

MU Libraries Library Connections

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A Year of Celebration and Transition

Jim Cogswell

Academic year 2015–16 is a year of celebration for the MU Libraries, as we mark the centennial anniversary of Ellis Library. The year also will be one of transition for me, as I retire from the position of Director of Libraries, effective July 1, 2016. This past July, I stepped away from my responsibilities for daily operations of the libraries, and Ann Campion Riley, associate director for access, collections and technical services, has assumed the duties of Acting Director of Libraries. In the coming year, I will remain at work in Ellis Library, focusing my efforts on a number of specialized projects, primarily in the areas of fundraising and donor meetings. Chief among these projects will be concluding the major effort to secure a student library fee this fall, conducting our centennial celebration and initiating the public phase of our new comprehensive campaign. This fall, a campus search committee will be formed to begin a national search for the next library director.



The University of Missouri's Ellis Library will celebrate its 100th anniversary by hosting several events throughout the 2015-16 academic year. Photo by Shannon Cary

As we celebrate this milestone for the MU Libraries, I hope you will join us at one of our many centennial events. We have three major events already planned: a kickoff celebration in September 2015, the rededication of Ellis Library in January
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Ann Campion Riley was named the acting director of the MU Libraries for the 2015–16 academic year. Photo by Gene Royer.

Ann Campion Riley Named Acting Director of MU Libraries

Ann Campion Riley became the acting director of the MU Libraries July 1, 2015. She will serve in this capacity during the 2015–16 academic year while a national search takes place for the next libraries director. Riley has served as the associate director for access, collections and technical services for the MU Libraries since 2006. She has been active in local, state and national library associations and is currently serving as the president of the Association of College and Research Libraries, the nation's largest organization for academic librarians. She is a past president of *(continued on Page 2)*

Calendar of Events

SEPT. 23, 2015

Centennial Kickoff Celebration

11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Lowry Mall

OCT. 8, 2015

Mizzou Campaign Kickoff

Mizzou Arena
Reception at 5:30 p.m.
Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

OCT. 10, 2015

Homecoming Open House

10 a.m. to Noon
Ellis Library Colonnade

OCT. 15, 2015

Health Sciences Library Centennial Celebration

11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.
J. Otto Lottes Health Sciences Library

JAN. 15, 2016

Ellis Library Rededication Celebration

3 to 5 p.m.
Ellis Library Grand Reading Room

APRIL 15, 2016

Library Society Dinner

6 to 9 p.m.
Ellis Library Grand Reading Room

Where in the MU Libraries?



Do you know where in the MU Libraries this picture was taken? Find the answer on Page 6. Photo by Shelly McDavid.

Ann Champion Riley Named Acting Director of MU Libraries (continued)

the Missouri Library Association and served as an Association of Research Libraries Leadership Fellow in 2010–11. She is a writer and speaker on assessment and organizational culture in higher education. Previously, Riley was director for technical and access services at Southern Illinois University, Edwardsville and library director at St. Louis Community

College, Meramec, where she served as an acting dean and chief campus academic officer. Riley also has worked at Maryville University, the University of Missouri–St. Louis and New Mexico State University. She earned her bachelor's degree in English and her master's degree in library and information science from the University of Illinois.

Friends of the Libraries Update

The Friends of the Libraries (FOL) Council had its biannual meeting April 11, 2015, in the Reynolds Alumni Center on the MU campus.

Some highlights from the meeting include a change to the constitution that makes any donor who gives \$100 or more in unrestricted gifts to the MU Libraries an automatic member of the FOL for that membership year.

Susan Fales, M Ed '85, EdSp '87, outgoing president of the FOL, welcomed Camilla Crist, BS HE '75, as the new president and June DeWeese, BA '72, MA '73, as the president-elect.

The FOL Council recommended the libraries create a list of items that

can be purchased with donor support. The council also is considering the proposal to partner with the Mizzou Alumni Association to hold fundraising events in St. Louis and Kansas City.

Gary Kremer, executive director of The State Historical Society of Missouri (SHS), supplied a written report of the SHS's recent activities. The most likely vehicle for state funding for the new SHS building is Missouri Senate Bill 330, which would allow for \$35 million of bond money to be used for new construction. Multiple Senate leaders have indicated their No. 1 priority for a new state building is a new

headquarters for the SHS. The bill is currently stalled in the House.

Jim Cogswell gave an update on the MU Libraries. He reported on the upcoming centennial events, the end of the Renew Mizzou Project and the latest information on the mold recovery. Matt Gaunt, BA '93, announced the student library fee proposal is scheduled to be on the student ballot this fall. Gaunt asked the council for a \$5,000 donation from the FOL endowment to help fund the student fee campaign. The motion to transfer \$5,000 from the FOL endowment to the student fee campaign was approved unanimously by the council.

A Year of Celebration and Transition (continued)

2016 and a special Library Society dinner in April 2016. Please see the events calendar on Page 2 for more details, and visit our website (library.missouri.edu) for more information about centennial activities occurring throughout the year.

Even as we mark the past hundred years of Ellis and the other campus libraries, we are working with students to forge a future vision for the MU Libraries. Students have expressed a need for modernized spaces, all-night library access, expanded collections and innovative services. Because years of inadequate funding have left us unable to meet these needs, we have proposed a new library fee that the student body will vote on in November. (Read the details of this proposal on Page 4.)

The past thirteen-plus years at MU have been both challenging and gratifying for me. My greatest rewards have come from working with our talented and dedicated staff, and from developing relationships with our many friends and supporters. I offer my sincere thanks to all of you, and I look forward to next year as we anticipate a successful transition to new leadership for the MU Libraries.



Jim Cogswell

Meet the Librarian: Corrie Hutchinson, head of acquisitions and collection development

Can you tell us a little about your background and experience?

I have been a professional academic librarian for almost 14 years. Over the years, I have served in a variety of positions throughout the library, including reference, technical services and administration. This variation helps give me a broad perspective and allows me to see how all pieces of a library fit together. Knowing what others do helps me to be a better manager, understand the bigger picture and more easily find solutions to problems.

My bachelor's degree is in mathematics, and I have master's degrees in library science and in statistics. This foundation in logic and problem solving has helped me immensely in the library profession, particularly in my current position as acquisitions librarian.

Your past position was as the director of the Stephens College library. What has been the biggest difference between working at Stephens College and working at MU?

The biggest difference is moving from a library staff of eight to a staff of 150. The interconnectedness and number of people involved in all of the services and functions of the libraries has taken some time to figure out. But now that I've been on the job for more than a year, I have a much better understanding of the workings of MU



Corrie Hutchinson is the head of acquisitions and collection development for the MU Libraries. Photo by Gene Royer.

Libraries. I am better acquainted with all the division of duties, but I am still learning new things every day.

What do you love about your job?

I enjoy helping patrons gain access to information in a way that uses my strengths. Not many librarians like invoices or statistics. I like that my skills complement my colleagues, and work toward creating a complete educational environment for others. I also like that my job challenges me and encourages me to learn new things.

Ellis Library Extends Hours to 24 Hours, 5 Days a Week

Starting on Sept. 8, Ellis Library will be open continuously from Sunday at noon until Friday at midnight and from 8 a.m. until midnight on Saturday. Previously, the main library was closed most nights at 2 a.m. and at 8 p.m. on Saturdays. The library

will close off access to its upper floors at midnight when it is open overnight, allowing students to use the ground floor and first floor. The library's extended hours apply only to the building and not to library services. Additional security staff will

be hired and lighting will be installed to ensure the safety of patrons who are visiting the library late at night. These changes were made because students have consistently requested longer library hours.

MU Libraries Seek Support from Students

This academic year marks the centennial of the opening of Ellis Library, Mizzou's first library building. This important investment made in 1915 continues to pay dividends today. In order to ensure the level of scholarship that is required of a major research institution, we must continue to invest in the MU Libraries.

Unfortunately, years of inadequate funding have taken a toll on library collections, services and facilities. Mizzou's total library expenditures of approximately \$18 million are about half of the average for public members of the Association of American Universities (AAU). If calculated as dollars spent per student, the University of Missouri's \$591 lags well behind peers, including the University of Kansas at \$1,004. Of the 34 public members of the AAU, Mizzou ranks last in library funding per student.

Our students deserve the same level of support from their library system that is provided by other great universities. The libraries are working closely with MU student

organizations to create a vision for the next 100 years. Our vision will transform our libraries' spaces, technologies, services and collections to prepare our students for the information-rich workplaces they will find themselves in after graduation.

To make this vision a reality, we must have the support of both our students and our alumni. This November, our students will have

the opportunity to pass a fee for MU Libraries. If passed, this funding will take us from a library system with an \$18 million budget to a \$31 million budget during the course of six years.

To our alumni and friends, please understand that we would not be asking our students to self-impose this fee if we did not believe that this is one of the very best investments that we can make in our university.

If you are able to give back to Mizzou, consider a gift to MU Libraries. Include the libraries within your overall giving, or make it the centerpiece of your philanthropy. Every dollar of support will let the students know that you support their efforts to improve the quality of our libraries.

Together, students and alumni can transform our entire university through an investment in the libraries. Nothing at a university is more important or powerful than information. As we celebrate the past 100 years, help us set the stage for academic excellence in the next 100 years. Invest in MU Libraries. Some students are already investing in their libraries. Here are a few:

Special thanks to the following donors for supporting the libraries student fee campaign fund:

- Richard P. Toft, BSBA '58
- Jim and Elizabeth Cogswell
- Dick, BJ '78, and Jody Feldman, BJ '78
- Ken Mares, BA '65
- Rip, BA '72, and Marni Strautman
- Friends of the MU Libraries



Shelby Catalano

Shelby Catalano is a senior political science and classical humanities major from Moscow Mills, Missouri. Catalano has been very involved in student government. She has served as chair of the Missouri Students Association Budget Committee, commissioner of the board of elections and senator. Her time spent in various committees and organizations have led to her current role as chair of the Student Fee Review Committee. Catalano got involved with the libraries after visiting with the Student Fee Review Committee in fall 2014. Following that meeting, Catalano began recruiting student leaders to become more engaged in the student fee proposal process.

Payton Head

Payton Head is a senior political science and international studies major from Chicago. He served on the Multicultural Issues (now Social Justice) Committee of the Missouri Students Association (MSA) before running for MSA president. He and Brenda Smith-Lezama, a senior journalism major from Brunswick, Georgia, made history when they became the first double African-American slate to win an MSA election. Head, along with Smith-Lezama and Ben Bolin, speaker of the MSA Senate, were instrumental in getting the libraries student fee proposal on the November ballot.



William Vega

William Vega is a senior economics and finance major from Country Club, Missouri. Vega is chair of the Missouri Students Association (MSA) Budget Committee and vice chair of the Student Fee Review Committee. He has been assisting the library management team with the formulation of the referendum language as well as the passage of the referendum legislation through the MSA Senate. Vega also has maintained an active role as a library ambassador and has been instrumental in continuing communication among the library ambassadors, library management team, the MSA and the student body.

IN MEMORIAM

Edward H. Hunvald, Jr. of Columbia died June 27, 2015, at 86. He is survived by his wife, Kay; his daughter, Sarah Lang; her husband, Jim; and two grandchildren. Hunvald was a member of the MU School of Law faculty since 1957. He also taught at the Judge Advocate General's Legal Center and School in Charlottesville, Virginia, and at the Harvard Law School as a teaching fellow. The Hunvalds have been longtime supporters of the MU Libraries, serving as Library Society members and Friends of the Libraries. They also created an endowment to support interlibrary loan.

Dr. C.E. Gene Ridenhour, of Columbia, died Sept. 1, 2015, at 83. Dr. Ridenhour received a B.A. in Chemistry in 1959 and his M.D. in 1963 from MU. He was a long-time supporter of the Libraries, serving as member of the Library Society and the Friends of the Library. In 2009, he created an endowment to fund the library's student ambassadors program to honor his wife, Ruth, who was an assistant at the library in the 1960s. He enjoyed meeting with the ambassadors at library events. Survivors include his son, Gary, his daughter, Renee, and three granddaughters.

News from the Stacks

- Kate Anderson, head of the Zalk Veterinary Medical Library, received the 2015 Dean's Impact Award from the MU College of Veterinary Medicine. The award, established in 1993, recognizes individuals who have had an outstanding and sustained positive impact on the College. In announcing Anderson as one of the recipients, Dean Neil C. Olson noted the assistance she provides to faculty and students performing searches for teaching and research purposes in which she provides comprehensive and timely results. Olson also stated that she continually teaches faculty, students and residents how to navigate information resources and to optimize reference software. Her assistance also is crucial in supporting the promotion and tenure process and in assembling bibliographies for faculty.
- The replacement phase for mold-damaged books continues. This portion of the disaster recovery is being funded with a \$400,000 grant from the Mellon Foundation.

Of the 629,000 print volumes contaminated by mold, 70% have now been treated and returned to the libraries, and another 12% were duplicate copies that have been destroyed. The remaining materials are government publications, which are being replaced by copies provided by the libraries of Missouri State University and Washington University. Missouri State University is preparing to send more government reports as space becomes available to accept them.

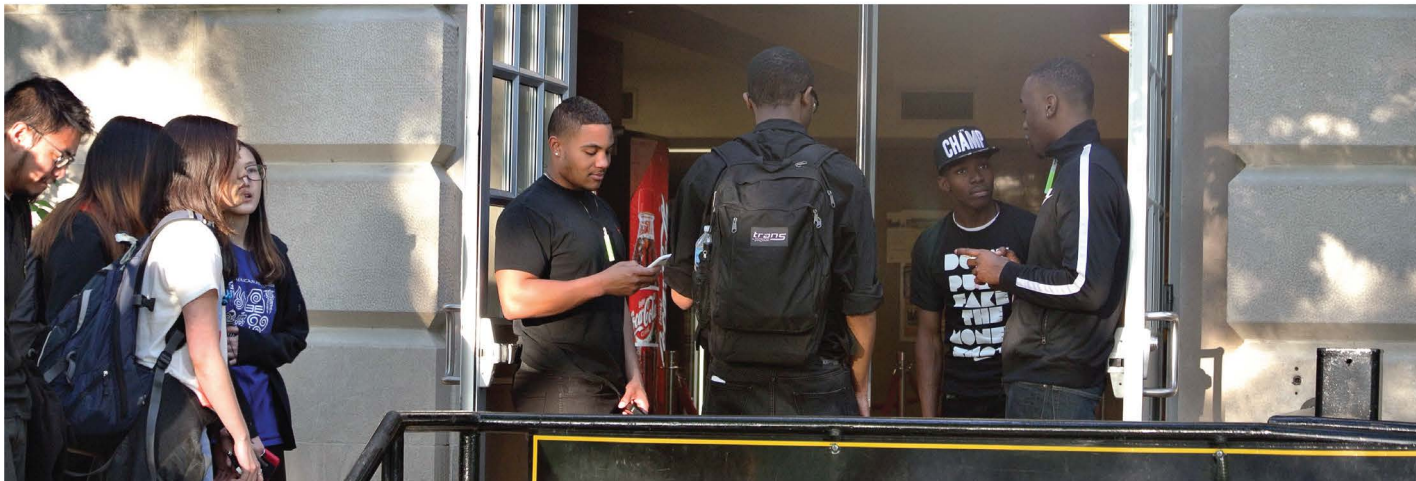
- Employees who were relocated as part of the Renew Mizzou project moved out of Ellis Library and back into Jesse Hall over the summer. Since Jesse's closure, a sprinkler system has been installed, and upgrades to its smoke alarm and heating and cooling systems have been completed. A second, larger elevator was installed to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Rooms 114 and 202 in Ellis Library now will be available again for use by library patrons.

Where in the MU Libraries?

Answer: Zalk Veterinary Medical Library. The Veterinary Medical Library was established in 1951 and is the only veterinary collection in the state of Missouri. The library supports the research and teaching missions of the College of Veterinary Medicine, with particular emphases on evidence-based practice and the Mizzou Advantage initiative One Health/One Medicine. The library has materials

on all aspects of veterinary medicine, including the human-animal bond, laboratory animals and comparative medicine. In 2005, the library was named the Zalk Veterinary Medical Library in honor of Thelma Zalk, a generous supporter of the college since she brought her Labrador to the Veterinary Medical Teaching Hospital for care. Kate Anderson, head of the Veterinary Medical Library, is pictured.

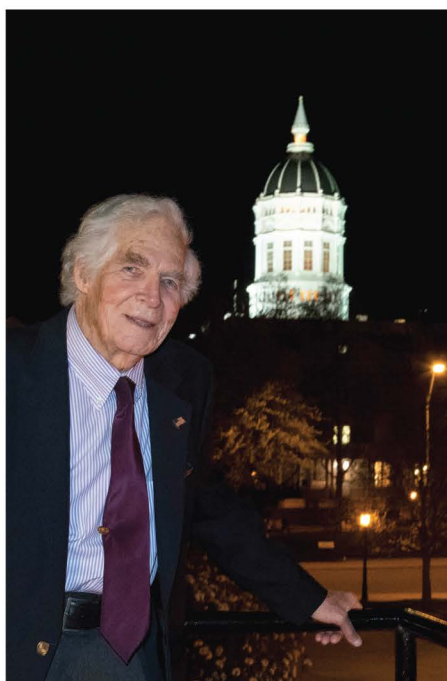
Spring Events in the MU Libraries



Above: Mizzou students Kris Maddox, David Wallace, Steven Qualls and John Stovall served as "bouncers" at "A Night at Club Ellis" April 23. The Missouri Students Association held the event to inform undergraduate students about the library student fee proposal. Photo by Navadeep Khanal.



This year's winners of the Robert J. Stuckey Essay Contest are Connor Penrod from West Platte High School in Weston, Missouri, who won first place with his essay *Pillars*, and Abby Lammers from Parkway North High School in St. Louis, who won second place with her essay *The Persistence of Seuss*. Both winners and their families attended the Friends of the Libraries Luncheon April 11 to receive their awards. Photo by Chris Montgomery.



Left: Donald Lindberg, the recently retired director of the National Library of Medicine, enjoys the MU campus after the Library Society Dinner April 10. Lindberg gave the keynote speech. Photo by Scott Peterson.



Jeanette Bobeen, BA '73, MA '74, poses with the endowment plaque she received at the Friends of the Libraries Luncheon April 11. Bobeen established an endowment that will provide scholarships to library student workers. Photo by Chris Montgomery.



MU Libraries Director Jim Cogswell and the Ridenhour Library Student Ambassadors lead the attendees of the Library Society Dinner in the singing of the alma mater. Photo courtesy Scott Peterson.



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