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**CALENDAR
OF EVENTS**

March 17-19

**Brick Lectures:
delivered by Mark Twain
biographer Ron Powers**

March 17 & 18, 4 p.m.
Reynolds Alumni Center

March 19, 4 p.m.
Jesse Wrench Auditorium,
Memorial Union

March 20

**Mark Twain
Mini-conference**
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Reynolds Alumni Center

April 9

Library Society Dinner
Keynote speaker Peter
Hessler, author and
freelance journalist
6-9:30 p.m.
Ellis Library Grand
Reading Room

April 17

**Friends of the Libraries
Annual Meeting**
8:30-10:30 a.m.
Reynolds Alumni Center

**MU Libraries Donor
Appreciation Ceremony**
10:30 a.m.-noon
Ellis Library Colonnade

**Friends of the Libraries
Annual Luncheon**
Keynote speaker
Ryan Yantis, executive
director of the Pritzker
Military Library
Noon-2:30 p.m.
Reynolds Alumni Center

Expert on China to speak at Library Society dinner

Peter Hessler, a native of Columbia and a Hickman High School graduate, will speak at the Library Society dinner April 9.

After attending Princeton University, Hessler was a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, where he studied English language and literature. In 1996, he joined the Peace Corps and moved to China. For two years, Hessler taught English and American literature to college students in Fuling, China, a small city on the Yangtze River. His first book, *River Town*, is about this experience.

Since 2000, Hessler has been a staff writer at *The New Yorker*. Today, he also writes for *National Geographic*.

In 2006, Hessler, a national book award winner, published *Oracle Bones*, and in 2010, he will publish *Country Driving*, the final installment in his trilogy of nonfiction books about



Photo provided by Peter Hessler

Peter Hessler will speak at the Library Society dinner April 9. He is a journalist and author.

China. Together, these books span the period from 1996 to 2009. They focus primarily on the experience of average Chinese people — farmers, migrants, factory workers and entrepreneurs.

His books have been translated into 10 languages. He now lives in southwestern Colorado, and he is married to Leslie T. Chang, author of *Factory Girls*.

Celebrate supporters of MU Libraries

The 15th annual donor appreciation ceremony and luncheon recognizes creators of collection endowments

People with a passion for knowledge keep MU Libraries brimming with the latest books, and they deserve recognition. Each year, the libraries recognize the significant impact of friends who have created collection endowments. This year's

ceremony will take place April 17 in the Friends Colonnade in Ellis Library. Jim Cogswell, MU Libraries director, will recognize the donors and present them with the books purchased with their endowment funds. These books have bookplates

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Meet the librarian: Trenton Boyd, head of the MU Veterinary Medicine Library

Trenton Boyd, head of the MU Veterinary Medicine Library, won the 2009 Murray Gottlieb Prize for his essay “The Lost History of American Veterinary Medicine: the Need for Preservation.” The Medical Library Association awards the prize each year for the best unpublished essay on the history of medicine and allied sciences written by a health sciences librarian.

What led you to MU Libraries?

I went to library school because of a lifelong interest in genealogy. After graduating with my master’s in library science from the University of Missouri, my first professional job was as a science librarian in Wichita, Kan. After two years there, I learned of an opening at MU for a veterinary medical librarian. I was the first professional librarian at the Veterinary Medical Library, and I am still here 39 years later!

Who does the Zalk Veterinary Medical Library serve?

Our library is one of only 32 veterinary libraries in the United States and Canada. Our primary clientele are the students, staff and faculty at Mizzou’s College of Veterinary Medicine. We also serve the students and faculty of the animal sciences unit, and the food science and engineering unit of the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources. In addition, we see students from the equestrian classes at Stephens College and Williams Woods College.

What are some unique aspects of your job?

There are so few veterinary libraries in comparison with other types of libraries. The discipline relies heavily on “gray literature,” or information that is difficult to locate. There are only a handful of mainstream publishers for veterinary medicine. All of the other books are published by small presses, associations or by the author.

Another unique aspect of the profession is the fact that a veterinarian is responsible for the health of all animals except humans. Within the past 15 years, the development of alternative farm animals and the trend of exotic pet ownership have turned the world of the veterinarian, and in turn the veterinary librarian, upside down. It can be difficult to find information about the treatment for the latest trend in pets. Recently, we have had a wave of questions about pocket pets such as the African hedgehog and the sugar glider. I keep up by participating in an electronic discussion group for veterinary librarians where I can find out about sources of information that haven’t been published in books or journal articles yet.



Photo by Donald C. Connor

Trenton Boyd, head of the Veterinary Medicine Library at MU

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— Trenton Boyd



Five reasons to visit MU Libraries today

Libraries are more than rows of shelves and study spaces. Today, you can find hours of entertainment and interaction within our walls and beyond. Here are five reasons to visit MU Libraries in person or online.

If you love books and movies ...

Do you live in or around Columbia? If so, stop by Ellis Library or any of the branch libraries to check out books or DVDs. Members of the Mizzou Alumni Association or Friends of the Libraries may borrow books and DVDs from MU Libraries at no charge. To become a Friend of the Libraries, contact us at 573-882-4701 or vosss@missouri.edu. Membership is \$35 per person or \$50 per couple for one year.

If you're in the mood for some entertainment ...

MU Libraries host exhibits, author talks and concerts. Past exhibits have covered a diverse range of topics and people including Abraham Lincoln and Queen Elizabeth I. In the spring, join us in a celebration of Mark Twain. See the calendar of events on the front page of this newsletter for details.

If you crave more information ...

Mizzou Alumni Association members have access to thousands of online publications through the Academic Search and Business Source Alumni Edition databases. Academic Search offers access to nearly 2,000 full-text publications in a range of areas of academic study including biology, chemistry, engineering, physics, psychology, theology and more. Business Source provides access to nearly 800 full-text business magazines and journals. You may access these resources on the Web at mulibraries.missouri.edu/resourcesfor/alumni.htm. If you would like to become a member of the Mizzou Alumni Association to take advantage of these resources, visit mizzou.com.

If you're a history buff ...

Relive some of your Mizzou memories by searching the University Archives digital resources. University Archives houses private papers, organizational records and manuscripts related to MU history. Featured exhibits include *Mizzourah! Football at MU: The Early Years* and *The Military and Mizzou: 1861–1946*. You also can search the online edition of the *Savitar*, the MU yearbook. Visit muarchives.missouri.edu to start searching.

If you need help ...

Do you need help with a research project? Contact one of our expert librarians for help. You can ask them in-person, or by phone or e-mail. Visit mulibraries.missouri.edu and click "Ask a Librarian" to get started.

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with the names of the donors in them.

After the ceremony, the Friends of the Libraries will hold their annual luncheon. Ryan Yantis, BA '83, executive director of the Pritzker Military Library in Chicago, will discuss the creation of the Pritzker Military Library and its mission to

tell the story of the citizen soldier in American military history.

Winners of the Robert J. Stuckey essay contest and their teachers will receive their awards at the luncheon. The essay contest, which asks students to address one or more aspect of books and reading, is open to all Missouri high school

students. The Friends of the Libraries provide funding for and administer the contest.

Please contact the MU Libraries Development Office at vosss@missouri.edu or 573-882-9168 if you are interested in endowing a collection or attending the Friends of the Libraries luncheon.

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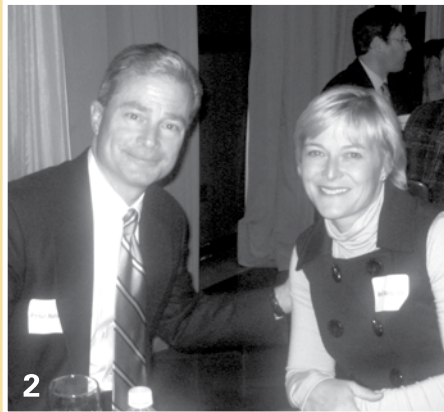


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Faces of our friends



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1 Vahe Gregorian, MA '88, and Kenneth Mares, BA '65, enjoy refreshments at the MU Libraries alumni event in St. Louis Sept. 17, 2009. Gregorian spoke about his experiences covering local and international sports for the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*.

2 Arthur and Beth Matteotti, BS '86, attended an event hosted by the MU Libraries, Chancellor Emeritus Richard L. Wallace, Richard Toft and the Chicago Mizzou Alumni Chapter on Oct. 29, 2009, at the Newberry Library in Chicago.



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3 Pianist John Davis performed a tribute to Mark Twain at the Missouri Theatre Center for the Arts Nov. 12, 2009. This concert was sponsored by the MU Libraries as part of the year-long Twain celebration.

4 Katie Ledbetter shows off her Mizzou Tiger pride with a tiger mask at the Ellis Library Homecoming Open House Oct. 24, 2009.



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