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Photo by Ted Ficklen

The Ward E. Barnes Library will move from its current home, above, to the TJ Library, bringing its collections and staff, below: Helen Shaw, Bob Ross, Ted Ficklen and Betsy Williams.



Photo by Lee Anne Litzsinger

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Ward E. Barnes Library Moving to North Campus

Almost 40 years ago the Education Library facility on the UMSL South Campus was filled with education-related materials from the Thomas Jefferson Library (TJL) building. In 1988 the Education Library was dedicated and named in honor of Ward E. Barnes, who was instrumental in helping to found UMSL. Ten years later, the Health Sciences Library merged with the Barnes Library to form the current configuration. At the close of the Spring 2014 semester the materials from the Ward E. Barnes Library will be coming back to TJL as part of a repurposing of space on the South Campus.

All Barnes Library personnel will be moving over to TJL along with the Education, Nursing and Optometry collections. It is anticipated the move will begin at the end of the Spring 2014 semester in May and be completed by the end of Summer.

In preparation for the merger, staff members at both libraries have been evaluating the collections to identify lesser used items which can be sent to the University of Missouri Libraries Depository (UMLD) in Columbia, MO, or moved to the UMSL Libraries' new local storage area located in the UMSL-ITE building* on Natural Bridge Road not far from the UMSL North Campus.

Beginning in mid-May, books targeted to return to TJL will be integrated by call number with the materials on TJ Levels 1 & 4. Barnes journals will be merged with the TJ periodicals on Level 5. Special collections such as the Juvenile and Textbook Collections will be kept as discrete collections and shelved in their own designated areas. Reserve items will be merged with the TJ Reserve materials on Level 3.

If you have questions about the move, please contact either Paul Sharpe (7993) or Frances Piesbergen (5084)

*Items relocated to the UMSL-ITE building will be available via a new retrieval service which will be initiated once the consolidation is completed.

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Library Research Commons Update: Room With a View

During the winter break the Thomas Jefferson Library and the IT Department coordinated efforts to update the Library Research Commons. The new computers were up and running Jan. 17. Shelving was moved from the north windows revealing an unobstructed view of the seasons in the Quadrangle.

The computer stations are spread throughout the area alleviating congestion, providing more than one entrance point and offering more variety in seating choices. New computers, paint and study areas give students an inviting place to gather.

Outlets and USB charging ports were added along the windows for students wanting to use personal laptops or to charge their smart phones. The Mercantile Library has provided lounge chairs for the area and we will be adding lounge seating and artwork in the next few months.

These updates continue to make the library a welcoming destination on campus.

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Libraries Update for Faculty

To receive the latest news from the Libraries, e-mail e-ref@umsl.edu and state that you want to be added to the Libraries Update listserv. Include your name and e-mail address in the message.

Information Research & Student Success Online Course

Beginning February 10th the UMSL Libraries will offer a one-credit, nine-week, online course titled **“Information Research & Student Success” (IntDsc 1010)**. This is the first time an online course is being taught in addition to the frequent instruction sessions taught at the campus libraries.

The new course seeks to find a balance between practical and conceptual information literacy. Students will learn about UMSL library services and resources, including search techniques in catalogs and periodical databases. Students will also learn abstract concepts such as the process of peer review and why peer review has been essential for the growth of scientific and scholarly knowledge. The course will emphasize that academic libraries are a gateway to vast amounts of scholarly information, much of it online, which students will not find for free on the Web no matter how much googling they do.

Course content will be taught entirely through interactive tutorials and captioned videos, most of which were created in-house using multimedia software. There are assignments and discussion boards that will let students apply and reflect on what they have been learning. This course can help students succeed by exposing them to quality information, skills and concepts that can be used for research papers and assignments.

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EMPL ID needed for MOBIUS checkouts

The UMSL Libraries are not always going to have the book you need for your research and teaching. Requesting it from another library is a great option, but there will be times when a road trip to the libraries at Washington University (Wash U), Saint Louis University (SLU), or other area colleges is in order. Our membership in the MOBIUS consortium means you can visit and checkout materials from our partner libraries anytime you like.

It is important to be prepared when you visit MOBIUS libraries. Your UMSL ID card alone is not enough to get the materials you need. You'll also need your UMSL ID number – the 8 digit number found on your pay advice. It's not found on your UMSL ID card.

The UMSL ID number, known within the university system as an employee ID (empl ID) number, is the only foolproof way of associating you with your library record. Therefore, libraries within MOBIUS will need this number to check out items to you on their campuses. Because it is treated very much like a social security number, we can't give it out over the phone.

If you need additional information on using your UMSL ID number, contact us at the library. We're happy to help!

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The Mercantile Library at UMSL Celebrates St. Louis' 250th Birthday

"Most Marvelous Machines": Steam Travel by River and Rail in 19th Century America

Opens January 31, 2014

Travel back in time to the era of steam-powered travel in America with selections from the Barriger Railroad and Pott Inland Waterways libraries. This modern marvel of technology changed the face of travel and impacted American life in ways far beyond modes of transportation. Vintage photographs, historic documents, prints and artifacts bring this fascinating story to life. This two-part exhibition is on view in the Level 2 Atrium and Level 1 Lobby Gallery.



From Chouteau to Scharf: The Early Histories of St. Louis - An Exhibition in Honor of the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of St. Louis

February 15 – September 1, 2014

The Library will join in the city-wide celebration of the 250th anniversary of the founding of St. Louis with the special exhibition *From Chouteau to Scharf: The Early Histories of St. Louis - An Exhibition in Honor of the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of St. Louis*. This exhibition will provide an in-depth look at the many ways St. Louis' history has been explored, explained and expanded through early manuscripts and a myriad of rare published histories, with only a handful of surviving copies in the Nation's libraries.

Whistle Stops: Campaigning by Train

Opens February 22, 2014

This focused exhibition combines collections from the Barriger Railroad Library and the Shopmaker Political Collection to reveal the essential role the railroads played in American presidential campaigns. Going beyond the well-known "Dewey Defeats Truman" photograph, this exhibition explores the many ways the railroad industry both supported and was impacted by American elections. On view in the Shopmaker Political Gallery.



St. Louis History in Art: Selections from the Mercantile Library Collection of Painting, Prints, Drawings and Sculpture



March 1, 2014 - ongoing

As part of its year-long celebration of the founding of St. Louis, the Mercantile Library will open a major reinstallation of the permanent collection telling the story of our city's history through its art. Featured works will include early portraits by Charles Deas and his contemporaries, sketches by Carl Wimar and prints by his fellow artist-explorers who first documented the American west. The chronology will culminate in works by modern and contemporary St. Louis artists who continued these traditions. Artwork will be complemented by published works and historical documents related to our city's cultural development that will bring St. Louis' artistic history to life.



The Chouteau Narrative: A Symposium in Honor of the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of St. Louis

June 26, 2014

August Chouteau's hand-written narrative of the founding of St. Louis is among the Mercantile Library's greatest treasures. To commemorate the city's founding, the Library will partner with the Center for French Colonial Studies to host a scholarly symposium exploring the significance of this historic document. Scheduled speakers include Carl Ekberg, William Foley and Sharon Person. Registration information will be available in February 2014.

UMSL receives Irish book collection from Finneran & FitzGerald

UMSL has been very fortunate to receive a donation of over 3,800 books and over 900 journals on Irish life and literature from the estate of Richard J. Finneran and Mary FitzGerald. Both were Irish studies scholars, and Richard J. Finneran was considered one of the preeminent Yeats researchers in the country. Mary FitzGerald held a senior Administrative position at UMSL and Richard J. Finneran taught here.

The collection includes a number of rare and valuable volumes from Irish small presses, with some signed by the authors. Several are inscribed to the Finnerans from the Irish poet Seamus Heaney. The rare volumes will be added to UMSL's Special Collections, while the bulk of the books will be added to our circulating collection. These books will be distinguished by bookplates acknowledging the donation. This collection greatly increases UMSL's holdings in Irish literature, life, and lore, and will be a resource for scholars across the country.

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UMSL adds thousands of e-books to our Libraries' collections

UMSL Libraries were excited to add a large collection of over 130,000 electronic books from EBSCO over the summer. The MOBIUS consortium brokered the group purchase for libraries across the state, which gave us enough of a discount to make such a large endeavor possible. Collections include Academic, Community College, Public Library, Clinical, High School, and K-8. This is a dynamic collection, with titles added, and occasionally removed, during the year.

The EBSCOhost E-book collection is listed on the Libraries' Database pages https://flux.umsl.edu/library/database_details2.php?ref=alpha&db=236

On the main search page, all the titles are searchable by keyword. These e-books are also listed in our main Book Catalog by author, title, and subject in the same way as our print books. E-books may be read on your web browser, or downloaded. Download instructions are here:

http://support.ebsco.com/help/index.php?help_id=5540#downloadebook

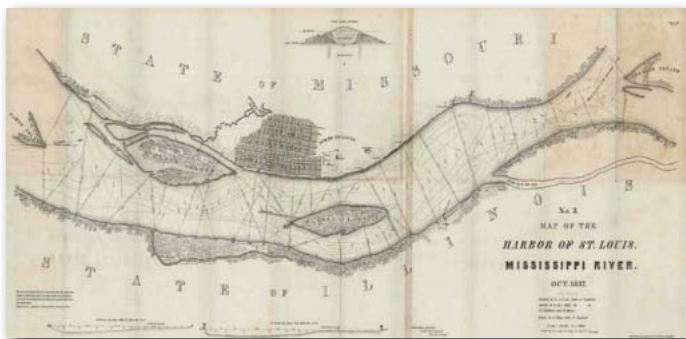
Adobe Digital Editions 1.7.1 or higher is required to download. A link to this free software is included in the download instructions.

We think that this collection will be of special use to our online students, but we hope that the entire UMSL community will be able to enjoy this addition to our growing ranks of online resources.

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Mapping St. Louis History: An Exhibition of Historic Maps, Rare Books and Images Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of St. Louis



Opens October 17, 2014

Join us as we continue honoring the city's 250th anniversary with the special exhibition *Mapping St. Louis History: An Exhibition of Historic Maps, Rare Books and Fine Art Commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the Founding of St. Louis*. Visitors will be able to watch the city develop and expand through maps that are not only important documentary objects but things of beauty as well. Each map will be complemented by a contemporaneous print, painting or photograph and rare printed histories that complete the telling of St. Louis' story. On Level 1 of the Mercantile Library.

Center for French Colonial Studies/Centre pour l'Etude du Pays des Illinois Annual Conference

October 17 – 19, 2014

The Mercantile Library is pleased to host the opening reception for the Center's annual conference. For more information on this conference please see the CFCS website: frenchcolonialstudies.org

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Triumph of the nerds!

Librarians demonstrate mastery of the trivial



The University Libraries Trivia Team, the Bibliomaniacs, was the pride of table 15: 1st row: John Hoover, Chris Dames, Chris Daniel, Pat Tansey, Nick Fry; 2nd row: Lindsay Schmitz, Ted Ficklen, Marilyn Rodgers, Raleigh Muns, Chris Niemeyer

After enduring years of taunts from Honors College Dean Bob Bliss over a constant stream of second place finishes, the Bibliomaniacs pulled out all stops and trounced the competition at the Honors College Trivia Night on February 22, 2014. Dean Chris Dames donated the winners' share to the Dennis Bohnenkamp Scholarship Fund.

Café TJ Update

Café TJ observed its one year anniversary in the TJ Library on January 19, 2014, having proven to be a popular place for students, staff and faculty to gather and enjoy sandwiches, salads, snacks and drinks. The Café is staffed by Sodexo and offers their *Simply to Go* line and Starbucks *Proudly Brew* products.

The cafe averaged 100 customers per day until the sharp increase that comes with finals week, Sodexo said. Sodexo extended their hours during finals week in December 2013 and in cooperation with Student Life provided free coffee and snacks to students while serving 403 people per day.

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