



STUDENT NEWSLETTER

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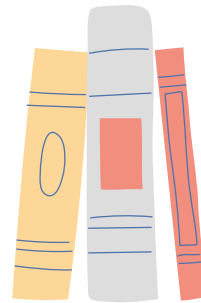
The UMSL Libraries are excited for another year of supporting student learning and research! This newsletter covers some of our most important services and updates, including information about the [Personal Librarian Program](#), [renovation updates](#), and news from the [Mercantile Library](#). Read on, and don't forget to visit us in person or online for access to millions of resources to help you succeed academically and personally.

Questions? We have multiple ways to search for resources and get in touch!



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Discover@UMSL

The library's main search tool. [Start here](#) to access articles, books, newspapers, and more. View our [guide](#) or contact the library for search help!

Front Desk

To check out materials, get help with finding print items, or talk to a reference librarian in person.

Online Chat

For quick questions about locating/accessing resources, your library account, search recommendations, etc.



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FALL CALENDAR

TJ Library will be hosting a variety of workshops and de-stressing events this semester! View the [Library Events Calendar](#) for the full schedule and register on our [Triton Connect page](#)!

Don't forget to check back later for new additions to the schedule, especially in the spring. We hope to see you soon!



LIBRARY RESEARCH 101

Sep. 5, 2 PM, Zoom

[Register on Triton Connect](#)



SPOOKY TRIVIA NIGHT

Oct. 25, 4:30-6 PM, Zoom

[Register on Triton Connect](#)



INTRO TO ZOTERO

Sep. 19, 2 PM, Zoom

[Register on Triton Connect](#)



DIY AUTUMN BOOKMARKS

Nov. 13, 14, 15, 2-4 PM

[Details on Triton Connect](#)



CHATGPT AND THE RESEARCH PROCESS

Sep. 27, 2 PM, Zoom

[Register on Triton Connect](#)



PERSONAL LIBRARIAN PROGRAM



Research shows that library use contributes greatly to college students' academic success and retention.

The **Personal Librarian** program at TJ Library pairs you with a librarian based on your major or department. Your personal librarian can help you navigate library services, develop a research strategy, and find scholarly resources for papers and projects.

To schedule an appointment, visit the **Personal Librarian** page on the library website. You are welcome to use the online booking system or send an email. Appointments are available in person at TJ Library or via Zoom.

We are happy to meet with you at any stage of your research!

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Political Science
Public Policy
World History

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Honors College
Business
Economics
Gender Studies
Sociology
Undecided

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Military &
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Lindsay Schmitz

American History
Communication &
Media
Criminology
Social Work
Government
Information

Judy Schmitt

Nursing
Optometry

Andrew Stout

Biology
Computer Science
Chemistry
Mathematics &
Statistics
Philosophy
Physics &
Astronomy

Libby Wheelles

English
Language &
Cultural Studies
Art
Music

Michelle Zigler

Education
Counseling
Psychology



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CONSULTATION**



EXAMPLE GUIDES

News & Newspapers

Education

Nursing

Government Information

Philosophy

Finding and Using Images

DEI Reading List & Resources

RESEARCH GUIDES

TJ Librarians have created **online guides** to help you get started with your research projects! Explore guides on a variety of topics, including general library help, researching a specific subject, or recommended reading lists.



INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Do not pay to access academic journal articles.

You have access to a wealth of scholarly resources through the UMSL Libraries. You can also request books and articles from other libraries at **no cost** by submitting an [interlibrary loan](#) request form.

BOOK REQUESTS

MOBIUS

A consortium of academic and public libraries that share materials (print only). You can pick up your request at TJ Library.

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

For print books not available at UMSL or through MOBIUS. You can pick up your request at TJ Library.

ARTICLES & BOOK CHAPTERS

INTERLIBRARY LOAN

Fill out a request form with as much information about the article/book chapter as you can. Keep an eye on your **UMSL email** for a notification when the article is ready.

***Note:** You can request a digital scan of chapters the UMSL Libraries have in print!

WELCOME



ANDREW STOUT

Join us in welcoming our new **Access Services and Reference Librarian**! A lifelong St. Louis-area resident, Andrew earned his B.A. in Philosophy from Lindenwood University, Master's in Theological Studies from Covenant Theological Seminary, and Master's in Library Science from the University of Missouri. He looks forward to helping students find materials to support their research! Andrew will also act as the sciences liaison. Welcome!

ILL questions? Contact Andrew at astout@umsl.edu.



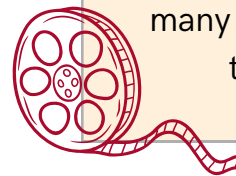
Concept art of a renovated Level 3

UPCOMING RENOVATIONS

This fall, the University Libraries will begin a large-scale renovation impacting three floors of the building. Levels 2, 3, and 5 of the building will be impacted during the renovation. Level 2 will be home to a new art gallery, focusing on Missouri art and artists highlighted in the Mercantile Library's vast collection. Level 5 will be home to library staff, in addition to moving the library's classroom to this level. Students, faculty, and staff will be most impacted by the changes to Level 3.

Once completed, the newly remodeled Level 3 will include 18 study rooms for group and individual study, a flexible computer lab, an art gallery to showcase collections in the Mercantile Library, gender neutral bathrooms, a parent's room, a new library entrance facing the quad, and an expanded Starbucks.

To keep up to date on the latest news of the library's renovation, see our [website](#). For questions, please contact Associate Dean of Libraries **Jaleh Fazelian** at jfazelian@umsl.edu or 314-516-5078.



Please enjoy [this video](#) that highlights many of the new spaces coming to the University Libraries.

During the renovation, there may be spaces inaccessible to campus within the library. The whole of Level 5, including study rooms, is currently closed as we prepare the space for the contractors. If users need items from Level 5, you can place a request in the library's catalog. The item will be pulled, and the user will be notified to pick up the item at the main desk. Students and faculty who wish to use the library for meetings or study space will have Levels 1, 2, and 4 available.

Concept art of a renovated Level 3



CELEBRATING ONE MILLION DOWNLOADS

UMSL's Institutional Repository Library



We are thrilled to announce a remarkable milestone achieved by the Institutional Repository Library (IRL). In March of 2023, the IRL reached an impressive **one million downloads!**

The IRL is a collection that combines UMSL's research and historical documents under one digital umbrella. Its primary goal is to preserve and provide access to these materials, ensuring their long-term availability to researchers, students, and the world. The IRL stands as a testament to UMSL's commitment to fostering knowledge dissemination and supporting open-access initiatives. This significant milestone reflects the invaluable contributions made by UMSL's faculty, students, and researchers, as well as the enduring support of the University of Missouri–St. Louis Libraries.

Of the now over one million downloads, an impressive 645,768 are graduate works: theses and dissertations that represent the culmination of intensive research and academic pursuits. Other highlights in the collection include our **UMSL Open Educational Resources**, which have collectively garnered over 179,000 downloads. In addition to exploring our faculty's open access scholarship, you can browse **thousands of photos** from UMSL's 60-year history.



We invite you join us in celebrating our momentous achievement by exploring the vast collection of research and historical documents on the [IRL website](#).

Stay tuned for more exciting updates and developments from the Institutional Repository Library as we strive to further expand and enhance our collection for the benefit of the UMSL community and beyond. Together, let us continue to embrace the power of open access and knowledge sharing.

Questions about the IRL or UMSL's promotion and use of Open Educational Resources? Contact Institutional Repository and OER Librarian **Helena Marvin** at marvinh@umsl.edu.





THE ST. LOUIS MERCANTILE LIBRARY

SPECIALIZED RESEARCH ASSISTANCE AND SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Welcome back to another great year of research and discovery at the Mercantile Library! Our reference curators are ready to assist you with exploring our collections to find just the resources you need for your academic research. The Mercantile special collections cover a broad range of national, regional, and local history, with subjects that include westward expansion, rivers and railroads, the American Civil War, St. Louis and Missouri history and culture, and much more.

Especially useful resources include the clipping and image files of the St. Louis Globe-Democrat; St. Louis City Directories; the collection of the Bureau of Railway Economics that includes some of the library's oldest railroad holdings such as the proposals to build America's first railroads; and primary source materials including letters, diaries, and photograph albums documenting life on America's rivers, including original drawings of the Mississippi and Missouri Rivers created in the 1840s and currently on view in the special exhibition **Pencils on the Frontier**.



One example of the rare resources available for research is this 1851 edition of Frederick Douglass's newspaper *The North Star*, part of the library's growing collection of anti-slavery newspapers.



THE ST. LOUIS MERCANTILE LIBRARY

The collections lists and finding aids on the Mercantile special collections webpages are a great way to start your research; the [Mercantile Library](#), [Barriger Railroad Library](#), [Pott Waterways Library](#), and Mercantile Library [Art Museum](#) resources are updated frequently as new collections are added. Fully digitized collections can be searched on the [Digital Library](#), where new collections are added regularly. Reference advice and Reading Room appointments are available through the online [research assistance request](#), by email to MercantileLibrary@UMSL.edu, or by phone at 314-516-7247. Advance appointments are strongly encouraged since many collections are stored off-site and require additional time for access.

Parts of the Mercantile will be impacted by the upcoming renovation as we convert space on Level 2 into a **new gallery for Missouri Art**, but we expect the Reading Room on Level 2, our special exhibitions on Level 1, and the study tables in the atrium and on Level 1 to remain available. Come by the Mercantile and study in style, and when you need a break explore the exhibitions of illustrated maps and early Missouri drawings, and other great art and artifacts that surround you. If you'd like to learn more about the collections, free tours are available with advance reservation by emailing MercantileLibrary@UMSL.edu. We look forward to seeing you at the Mercantile.

