

Featuring Alison Rollins, Award-Winning Poet

WILLIAM TROGDON

BA '61, MA '62, PhD '73, BJ '78, LHD '11

New York Times best-selling author | Mizzou Hall of Fame

"Never mind that Mark Twain had stood on the steps of Jesse Hall. History was at The Shack. We may not have learned history there, but we surely felt it."

Although William Trogon arrived on campus in 1957 already on academic probation, he soon demonstrated the talent, wit and work ethic that eventually earned him five MU degrees. In the 1950s, the only freshmen allowed in the library stacks were honors students, Trogon says. "I remember going through that little entrance on the second floor and seeing the closed stacks for the first time." He was awestruck. In that moment, Trogon voluntarily shouldered what felt like an overwhelming responsibility for the hundreds of thousands of volumes hunched under the low ceilings. They were somehow his to read and care for. "Noooooo! I'm doomed," he thought. "But I loved it."

In 1978, Trogon, who writes under the pseudonym William Least Heat-Moon, embarked upon a cross-country journey

that he documented in his first *New York Times* bestseller, *Blue Highways*. He has gone on to publish not only non-fiction works including *PrairieEarth* and *River-Horse* but also a novel, *Celestial Mechanics*. The University of Missouri Press published Trogon's book *Writing Blue Highways* in 2014.

Almost sixty years after he first stepped foot in Ellis Library, Trogon still feels a responsibility towards the collections housed there. He formalized his paternal feelings by making a seven-figure donation to the University Libraries. The estate gift goes to a fund for rare books and special collections on American exploration, travel, topography and Native American studies.



The University Libraries are proud to share the news that William Trogon was inducted into the Mizzou Hall of Fame in October. There are only nine members of the Hall of Fame, and we are thrilled to see an author in that select company. It would be hard to find a candidate with a deeper connection to Missouri, or a bigger heart for the institution.



SPECIAL COLLECTIONS RENOVATIONS

Did you know that Special Collections reaches thousands of students across a diverse range of classes and research projects? Interested in biological science? Come to Special Collections. Business management? Come to Special Collections. Theatre? Come to Special Collections!

Last year alone, Special Collections taught 2,200 students from 165 classes, including History, Humanities, English, Art, Classics, Textile and Apparel management and many more. (Interested in a class on the history of the plague? We've got you covered.) What makes this teaching load even more incredible is that our Special Collections librarians have been doing this wonderful work without a classroom. Thanks to numerous generous donors, that changed this fall.

Through a partnership with the Center for Research Libraries (CRL), we were able to transfer our aging microfilm to CRL's Chicago repository and replace it with digital copies, opening up a large microfilm storage room on the 4th floor of Ellis Library. The partnership with CRL reduced cost and staffing demands while increasing access. It also freed up ideal space for the new classroom. Classroom renovations were made over the summer and by mid-September, Mizzou students were finding inspiration from our special treasures in the new space.

Special Collections Librarian, Kelli Hansen, is grateful to have a dedicated classroom. "The classroom has made a huge difference in the quality of the experiences we offer to our students and faculty," Hansen said. "We were able to design the space to allow much more flexibility and creativity in the way we structure our teaching than we had when we were teaching in the reading room. Teaching in it is a joy!"

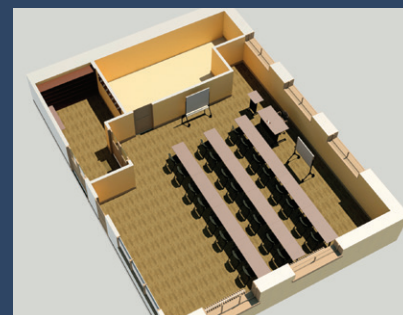
Of course, the research mission has also benefited. "The classroom frees up the reading room so that our researchers have their own dedicated space to work," Hansen added. "This semester we've often had students doing individual research with Special Collections materials in the reading room while classes were in session in the classroom – something that wasn't possible before the renovation."

The classroom was phase one of a two-phase renovation. We hope to make much needed upgrades to offices and workrooms in the summer of 2019. With generous support from our donors, it will happen! If you would like to contribute to this project, please contact Matt Gaunt at gauntm@missouri.edu.

PROJECT PLANNING

- Projected cost for instruction space (phase 1): \$150,000
- Projected cost for office and work-room improvements (phase 2): \$225,000
- Friends of the Libraries September 2018 Fundraiser: \$16,775
- Grand total raised to date: \$99,750

Naming opportunities are available.



AN AUTUMN EVENING for the LIBRARIES

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Thanks to our many sponsors and guests, we raised \$16,775 for Special Collections renovations!



Courtney Gaunt, Susan Gray, Lyle Johnson, Dave Baugher, Steve Sowers and Handy Williamson | Steve and Lyle represented our Presenting Sponsor, CommerceTrust Company.



FOL President, Ellen Rippeto, a member of the outstanding team behind our event



Thank you to Jina Yoo's Asian Bistro!



Suzanne Choi, Gina Choma, Stacey Thompson, Cindy Mustard and Ti Guess



Cathy Salter, Fassil Mesfin, Richard Wallace, Ted Choma, Brian Foster and Tom Rafiner



The Stable Boys (and girls!) kept the crowd laughing.



A sequined surprise! The Magic Jacket



University Librarian, Ann Campion Riley,
Petch Peden and Robert Harper



President Choi expressed his appreciation
for the University Libraries.

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University of Missouri Libraries Welcome Christina & Steven Pryor

The University of Missouri Libraries are pleased to welcome Christina and Steven Pryor. Christina has been hired as the new Missouri coordinator for the National Network of Libraries of Medicine in the Midcontinental Region. She has a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Missouri and a Bachelor of Journalism from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale. She is coming to us from the University of Washington Health Sciences Library in Seattle where she served as the assistant director and community health education coordinator. Her previous positions include consulting and education services manager for Amigos Library Services, reference manager for the St. Louis County Library System, and medical research librarian for Covidien/Mallinckrodt. Christina is currently serving as the conference chair for the Library Marketing and Communications

Conference, which will be held in St. Louis this fall.

Steven Pryor has been hired as a librarian in the research, access services and instruction department. Steven has a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Washington and a Bachelor of Science in computer science from Southern Illinois University. Steven previously served as head of information and technology services (ITS) operations for the University of Washington Libraries. Before that he served as the ITS special projects librarian. Other previous positions include director of digital initiatives and technologies at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville and technology manager for Saint Louis University Libraries.



CHRISTINA PRYOR



STEVEN PRYOR

Spotlight on the J. OTTO LOTTES HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY

The J. Otto Lottes Health Sciences Library is one of eight specialized libraries that serve the University of Missouri. In 1985, the library moved from the Medical Center to a 50,000-square-foot facility located in the northwestern part of the MU Health Sciences Center. The library was named for Dr. J. Otto Lottes, an orthopedic surgeon from St. Louis and an MU alumnus.

The Health Sciences Library is available to the entire MU community, but its primary users are faculty, students and staff of the School of Medicine, Sinclair School of Nursing, School of Health Professions, Health Management and Informatics, and the University Hospitals and Clinics. In addition, the library is part of the National Library of Medicine's National Network of Libraries of Medicine (NN/LM) Program, which is a nationwide network of more than 4,000 health sciences libraries and information centers.

Doctor Discovers Librarians Are on Her Research Team

Dr. Elizabeth Malm-Buatsi didn't know where to turn when she wanted to improve her standing as a researcher. As the only pediatric urologist at MU HealthCare, and often called away for surgeries, she had no built-in research team she could lean on. After flying solo for a few months, she found herself on the verge of abandoning projects she was passionate about, frustrated by the research process and unsure how to proceed. Luckily, a colleague suggested she contact Diane Johnson at the Health Sciences Library. Dr. Malm-Buatsi says that initial meeting was absolutely life-changing.

When she first contacted Diane, Dr. Malm-Buatsi was creating an educational flyer to give to parents about newborn circumcisions. Diane was able to find the information in a matter of minutes, at least that's how Dr. Malm-Buatsi describes it. "Ever since meeting Diane, my outlook on research projects has changed," she says, "and I've learned to enjoy the process.

She makes sure to keep me on track, makes the process easier, and helps me think critically about what I'm working on."

Dr. Malm-Buatsi also wanted to assess residents' satisfaction with an online surgical training system, which includes a pre-surgery assessment that allows the residents to set goals and view videos before surgery. Caryn Scoville, Information Services Librarian, consulted with Dr. Malm-Buatsi, designed a survey in Qualtrics, and distributed it to the residents. Dr. Malm-Buatsi and her colleagues submitted an abstract about their system, and although it hasn't been accepted yet, she is positive it will, in large part because of Caryn's behind-the-scenes work.

"Now that I am in their minds, I often receive emails with suggestions or pieces of information related to my projects. Their help has had a huge impact on my career."

HEALTH SCIENCES LIBRARY WISH LIST

For a complete list of giving opportunities, visit <http://library.muhealth.org/about/giving-opportunities/>.

- Renovation of 2nd and 3rd floors: \$5,000,000
- Coffee Shop as requested by students: Estimated cost \$500,000
- Sound masking as requested by students: Estimated cost \$60,000
- Soft study chairs as requested by students: Estimated cost \$1,000 per chair

Featured Cycle of Success

Dr. Elizabeth Malm-Buatsi





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