

MU Libraries Library Connections

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Letter from Beth Knisley

I have had the pleasure of serving as the University Libraries representative on the “Our Time To Lead” campaign cabinet for the past three years. Many of you are aware of this campaign to raise support for Mizzou. Perhaps you’ve seen a press release for a major gift, or know that the campus-wide goal is \$1.3 billion. But many of you have questions about how this campaign will impact our libraries. How much of the \$1.3 billion will go to our beloved library? What does the library hope to accomplish? And, what can you do to participate? This special edition of *Library Connections* will answer these questions.

Serving on the national campaign cabinet has given me an opportunity to meet loyal alumni who share a love for Mizzou as well as a deep belief that education is the foundation of

society. The campaign cabinet’s charge is to rally the University of Missouri’s alumni base to answer the call for support, and by doing so, improve the educational experience for future generations of Tigers. Of course, success will not just impact our students. Every Mizzou student that graduates and sets out into the world as a teacher, nurse, accountant, lawyer, journalist, veterinarian or librarian will have an impact on others. These Mizzou graduates will be better prepared to raise healthy families, solve challenging problems, and hopefully, leave the world a little better than they found it.

I am particularly pleased to serve as the library representative, because just as education is the foundation for a healthy society, our libraries are the foundation of the university

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Big “Thank You!”

The two most important words in this edition of *Library Connections* are “Thank you!” Your gifts have a lasting impact on the academic experience for Mizzou’s students, and support the teaching and research of our faculty. So, from our students, faculty, library staff and patrons, we say “thank you” for supporting our University Libraries!

—Ann Riley

Friends of the Libraries Update

On January 16, 1960, a group of MU alumni and friends met for lunch in the Student Union and resolved to organize a group called the “Friends of the University of Missouri Library.” Today, the Friends of the Libraries remain strong and dedicated to developing private support for the University Libraries. Our role is to be the fundraising group for the University Libraries.

My goal for the 2016/2017 year is to increase the membership to

1,000 donors. At \$50 (the minimum level of membership), this total would provide a steady income of \$50,000 to support the Libraries in this time of declining budgets.

Please save the date of Sunday, February 26, 2017, at 2 p.m. for our next fundraiser. Mr. LeRoy Van Dyke and his Country Gold Tour, co-starring Mandy Barnett and T. G. Sheppard, will perform that afternoon at Jesse Auditorium on the MU campus. Tickets will be on sale approximately six weeks before

the performance through the MU Concerts box office.

Please encourage your friends, MU alumni whom you know, faculty and staff to join this organization and actively support the MU Libraries.

June DeWeese,
Librarian Emerita and President of the
MU Friends of the Libraries



Letter from Beth Knisley (continued)

experience. It is the place where Mizzou students are at their most productive. Studying alone or in a group, students come to the library to find and share information. The library is a place where ideas gain energy, new thoughts open minds

to new opportunities and students gain a deeper understanding of their world. The library is no less important to our faculty. Librarians partner with faculty to support teaching and research, and help ensure that faculty have access to timely, accurate information. The quality of our libraries has an impact on the faculty we attract and on our ability to retain our best. It is no coincidence that our country's greatest universities are home to our greatest libraries.

Please take time to read through this special edition of *Library Connections* and give thought to what you would like to do to support the library's campaign effort. I encourage you to contact the library's director of advancement, Matt Gaunt. Matt will provide you with additional information about how you can accomplish something meaningful to you and your family. A gift to the library supports every unit on campus. Please help us keep academics at the heart of a Mizzou education.

Calendar of Events

Sunday, February 26, 2017

Friends of the Libraries

Fundraiser: Country Gold Concert

2 p.m.

Jesse Auditorium

Saturday, April 8, 2017

Friends of the Libraries Luncheon

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

Reynolds Alumni Center

Speaker: Aliko Barnstone, Poet

Laureate of Missouri, MU Professor of English and Creative Writing

Friday, April 28, 2017

Library Society Reception

Part of Donor Recognition

Weekend

4:30 to 7 p.m.

Ellis Library Grand Reading Room

Speaker: Major Garrett, CBS News Chief White House Correspondent

MARCH
15

ONE DAY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

From noon on March 15 to noon on March 16, make a gift to support the university's first-ever campus-wide giving day. Let's discover the difference the Mizzou family can make in 24 hours to impact a new generation of students and research. Learn more at givingday.missouri.edu.



MIZZOU
GIVING DAY



#MizzouGivingDay

A Will To Give

Thinking beyond your lifetime to impact those who follow is the heart of planned giving. Leaving a legacy that furthers the things you believe in is rewarding, but making sure your gifts have the impact you intended may take some planning.

Is the University of Missouri in your will? Make sure it reads, “University of Missouri-Columbia,” or your gift may be considered a gift to the entire University of Missouri system. Mizzou’s Office of Gift Planning and Endowments can help you avoid common mistakes and ensure that your gift accomplishes exactly what you intend.

Here’s some basic advice for including Mizzou in your estate plan:

1 Describe the gift. Your gift may be a set amount of cash, a specific piece of property, a set percentage of your estate, or the residue of your property following other distributions. Be clear regarding what you intend to give.

2 Describe the purpose, program or fund you wish to give to. As mentioned above, it’s important to state that your gift is for the University of Missouri-Columbia campus. If you wish to make an unrestricted gift to Mizzou’s libraries, state in your will that your gift is “for the unrestricted use of the University Libraries on the University of Missouri-Columbia campus.” If you are making a gift to a previously established endowment fund, include the full name of that endowment. You may also establish a new endowment with a gift from your estate. The University Libraries Office of Advancement will work with you to draft endowment language that accomplishes your goals for the gift. Contact us to have a draft endowment prepared.

3 Let us know! We want to thank you, of course, but it may also be beneficial to allow our professional staff to review the language in your will to ensure the university will receive your gift and utilize it as you have intended.

Your will is only one of many ways you may choose to make a planned gift. If you are interested in learning more about gifts that give you income during your life, or other planned giving tools, the University Libraries Advancement Office will connect you with Mizzou’s experienced staff in the Office of Gift Planning and Endowments to help answer your questions. Done the right way, a planned gift can be easy and rewarding.

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Library Campaign Priorities

- Endowed librarian positions
- Collections endowments
- Renovations for Ellis and specialized libraries
- Unrestricted \$1 million endowment

Mizzou Giving Day is the University of Missouri’s first-ever giving day. This 24-hour campaign will run from noon March 15 to noon March 16. Look for more publicity to come in February and March. There will be matching funds shared between units based on dollars raised and total number of gifts. We hope you’ll participate!

Try going online today to make a small gift at mizzougivedirect.missouri.edu. Click on the MU Libraries tab and choose a library fund that’s of interest to you. If you’d like to make a lead gift to this mini-campaign, please contact our Office of Advancement.

Rare Manuscript Inspires Student Service and Discovery

As a student at the University of Missouri, my classmates and I had the privilege of studying a rare manuscript and using our time and research to give back to the public. Our idea for the project began in our Special Collections and Rare Books Library, where members of Dr. Juliette Paul's Early American Literature course inspected *The Lucubrador; Containing Essays on Various Subjects*, a manuscript of mysterious origin and authorship.

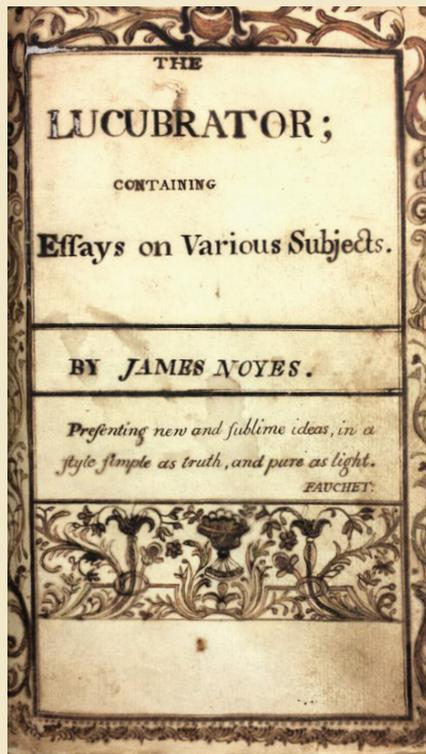
"The book presented us with a mystery we were eager to solve"

The Lucubrador is the only copy of a collection of essays dated from 1794-1797 and attributed to James Noyes. Without the help of a charitable donation made to the library by Sue and Robert Strickler, our class may never have had the opportunity to examine this manuscript. But with its pages newly repaired, the book presented us with a mystery we were eager to solve. Had we recovered a rare book of early American writing? Who was James Noyes? Why write a collection of short essays on various subjects? We set out to discover the history of this work, while also making it digitally accessible so that others across the world may do the same.

With the help of librarians at Ellis, we created a digital reproduction of the manuscript, and keyed in by hand all 155 pages to make the text fully

searchable. Our transcription allows readers to search the manuscript for topics of particular interest, and to help in discovering its multivalent contexts. While this project was at times tedious, it was gratifying to know that new readers of the manuscript could easily engulf themselves in its reflections on a changing world.

By studying the book's content, as well as its physical aspects, we gathered clues to help us paint a more detailed picture of the author and his world. James Noyes of Atkinson, New Hampshire (1778-1799), likely owned and authored the book. Noyes was a young writer and revolutionary active during the late eighteenth century. He began



publishing his writing when he was only 15 years old, starting with *The New Hampshire and Massachusetts Almanac* (1793). Roughly four years later, he published *The Federal Arithmetic* (1797), one of the best books on arithmetic available at the time. Noyes achieved all of this while suffering from polio, and being confined to his home. In the manuscript, our class has likely discovered Noyes's commonplace book, a collection of short essays in which he documents his opinions regarding a wide range of topics, from political independence to dancing to agriculture, all issues that distinguished American life from British life in the early period of the United States.

In Ellis Library, our class had the unique opportunity of exploring the depths of early American literature, while giving back to the community so others may share our experience.

Mysterious Manuscript

Several years ago, an unpublished manuscript written by a young Charlotte Brontë sold at auction to a French museum for 690,000 British pounds sterling, or \$1,065,221. The auction house Sotheby's reported that only a handful of original Brontë works remained in private ownership. Thanks to the generosity of Stuart Symington and his son James W. Symington, MU is one of the few entities that owns an original Charlotte Brontë manuscript.

The Secret and Lily Hart, a set of two short stories written in the author's formative years, are part of the University Libraries Special Collections. Readers need a strong magnifying glass to peruse Brontë's juvenile works. And even with magnification, it's difficult to make out the tiny hand-written script of *The Secret and Lily Hart*, signed by Charlotte Brontë and dated Nov. 27, 1833.

After Charlotte's death in 1855, her husband, the Rev. Arthur Nicholls, inherited most of her manuscripts and letters. Although he told a broker he intended to burn them, he sold many of the works and transcribed some.

Researchers conjecture the two-novel manuscript was purchased by a broker in 1895 and passed to a collector. In 1915, it was sold at auction in New York and was untraceable for decades.

The manuscript resurfaced when Missouri Congressman James W. Symington, son of U.S. Sen. Stuart Symington and Evelyn Wadsworth Symington, discovered it among his mother's possessions after her death in 1973. Senator Symington and his son gave the manuscript to University of Missouri Libraries in 1975.

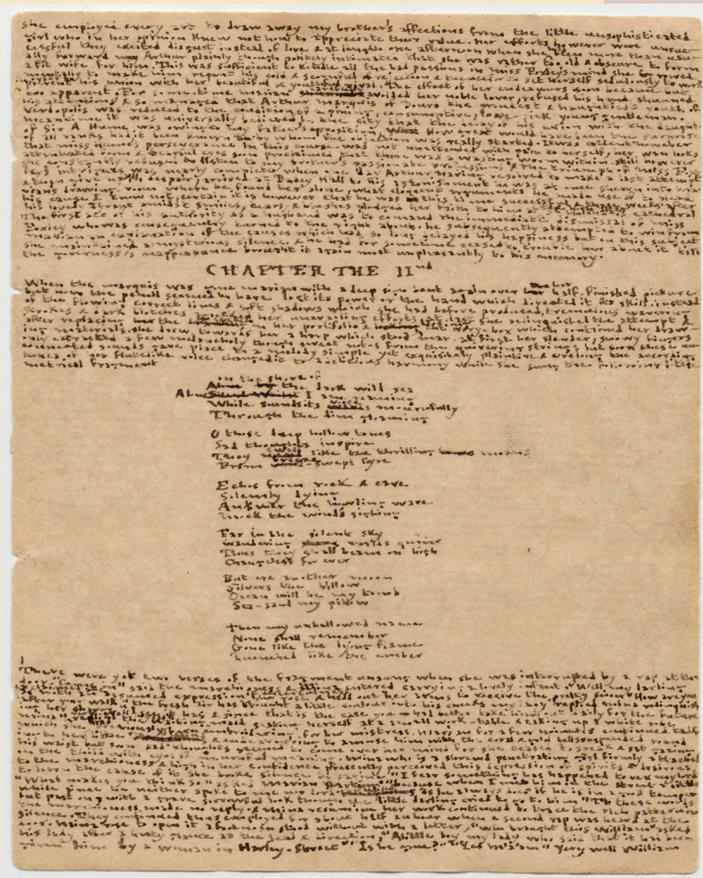
Visitors are welcome to phone ahead or walk in to see MU's Brontë manuscript for research or enjoyment. Readers can see facsimiles of the original text and access summaries of the two stories on the Special Collections website. The library also keeps a bibliography of books with full transcriptions.

Story by Nancy Moen
(edited for this special edition)

Gifts in Kind

Over the years, both Special Collections and our general collection, have benefited from gifts of books. Some of these gifts are truly rare treasures, and some, while more common, help us fill out areas of academic interest to faculty and students. Please contact us if you think you might have books that would be of value to Mizzou.

Michelle Zigler



actual size

It was a privilege to touch the pages of our past and experience a time with which we became familiar, but will still never fully know. Unlike a museum, where artifacts are often encased in glass, we directly accessed this manuscript and became a part of its history.

What interested me and many of my classmates most about James Noyes is that he accomplished a great deal despite his age and condition. He was a young scholar just like us, yet he played a role in the formation of the United States through his writing. I often think of the millions of books that go unread each day because of their rarity, and the many talented authors whose names will never be remembered. By building digital libraries, we give those authors a chance at having a purpose and a voice even centuries after their death.

Library Supporters bring beauty of St. John's Bible to MU



Creation, Donald Jackson with contributions by Chris Tomlin, 2003, *The Saint John's Bible* and the Hill Museum & Manuscript Library, Order of Saint Benedict, Collegetown, Minnesota, USA.

The Saint John's Bible is the only handwritten and illuminated Bible commissioned by a Benedictine Monastery since the advent of the printing press more than 500 years ago. The Heritage Edition is a work of art in itself, a fine art reproduction of the original manuscript created under the direction of Donald Jackson, the artistic director of the original manuscript and official scribe and calligrapher to Queen Elizabeth. It contains 160 major illuminations, with gold leaf used throughout to direct the reader to the presence of the divine.

In 2016, the University Libraries celebrated the 100th anniversary of Ellis Library. To mark this anniversary, several generous Libraries supporters provided funds for the purchase of set number one hundred of the Heritage Edition of The St. John's Bible.

We thank the following supporters for their contribution to this purchase:

Robin Wenneker and Carolyn Wenneker

Pentateuch

Mary Dunlap Smith

Psalms

Gospels and Acts

Prophets

Steve and Mary Jane Smith

Wisdom Books

Letters and Revelations

Sponsorship for the last volume, Historical Books, is still available through the University Libraries Office of Advancement. All seven volumes can be seen in our special collections reading room.

Estate Gifts Drive Campaign Success

In September of 2015, University Libraries announced that Columbia residents and authors, Jo Ann (Jan) and William Trogdon (William Least Heat-Moon), have made provisions in their estate for an additional \$1.5 million to the University Libraries. The gift will increase the existing William Trogdon Libraries Fund, which enables the purchase and conservation of rare materials in the fields of American exploration, travel and topography, and Native American studies by the MU Libraries. The Trogdons' latest gift brings their total donations to the MU Libraries to \$3.5 million, not including rare and unique works from their personal collection that have been or will be donated to the MU Libraries.

Will Trogdon's remarks at the gift announcement touched on a common thread among library donors – a love of books. “One of my earliest and fondest memories is of my father teaching me to read,” Trogdon said. “Books are important artifacts in our culture. My love for books – their look, feel and even their smell – is something inherent within me. This passion that exists for Jan and me, as well as our love for Ellis Library, has made this an easy decision.”

Fortunately for our University Libraries, a passion for books and libraries has shown up in numerous estate plans. Estate gifts have fueled the library's success during the Mizzou: Our Time To Lead campaign, accounting for \$5,464,423 of the \$7,202,000 raised to date. The smallest of those gifts was \$2,000; the largest is a \$1.6 million estate commitment.

Our deepest gratitude to the following donors who have made planned gifts or included University Libraries in their estates during this campaign:

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Endowments

Increase the value of your gift by an infinite amount!

There's got to be a catch, right? There is. It's time. When you create an endowment, your investment in the University Libraries will pay out in perpetuity. The payout rate is currently 4.5%. So, if you create an endowment with \$25,000, that endowment will pay out about \$1,125 each year. That means it takes a little over 22 years for the library to receive \$25,000 from your gift. But the good news is, everything after that is additional impact, and it goes on forever!

Currently, endowment income provides approximately \$500,000 per year of the library's \$18 million budget. The stability of this reoccurring income source allows leadership to plan intelligently, funding on-going subscriptions and staff expenses or allowing for timely, one-time technology upgrades and renovation projects.

Endowments are also a nice way to honor a loved one for whom libraries are important. The minimum gift to create a new endowment is \$25,000. Your gift can be pledged over five years, or funded through your estate. If that is more than your budget allows, consider making a smaller gift to an existing endowment. Given enough time, a gift of any size is infinite.



Library Society Dinner

Through the Years



On October 2, 2005, the Library Society of the University of Missouri hosted its inaugural dinner at the Reynolds Alumni Center. More than 150 alumni and supporters attended the black-tie gala. Bill Stauffer served as master of ceremonies. The keynote speaker was Diane Glancy, MU alumna, poet, author and playwright, who shared a poem about libraries and spoke of the important role they played in their life.

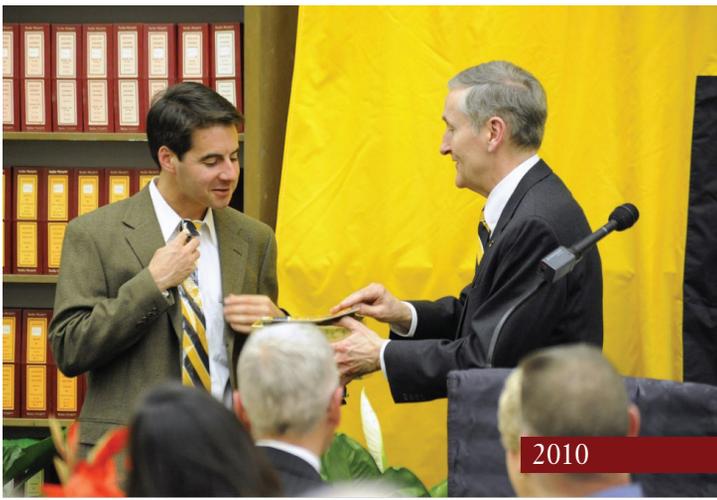
The dinner was held to celebrate supporters of the University Libraries who donated \$1,000 or more to become charter Library Society members. These 50 guests were inducted into the Library Society and presented with lapel pins by MU students.

This tradition has continued, and the Libraries have now hosted 11 dinners, most in the Ellis Library Grand Reading Room. Library supporters come together every year for food, fellowship, excellent speakers and to celebrate books, libraries and the important contribution that the University Libraries make to MU. Over the years, the Library Society has grown to over 160 members.



Library Society Keynote Speakers

- 2004 Diane Glancy
- 2005 Alice Prochaska
- 2006 John Y. Cole
- 2008 Vartan Gregorian
- 2009 Robert O'Neil
- 2010 Peter Hessler
- 2011 Margaret Engel, BJ, '73
- 2012 Nicholas Basbanes
- 2013 Rajmohan Gandhi
- 2014 Marilynne Robinson
- 2015 Donald A. B. Lindberg
- 2016 David Ferriero
- 2017 Major Garrett — Join us April 28!



Save the Date

On April 28, the Library Society will establish a new tradition, as we move from a sit-down dinner to a reception with full bar, heavy hors d'oeuvres and live music. There will be plenty of comfortable seating and more time to visit. Major Garrett will keep the long-standing tradition of exceptional speakers, and together we'll celebrate the impact of your generosity. Save the date and join us in the Grand Reading Room!



In Memoriam

Sam B. Cook, of Jefferson City, died July 15, 2016, at 94. He enrolled at the University of Missouri after one year at the Lawrenceville School. His education was interrupted when he enlisted in the U.S. Army in 1942. His service in Europe earned him the Meritorious Service Award. He graduated from Yale University in 1948 with a BA degree in economics. He began his banking career in New York City, and in 1950 returned to Jefferson City to join his father at Central Missouri Trust Company. He served on the Board of Curators for the University of Missouri System from 1987-1993. During that time, Sam established a chair in Economics and a library endowment to support the chair at MU. He is survived by his wife, Donna, five children, and nine grandchildren.

Walkerman David Dugan, Jr. of Overland Park, Kansas, died July 23, 2016, at 85. Dave received an AB degree in Sociology from Dartmouth College in 1952. After graduation, Dave became a sports announcer on radio and TV. Dave began his career with CBS in 1957. In 1971, he became a journalism professor at MU and the general manager of KBIA. He worked at MU for 15 years and came out of retirement in 1989 to become program director at KMOX until 1993. In 2008, several of his former students honored him by creating a Journalism Library endowment in his name. He is survived by his daughter and three grandchildren.

Sarah English Young, of Kansas City, Missouri, died on November 5, 2016. Sara was born in Columbia, Missouri, in 1930 to MU's Dean of Arts and Science, William English, and his wife Elizabeth. Sarah graduated from MU in 1952 with an AB in History. Sarah served an incredible 35 years on the Friends of the Library Council, beginning in 1981, rarely missing a meeting right up to her passing. She is survived by five children, 12 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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Raised to Date: \$814,310,000

Library Goal: \$10,000,000

Raised to Date: \$7,202,000

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