

## Introduction from Kurt Kopp

No, you didn't get dropped from the distribution list for the LSO Newsletter last month – there were so many things going on that we skipped the July issue. A lot has happened in the last two months. LSO moved its offices, we have had several changes in staff and staff positions, single signon hopefully will be implemented by the time you read this, and Social Security Numbers will soon be removed from all student and faculty/staff library records. Abbie and Terry attended ALA and have a report of activities there as well as a wealth of statistics on database usage. We had to expand the size of the August newsletter to accommodate all the news. Now that we are settled in we hope to not miss another issue. Please remember that if there is something that you would like to know about LSO and its activities, drop us an email and we will do our best to answer your questions.

### New and Changed Staff

We are very pleased to welcome Phil Redmon back as a programmer/analyst. His chief duties will be web design and loading of image class collections. Linda Vorce has been reclassified to Manager of Digitizing Operations-LSO. She will be responsible for all the operations and personnel in the digitizing operations of LSO. Alexandra Wilson, a former part-time student worker, is now full-time staff and will be taking over some of Linda's tasks, thus freeing Linda for other duties. Kyle and Maggie Parker, part-time students, have moved to New Zealand where Kyle is continuing his studies. Replacing them are Jessica Flohra and Eric Langemach.

## eResources: Facts and Figures

### Current eResource Trial:

- ◆ Scopus: trial through 10/31/2007.  
[www.scopus.com](http://www.scopus.com)
- ◆ Freedom trial through 12/31/2007. Contact Terry or Abbie for more information.

### Current eResource Bids:

- ◆ ATLA Religion and Library Literature Full Text are currently being rebid for September renewals

### Upcoming Meetings:

- ◆ MCDRSC meeting: 10/25/2007

## eResources News: ALA Annual Meeting

Terry Austin and Abbie Brown attended the American Library Association (ALA) Annual Conference in Washington, DC, in June. This is the largest library convention in the world, with more than 28,000 attendees this year, and the conference includes more than 2,300 meetings, discussion groups, programs, and special events. Topics run the gamut of all the various issues affecting libraries and librarians.

Attendees from LSO use this opportunity to meet with other librarians from around the country who purchase electronic resources for academic library consortia.

This is also the chance to meet with the various vendors of eResource subscriptions to discuss both ongoing issues as well as new products that may be of interest to MERLIN or MIRACL. Terry and Abbie were able to hammer out details with Elsevier on an offer for ScienceDirect as well as a trial for

the Scopus product, which has now begun and will run through the end of October.

Discussions for eResource librarians tended towards updates on serial standards such as SERU and SUSHI as well as in-depth analysis of open source solutions and infrastructure. There was much to see and hear on many topics at the conference. However, Abbie was most impressed with young adult author Judy Blume, one of the conference's featured speakers.

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## eResources News: Statistics

While we are familiar with Disraeli's "there are three kinds of lies: lies, damned lies, and statistics" and Twain's "facts are stubborn things, but statistics are more pliable" we do need some way to keep score with our electronic resources. There is still much work to be done but COUNTER ([www.projectcounter.org](http://www.projectcounter.org)) has done an admirable job in trying to make user statistics more comparable across vendors.

We yearn for the day when we no longer hear from a publisher that, oh by the way, the stats we provided from 2003-2005 were wrong. Likewise, we yearn for the day when we can use SUSHI to harvest the statistics instead of the time consuming gathering that we now have to do today.

In the end, the statistics represented now are as good as are available. We have just concluded our statistics gathering for FY07. LSO collects statistics on searches, sessions, and full text views as available from the vendors. In this issue you will see the top ten electronic resources uses in FY07 for sessions and full text views. Both general funding and UM Electronic Resource Initiative funding is included in each list. The full report and cost analysis of the resources will be posted on the MERLIN gateway later this fall.

Special thanks to Susan McCormack for all of her work.

## Top Ten Searches and Full Text Views for MERLIN Subscriptions, FY07

### Top 10 Searches

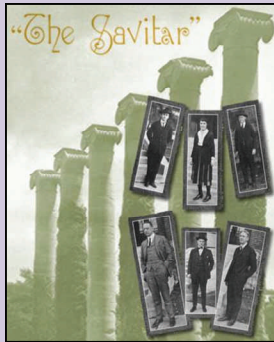
MEDLINE	697736
Academic Search Premier	572496
ABI/Inform Complete	562645
PsycINFO	406515
CINAHL	287213
ERIC	270645
Academic Universe	229663
Web of Science	214615
Sociological Abstracts	135870
SciFinder Scholar	117613

### Top 10 FT Views

Academic Search Premier	432680
JSTOR Arts & Science I-IV	425609
ABI/Inform Complete	396153
Academic Universe	310057
American Chemical Society	96339
Library Literature Full Text	76658
Education Full Text	72282
PsycARTICLES	66215
Project MUSE	57680
Core Biomedical	55178

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## Featured Collection

The Savitar is the University of Missouri yearbook, which began publication in 1894 and continues to the present. As the University yearbook, the Savitar offers photographs of administrators, faculty, and students, arranged by class, organization, and extracurricular activity. Other photographs include important campus events, such as athletic contests, parades, convocations, and commencements.

### Take a look!

<http://digital.library.umsystem.edu/text/savitar>

## 4 Most Popular Digital Library Collections, June-July 2007

1. 1930 Platbooks: 55,760 pageviews
2. Missouriana Digital Text Collection: 35,293 pageviews
3. Savitar: 26,438 pageviews
4. Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps: 18,728 pageviews

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## Single Signon Server

By the time you get this, the single signon server should be operational for all UM campuses. It is scheduled to go into operation on August 7. This will allow patrons to authenticate once and have that authentication active for their complete session. The happy result will be that a user who wishes to request several books will only authenticate once instead of having to re-authenticate for each book. Patrons will use the userid portion of their email address and their email password. This work has been the result of close cooperation between III, MCO, LSO, and DoIT. Brian Dourty (DoIT), Christopher Gould and Janine Gordon (MCO), and Hardy Pottinger (LSO) were instrumental in getting this done. Hardy especially spent many, many hours on this. I would also like to thank all the librarians who tested this and made valuable suggestions to the wording of the single signon page. Thanks also to Judy Maseles who was a great help in coordinating the testing. Many thanks to all involved.

## On the Digitizing Front

LSO continues to work on projects, both for the University of Missouri Libraries and outside entities. We recently were awarded a contract from the Missouri State Library to digitize 60,325 pages of Missouri County histories and convert another 12,868 pages already scanned for upload to the Missouri State Library ContentDM server. Lincoln University and Stephens College both got LSTA grants from the Missouri State Library to digitize their yearbooks and LSO will be doing the digitizing of these collections. We also will be doing the digitizing for the second grant that the State Historical Society of Missouri received to make their card index to Missouri newspapers available on line. We are keeping quite busy but welcome the opportunity of doing more collections.

## Elimination of Social Security Numbers from Patron Records

It is a mandate that all University of Missouri campuses and departments eliminate the use of Social Security Numbers as soon as possible. With the implementation of single signon and now that UMC is moving to the PeopleSoft student system and all students on all campuses have been assigned PeopleSoft emplids, we can move forward on this. As of the faculty/staff load today (August 7) all Social Security Numbers for faculty/staff on all campuses have been eliminated. All UMSL and UMC student records loaded from today on will have the Social Security Number stripped from their records.

## Yes, We Moved! (Yes, Again!)

LSO has moved! While our phone numbers and email addresses remain the same, our physical location has changed.

The move should surprise no one that knows our office, as we've moved several times in the past few years. The last move, in summer of 2005, split our office into two spaces, separated by several blocks, on the UM-C campus. Kurt spent many hours trudging between the buildings.

Kurt and Linda decided that the best option was to find a new space where both offices could be consolidated again, and they found that space on the first floor of a building in downtown Columbia, at

the corner of 10th and Cherry Streets. The location was previously occupied by a technical service team from the University of Missouri Hospitals.

The location is great; we are close enough to campus for parking and to ease the burden on student workers, and we are happy to be all together again. Kurt can now keep to the nice air conditioning of his office.

We are all settled with assembled cubicles and working computers and phones, and we invite you to drop by and check us out. We take very kindly to treats and presents, and we suggest you bring some with you.