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LIBRARY PRIORITIES

Library priorities have been established for the coming year. High on the list are items relating to space utilization. A recent study by the General Services Division shows a range-by-range study of present space. We have remaining only one year of usable space. We must seek some immediate resolution of the problem. We have formally requested additional offsite storage from the Campus Committee for the last two years with the result that we received one small room on 2nd level for "rare books". Our request was for 10,000 sq. ft. of storage.

We will now take the request to the Senate Library Committee, Academic Officers and Campus Space Committee, while investigating costs of local outside storage. We can only hope that some resolution will be forthcoming. We have many acts now at our command. Facts do not necessarily lead to understanding or action, but we will do our best.

The move of CP&M to 3rd level has a \$20,000 price tag on it. Further investigation will follow in an attempt to reduce that figure.

Other items of interest are housekeeping, theft and Library Policy Manual.

Physical Plant intends to put in day staff in the Library to assist with out mounting housekeeping problems. A theft/mutilation policy has been drafted based on the work of General Services and Reference Division Staff members, and will soon be reviewed by Administrative Committee. The Library Policy manual will move along with at least one policy being reviewed monthly. On the review line presently is the Student Handbook for this month's review.

Completed Priorities: CRL status, LUMIN planning, and Handicapped Services.

A concerted effort will be made to complete all library priorities.

Ron Krash, Director of Libraries

BUDGET: 1983/84

The Library may receive funds from Chancellor in early 1984. These are vital for both E & E categories and for acquisitions program. Both have suffered from our efforts to keep from cutting large numbers of staff. You can assist by ordering only vital supplies and equipment. Overages in E & E may mean more staff cuts in the coming year. We can't have it both ways under the present budget situation.

Ron Krash, Director of Libraries

FRANZEN BENEFIT CONCERT

The Library in cooperation with the Focal Point and the University will be sponsoring a benefit concert for Greg Franzen on December 19th featuring the "world's greatest autoharp player," Bryan Bowers. See the article from FRETTS magazine on the bulletin board. None of the Library budget is being used to sponsor the event.

Ron Krash, Director of Libraries

SLRN ACTIVITIES

The St. Louis Regional Library Network on December 7, 1983, will be discussing staff internships for Libraries in the St. Louis area. If approved, it will offer us a chance to spend some time at other institutions and offer the opportunity for us to meet library folks from other institutions who would like to spend some time with us. The proposal was submitted one year ago by our library to SLRN.

Ron Krash, Director of Libraries

STAFF MEETING

There will be a General Staff Meeting in

ovember. If you have any topics you wish addressed please submit them to Ron Krash.

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UTISM COLLECTION TO BE PRESENTED TO MSL LIBRARIES

On Friday, October 21, at 12:30 p.m., the Education Library was the recipient of the NFL Charities Research Collection on Autism." This comprehensive 54-book reference collection was made possible by a grant from the National Football League to the National Society for Children and Adults with Autism. In the past two years, the NFL has given \$40,000.00 for the purchase and dissemination of these collections to libraries in NFL cities. UMSL's collection will be the first in the Mid-West.

Autism is a severe communication, learning and behavior disorder that strikes 15 out of every 10,000 children. There is no known cure.

This NFL Research Collection will be available to families of autistic children, students going into the field of Special Education and to all professionals who are involved in research or in the care, diagnosis, treatment, teaching, counseling, evaluation or program development for autistic children.

Virginia Workman, Education Library

LUMIN UPDATE

The online catalog of the University of Missouri system, LUMIN, continues to make slow but steady progress. At UMSL the complex effort of building the catalog has, to date, primarily affected the Cataloging Services Division. One task for Cataloging Services necessitated by LUMIN is the retrospective conversion project, which was begun in March 1982. For cataloging records to be entered into the LUMIN database, they must be available on magnetic tapes in machine-readable form. This condition has been routinely met since UMSL began cataloging on OCLC in 1979. All cataloging records previous to that time, however, must be entered into OCLC now, hence the phrase "retrospective conversion." We have now converted approximately one-third of these older records during a first pass through of our shelflist during which conversion of book records but not serials has been done.

Once the cataloging records are in machine-readable form, they are "loaded" into the LUMIN

database. The OCLC tapes for each individual campus are entered in segments, on a rotating basis, i.e., one week Columbia's records will be loaded first, then UMSL's, etc., with the order being rotated the following week. When UMSL's tapes for any particular load are entered and a record matches one already in the database because another campus has already entered that particular item, we receive a workfile report. These occurrences of duplicates must be resolved. To do this a decision must be made as to whether the cataloging of the record already in the database should be retained (and ours dropped), or whether the record currently in the database should be replaced with ours. To date, approximately 70% of UMSL's collection presently on OCLC has been loaded into LUMIN creating over 30,000 instances of duplicates for our workfile. This figure presents a clear idea of the magnitude of the workfile reports to be resolved by our Cataloging Department. To create standards for making these decisions and to assure high quality cataloging throughout the University system, a LUMIN Quality Control Committee consisting of representatives from all campuses meets on an irregular basis in Columbia. Frank Sadowski is UMSL's representative. To keep themselves busy, besides cataloging on OCLC for currently received material, the retrospective conversion project, straightening out problems created when our tapes are loaded, and trying to understand LUMIN's quirks, Tom Rick and other staff are also engaged in a project to correct the LUMIN authority file.

Though daily use of LUMIN involves only Cataloging Services personnel at this time, other staff in the library have also been participating throughout in decisions relating to the gradual development of LUMIN. An UMSL LUMIN Committee currently consisting of Barb Lehocky, Leanne Miller, Mike Montgomery, Tom Rick, Frank Sadowski, Sandy Snell, and Virginia Workman has worked on various tasks assigned by the LUMIN central office in Columbia. Our staff also participates in the LUMIN Quality Control Committee, mentioned in the previous paragraph, the Bibliographic Control Task Force and LUMIN User's Committee. These latter two bodies also consist of representatives from all campuses and concentrate on broad system and administrative issues and on end user problems respectively. Decisions worked on in this cooperative manner span a wide range which includes initial choice of the WLN software to form the basis of the University of Missouri online catalog, selection of terminals, setting of priorities for software modification, and consideration of "user friendly" online instructions for the less experienced user.

The online catalog is gradually becoming a reality. Though all of our older records must eventually be converted and many problems must be solved, progress is being made. One recent major step forward is the current testing of a file which provides location and call number for each bibliographic record. Rolla, which has completed its retrospective conversion project, plans to make the system available to the public as soon as holdings are entered and terminals are installed in early 1984. This step is, of course, some time in the future for UMSL.

Sandy Snell, LUMIN Committee

STAFF DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

The current Staff Development Committee: Sandra Brandt, Mary Doran, Joyce Edinger, Sandy Wyrey, and Nancy Zander (Chair) have met several times since being elected to the committee. Since there is little or no money available for travel and outside speakers this year, the committee has decided to concentrate on programs that cost little or no money to implement but are available to beat back the "no raise" blues.

In September, we circulated the list of classes offered by the Continuing Education/Extension Division for which the library would pay the cost of materials and grant time off to attend. About six staff members will be participating in this program.

Another program available to library staff members is the internship/work exchange program. Through the internship program staff members can learn about other departments within the library by actually working in another department for a specified time period on a particular project. To participate in this program consult your supervisor, if permission is given, an application form can be obtained from Nancy Zander. In the work exchange program any two staff members with the same classification may exchange positions or a period of time agreed upon by themselves and their respective supervisors. This has never been attempted here, but the possibilities are endlessly fascinating. Either of these programs is currently available to all staff members dependent upon their supervisor's permission, and the ability of the Staff Development Committee to work out a satisfactory work arrangement for all concerned.

We are also interested in supporting various other efforts on campus, i.e., the UMSL Parking Committee and the UMSL Staff Association. We are drafting a letter to be sent to the Parking Com-

mittee. This letter will be circulated to all library staff members. It voices our concern over parking fees and the use of the parking fee money. We have obtained a draft copy of a survey that the Staff Association will be circulating later this year. If you would like to see this excellent document contact Nancy Zander. We are interested in pursuing any concerns that the staff feels strongly about. If you have an issue of interest, please talk to one of the members of the Staff Development Committee.

Nancy Zander, Staff Development Committee

NEW CATALOGING SERVICES STAFF

Newest member of the Cataloging Services Division staff is Ms. Kim Lowe who has recently joined the division as senior recon assistant. Kim comes to UMSL from Texas. She is already hard at work picking up the recon project where it left off and will soon be training two new assistants.

If you haven't already met Kim, stop by and welcome her to the staff.

Thomas Rick, Cataloging Services

NEW GENERAL SERVICES DIVISION ASSISTANTS

The General Services Division would like to welcome the following student assistants: Tamera Fox, Dave Wich, Jim Schmid, Tim Grumich, Lisa Marty, Kevin Polito, Kathy Briggs, Daniel Johnson, Wendy Sheu, Joe Groaning, Kelly Gaylord and Steve Hoover - - nice meeting you.

Amy Arnott, General Services

NEW STUDENT ASSISTANTS (EDUCATION)

A special welcome to new student assistants: Karen Humphrey (who recently transferred to the Education Library), John Stickney and Laura Turner.

Virginia Workman, Education Library

MILESTONES

Since our May issue real life has gone on at a pretty fast clip for some of us, notably:

Born to Barb Hufker (General Services):

Paul Eugene, on June 20, at 9:40 a.m. Paul weighed 7 lbs., 6 oz.

Born to Mike Montgomery (Reference), with help from Lauren Lepow: Jean Catherine, on July 10, at 4:45 a.m. Jean weighed 6 lbs., 5½ oz.

Born to Carmen Walker (Serials): Samuel Stewart, Jr., in July 26.

Born to Cheryle Cann (Health Sciences): Albert Micah, on September 26, at 4:27 p.m. Albert weighed 7 lbs., 13 oz.

Married: Elias (Lou) Hindeleh (General Services) to Carolyn Sue Spak, on September 24. The wedding was followed by a two-week honeymoon trip to Florida.

ANOTHER KNOT IS BEING TIED... Ms. Joan Awls and Mr. LeRoy "Roy" Standberry will become husband and wife on May 26, 1984.

Congratulations to Barb, Mike, Carmen, Cheryle Lou, and Joan!

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