

Top Ten List
Celebration of Service
April 23, 2009

Ten – We addressed the goals of **improving our staff resources and to enhance communications** by

- > Reconstituting standing committees SDC and DAC; under Leo Agnew's leadership, stellar workshops, classes, and town-meetings, etc.
- > Newly-formed Collections Steering Committee (CSC) and Technical Services Collections Committee (TSCC) to reorganize of collection management functions

Nine - **Opening of our new J-Library**

- > Doubled space from previous location; proving to be most popular space in RJL; work of many, including J-Library staff, Access Services, Tech Services, LTS and others
- > Rededication of Frank Lee Martin Journalism Library on May 15; Hope to have members of LSU-Six on hand

Eight – In addition to J-Library, **Enhanced facilities and technology**, including:

- > Expanded seating in Bookmark Café (double total seats)
- > new iMacs in Info Commons, 10 new checkout laptops
- > Prep for “cave” to make way for Telepresence Room
- > Efforts underway to reclaim study space in Ellis stacks and storage areas

Seven - Focus on stated objective to **emphasize electronic over print access** to resources

- > So far this year, we have added over 35,000 new cataloged items; but only slightly more than half that number are physical (mostly print) items
- > We continue to transfer items out of Ellis stacks and into UMLD-2; for second year in a row, we have negative net-growth in Ellis stacks (over 30k moved out as of last year, over 10k so far this year)
- > Plan to reclaim space in Ellis for users rather than static collections
- > Of course, this takes the coordinated efforts of many people: Special kudos to cataloging, access services/shelving staff, and selectors

Six - **Exhibits, lectures and other events**; Exhibits Committee along with Mike Holland and the staff of departments of Archives and Rare Books especially commended for exhibits, including:

- > Alley Oop exhibit and film and lecture series in September
- > MU Football over Homecoming and lecture in October
- > Darwin exhibit and lecture in March, in conjunction w. Darwin Days Symposium

Other notable events included:

- > Author visits Greg Mortenson "Three Cups of Tea" in September, and Will Trogdon "Roads to Quoz" in March; thanks to Cindy Cotner, Shannon Cary
- > Faculty Lectures and Music at Noon chamber concerts continued
- > Library Society and Friends events of last week
- > (lest we forget) Ellis televises Inauguration Ceremony, in November (LTS and E. Shaw)
- > as always, Pat Jones and security/facilities staff make this possible by setting up and taking down furniture for events

Five - Kemper Preservation Grant progress

- > In January, funds gained through Adopt-a-Book \$35,000 in gifts and matching funds (about ½ expended); 125 titles identified, often multiple volumes of title
- > Minter welder has arrived, and will be functioning soon
- > Renovation of Ellis main rare book vault (fourth floor) scheduled for summer 2009; for first time, secure and climatized space
- > Thanks to Preservation Committee, staff of SCARaB Division, and others for making this final year of the grant successful

Four - Increased outreach/collaboration/services to users (a whole lot of examples and way too many people to single out individually)

- > ELTC gets award from Engineering students in December:

The certificate awarded to the Engineering Library staff states: "Your understanding of the problems and concerns that are unique to engineering students has enhanced their learning experiences, bolstered their career opportunities and quality of life at the College of Engineering. This accomplishment has also enabled the College of Engineering to increase student retention and graduation rates as well as enhance their learning experience."

- > Similar Recognition to the HSL and VML by their faculty for contributing to the quality of patient care and clinical scholarship; and for expanded involvement in grants and contracts
- > Kudos for Ellis Reference for partnering with Student Success Ctr for piloting a student tutoring program inaugurated this spring
- > Journalism Faculty have cited the Journalism Library staff for their outreach activity, including participation in the journalism curriculum committee, so library topics are being integrated into course work
- > Our SISLT/IMLS Fellows have been introduced; special thanks are due to Ann Riley and Sarah Cron for coordinating their first-year experience

Three - Special examples of service to users:

- > The popular Graduate Research Seminars, student workshops conducted by Ellis Reference received rave reviews from faculty

- > New subject Content Management System has allowed for easier creation of subject guides and course sourcepacks for users; many at Ellis Reference, Journalism and Engineering as well as HSL have worked on this; special kudos to Mathew Stephen of LTS
- > Work by Tech Services folks for adding our print holdings to Findit@MU, so that users go into MERLIN to the exact record and holdings they seek; (what a concept! What a lot of work!)
- > Usability tests captured with Camtasia and shared with library staff;

Two - MOspace development

- > New website, new content, new interest on part of faculty and students to include digital resources
- > Everyone who has worked over the past two years to help faculty comply with the NIH mandate to put digital copies on deposit can take a bow in educating MU researchers on using MOspace
- > Collecting digital assets from the Energy Summit, currently underway; adding MU theses and dissertations in near future (from UMKC, UMSL too);
- > Thanks due to many who have worked on MOspace, especially to Ann Riley and members of the MOspace working group for their efforts this year

One - Obtaining \$850k in new acquisitions funding for FY09

- > news of additional \$240k for FY10
- > special thanks due to the Library Committee, which lobbied hard for this, and ultimately to the Provost, who has built
- > given the fiscal realities of the past year, this has to be the number one achievement in my book. This wouldn't have happened if the Libraries had not made the case that we are not only central but vital to the academic and research enterprise at MU. So thanks to everyone who has helped us to realize these achievements this year!