

## MU Libraries – Top Ten List

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This has become popularly known as the “Top Ten List,” and this year it actually does consist of the “top ten”. But I cheated a little. We had a happy problem of way more than ten accomplishments to note. So, I grouped our many achievements into ten categories of accomplishments.

### 10. Increased use of existing services

- We still have well over 500k people coming through the turnstiles of Ellis Library annually; and over 100k annually in HSL, Journalism and Engineering
  - Augmented hours during finals week (see headcount stats)
- ILL borrowing and lending counts up over 15%, while exceeding GWLA benchmarks for service
- Cataloging volume is up, with over 400 names added through NACO; over 20,000 records added for electronic resources, and cataloging of the World War poster collection almost complete
  - UMLD transfers are now incorporated into flow of new materials – we now have same number of items going to storage as we have new items coming into collections

### 9. New and/or Enhanced services

- Circulation of content-capture equipment in Ellis and branches:
  - Video equipment; Webcams; Digital cameras; and Tripods
- Research Assistance program (tutors in Ellis)
- Lib guides being used to provide help for online users
- Vending machine in Ellis Library
- Kindles at Journalism Library

### 8. Outreach and instruction

- Writing Tutor program; Tutors in Ellis Library Information Commons, Libraries sharing costs with Writing Center
- User instruction efforts
  - ET@mo
  - Teachnology

### 7. Organizational Development

- Revamped SDC and DAC committees in terms of structure; programs include:
  - Deliberative dialogue sessions
  - Town hall meetings
  - Strategic Planning meetings
  - Mizzou Advantage open staff meetings
- SDC has sponsored 15.5 hours of training since the fall of '08; DAC has sponsored 4.0 hours since Jan. '09.
- SDC Initiated 'Front-Line Supervisor' training as a new training module for supervisors. DAC held two 'town hall' meetings to kick start the year.
- Breaking news: three academic staff newly promoted – Mary Aycock (L-I), Anselm Huelsbergen (A-III), Barb Jones (L-IV)
  - Since 7/1/08, 9 competency level increases; 7 reclassifications; 7 librarian/archivist promotions

## 6. Digital Library initiatives and MOspace

- Access to Digital Collections – 2.8 million downloads from MU Digital Library, from over 12,000 cataloged items
- IMLS grant to digitize materials on St. Louis world's fair
- MOspace continues to grow; after just two full years of existence:
  - 7,000 items total
  - Include MU theses and dissertations
  - **(Ann to look up downloads...)**
- Snapshot of MU and UM websites by University Archives (for preservation purposes)
  - 1st Web crawl (July 2007); Size of capture ~100 GB; Files: 803K
  - Latest Web crawl (January 2010); Size of capture ~143GB; Files: 941K
- Special collections exhibits on line
  - Anatomical Illustration: Art Informing Science: 1543 – 1950; Internet Exhibit, April 2010
  - Children's Literature: Selections from the Special Collections Department of Ellis Library; Internet exhibit, October 2009.
  - 150 Years of The Origin of Species: The Historical Journey from Specimens to Species to Genes; Internet exhibit, July 2009

## 5. Fundraising and gifts

- **Lord gift** brings 2,000+ books on oral tradition in literature to MU
- Adopt-a-book and honor with book programs grow
  - Donation total for Program: \$28,660; Kemper Match: \$28,650
  - Total AAB: \$57,320; total of 142 rare books received treatment

- Conclusion of Kemper Grant (renovation and expansion of rare books vault to three times size)
- Hunvald gift begins; first in nation to fund ILS services to students
- Day with the libraries, donor cultivation program (lots of staff involvement)
- Library society dinner (largest attendance yet, Peter Hessler speaker)

#### 4. Exhibits, programs and other public events

- Changing face of medicine exhibit and program in HSL
- Faculty Lecture Series continues, in conjunction with exhibits (Life Sciences Symposium, others?)
- Sand mandala in Ellis as part of The Mystical Arts of Tibet program, in October
- Anatomical Illustration: Art Informing Science: 1543 – 1950, March 2010
- Children's Literature: Selections from the Special Collections Department of Ellis Library, December 2009

#### 3. Mizzou Advantage

- Grant funding of over \$900K awarded to 26 RFPs, three involving Libraries staff
- MALL position established – Kate Anderson
- Increased participation of MU Libraries as Mizzou Advantage continues
- Note: all-staff meeting about MA on Wednesday, May 19, 1pm in Ellis 4F-51A

#### 2. Partnerships

- Purchase of **EEBO** (Early English Books Online) with help (and funding) of MU English dept.
- **Access Medicine** database. HSL and the School of Medicine collaborated on a student fee structure that will provide each student with 24 x 7 textbook access to an array of medical textbooks.
- **Up-to-Date** access and funding issues finally solved, with hospitals and clinics as well as HSL users having full access without restrictions.
- Writing Tutor program
- College of Arts and Sciences and study of oral traditions
  - MU Libraries is in a partnership with the College of Arts and Science and the Center for Studies in Oral Tradition at MU to bring the personal library of Albert B. Lord, co-founder of the discipline of comparative oral traditions, to the MU Libraries and to support the Albert Lord & Milman Parry Annual Symposium on Oral Traditions.
- MU Libraries Undergraduate Research Paper contest announced for Fall, 2010
  - Supported by Friends of Libraries and MU Library Committee

## 1. Enhanced Electronic Access

- New design of Libraries gateway, has received uniformly positive reviews from users
- Summon@MU, the new interface that everyone is talking about
- Mobile Apps to provide handheld user interface to catalog, and to give call numbers via cell phones
- Google API, to enable pictures of book jackets to dress up cataloged records