Reference Services

Reference Services served as a host site in March for a two-week internship experience for Milena Fein, a library student from Germany. Ms. Fein’s schedule included collection development activities where she completed a display of books on the German immigrant experience in Missouri, reviewing library research databases and visiting a state employee training session with the outreach librarian. She also toured the Legislative Library, the Missouri Supreme Court Library and Missouri River Regional Library in Jefferson City.

Also in March, Abbey Rimel, Collection Development Librarian, hosted students from Lincoln University as part of their class work on library collection policies, in particular the ongoing de-selection project of the Missouri State Library. LU began offering a Library Science undergraduate minor in June 2010.

AJ Million, Transportation Librarian, along with MODOT Organizational Results Division, will serve as the lead agency for the 2011-2015 Transportation Library Pooled Fund.

Annie Moots, Documents Librarian, attended the Open Missouri Day Summit at MU’s Reynolds Journalism Institute on Mar. 17 and saw presentations by journalists on finding federal and state government information online.

Thanks to Annie Moots, the Central Missouri Library Enthusiasts began monthly “meet and eat” gatherings in Jefferson City and Columbia. Annie also organized the MOSL Book Challenge for 2011 Missouri Book Challenge at http://mobookchallenge.blogspot.com/

Wolfner Library

Institutional BARD Accounts

Wolfner Library is pleased to announce that in May institutions serving eligible Missourians will be able to download books for their students, clients, or residents from BARD (Braille and Audio Reading Download). In addition, public libraries will have a Demo Only account to demonstrate to local eligible patrons how to download books from BARD. BARD is currently only available to individual patrons.

SHELF Project

Wolfner Library is investigating Keystone System’s SHared ELeクトronic Files (SHELF) Project. SHELF will store the library’s digital book files, maintain title data and provide a download portal for Missourians to access digital books produced by Wolfner. In addition to Missouri books, the SHELF project will be a national repository of local titles that are produced in other states. The SHELF project will integrate into the library’s online catalog, KLAS.


**Library Development**

**State Aid**
The State Aid Equalization program distributes appropriated funds to public libraries in counties where adequate local support is limited by economic factors. Missouri statutes governing state aid provide the opportunity for equalization payments to be made to county, city/county, urban public, or consolidated libraries. For state FY 2011, payments totaling $1,046,166.50 were distributed to this year’s 57 qualifying libraries. A list of libraries qualifying for a FY11 Equalization payment can be accessed on the State Library’s 2011 Funds Transfer Web page at [http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/eftpayments/eftpayments11.asp](http://www.sos.mo.gov/library/development/eftpayments/eftpayments11.asp).

**Missouri Digital Heritage**
The migration to an upgraded version of the CONTENTdm Digital Collection Management Software has been substantially completed and LSTA digital imaging grantees are beginning to resume uploading their projects to the MDH database. The MDH staff continue to work on implementing the results of the usability study conducted last fall, focusing on the areas of navigating and search ability. A committee is also working on a Civil War portal that will showcase MDH content for the Sesquicentennial Commemoration of the Civil War.

**Show Me the World**
The Library Automation Task Force met separately on March 25 with MOBIUS, MOREnet and MLNC to learn how each organization could support a proposed consortium of public libraries for a shared ILS. All three gave presentations on the experience, infrastructure and expertise they were prepared to offer this project. The next steps for the task force include surveying existing statewide public library consortia about the costs of using proprietary software for their ILS, inviting open source ILS tech support companies to present their services and demo the two leading systems, Koha and Evergreen, and using statistical data on public libraries that are potential participants in the consortium to model and extrapolate costs for the project. The task force’s final task is to consider what structure such a consortium might have and to make a recommendation to the state librarian on software, hosting and consortial structure. The timeline for accomplishing this work is early to mid-June, 2011.

**E-rate**
For July 1, 2011-June 30, 2012 Missouri libraries filing for E-rate increased to 60 libraries. Deadline for filing the Form 471 was March 24, 2011. The State Library made available training on the new Form 470 and Form 471. This training was attended by library staff from 14 libraries. Requests for funding totaled $1,179,207.92 for 54 of the libraries listed on the USAC Website on March 24, 2011, just hours before the deadline to file funding requests.

The July 1, 2010-June 30, 2011 year saw 55 libraries granted awards through E-rate totaling 1,224,236.97.

**Online Resource Services for FY12**
The Missouri State Library has announced the award of bids to EBSCO and Gale Cengage Learning to provide online resources for FY12. These resources will provide a high quality, comprehensive package to meet the needs of MOREnet customers for general periodical, health, K-12, and business information. This will include EBSCO’s *MasterFILE Premier* and *Academic...*
Search Elite and Gale Cengage Learning’s Business and Company Resource Center. A complete list of the databases to be provided by each vendor is given below.

**Gale:**
Business and Company Resource Center
Discovering Collection

**EBSCO:**
MasterFILE Premier
Academic Search Elite
Consumer Health Complete
ERIC
MAS Ultra School Edition
Middle Search Plus
Primary Search
Newspaper Source
Science Reference Center
Professional Development Collection
Book Collection: Nonfiction – High School Edition
Book Collection: Nonfiction – Middle School Edition
Book Collection: Nonfiction - Elementary School Edition

**Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation Grant**
Missouri public libraries have received $230,100 from the Gates Foundation to purchase and maintain patron access computers. The Gates Foundation provided $352,300 in Phase II. The deadline for having the funds distributed to libraries is April 30, 2011.

**Summer Reading Program Workshops**
One hundred and fifty-six (156) participants attended the Children’s Summer Reading Workshops “One World, Many Stories” presented by Dianne de Las Casas, a professional storyteller and children’s book author. Her presentation included draw-and-tell stories, tangram tales, and crafts from all over the world. The five workshop sessions were held in Carrollton, Springfield, Jefferson City, Cape Girardeau, and St Louis. Workshops participants were enthusiastic about Dianne’s program ideas with many of the participants reporting use, and success, of the programs on Dianne’s blog.

Chrissie Morrison, the Teen and Tween Librarian for the East Greenbush Community Library, presented the “You Are Here” Teen Summer Reading Workshops. Chrissie’s presentation focused on bringing teens into the library through summer volunteer programs, why it is important to have a summer reading program for teens, and growing, changing, and evolving a library’s summer reading program for teens. Workshops were held in Chillicothe, Harrisonville, Springfield, Columbia, and O’Fallon, with a total attendance of 125 participants.

**Adult Services Direct videoconference series**
The January videoconference on adult summer reading programs was very successful, with approximately 75 participants statewide. Lorraine Sandstrom (Springfield-Greene), Debbie Gentry (St. Joseph Public), Jennifer Seaton and Darcy Wood (Carthage Public), Sara Nielsen (St. Charles City-County), and Brandy Sanchez and Marilyn McLeod (Daniel Boone Regional)
discussed the in and outs of hosting a reading program for adults. These public services experts discussed planning, marketing, and programming ideas to help participants create a new adult reading program or build upon an already established program.

The scheduled March session on outreach to Spanish speakers was cancelled due to lack of participation, and the May session will be broadcast as a webinar, instead of through the videoconference format. This webinar, “Helping Your Community Get Back to Work: Job Searching with the Missouri Division of Workforce Development”, scheduled for Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. and 1:00 p.m., will be presented by Lisa Johnson, Manager of Skill Development at the Missouri Division of Workforce Development. Johnson will offer information about the services provided by Missouri Career Source Centers and present an online tour of the newly redesigned MissouriCareerSource.com. Discussion will focus on ways libraries and career centers can partner to help people in their community find jobs.

Current plans are to continue an adult services series, either by videoconference or webinar in the fall.

Missouri Center for the Book
The Center for the Book held a day-long retreat in February at the Mercantile Library in St. Louis. Current and past board members reviewed and revised the Center’s mission statement and discussed issues surrounding membership. The Center also held its quarterly board meeting in March, in which new members and officers were elected. Board members bid farewell to outgoing president Mark Tiedemann, who had served on the board for nine years.

New board president Wicky Sleight, and vice-president John Hoover are applying for an invitation-only grant from the National Endowment of the Arts on the art of fine print and bookmaking in Missouri.

The state level judging for the annual Letters About Literature contest is complete and national level judging is taking place. Only first place state winners are entered into the national competition. The state awards ceremony is set for April 27, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. in the State Information Center.

Health Literacy Workshops
Susan Centner, Director, Missouri Area Health Education Center Digital Library and Barbara Jones, Missouri/Library Advocacy Liaison of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine, will present a series of 3-hour workshops, in five areas of the state, to explore health literacy concepts, communication skills, relationships between health professionals and patients, and economic implications for society and public health policy. Participants will be able to understand and address the complexities of health literacy and have resources available when working with their communities.

Scholarships
Missouri State Library Scholarships are for students pursuing a master’s degree in library science and/or school library media specialist certification and cover tuition and applicable fees at colleges and universities in Missouri. Two students, Steven Davies-Sigmund and Janet Creeden graduated in December of 2010. After graduating, recipients must commit to work in a publicly
funded Missouri library. Erika Woehlk, an employee of the Missouri State Archives, completed her work commitment and successfully exited the program in January.

**Early Literacy Workshops**
This fall, Saroj Nadkarni Ghoting will present workshops on early literacy and the revised Every Child Ready to Read program. Saroj was a children's librarian for more than 30 years and is now an Early Childhood Literacy Consultant.

**Library Skills Summer Institute 2011**
Summer Institute is scheduled for August 9-11 in Columbia at the Holiday Inn Select Executive Center.

Library Skills Institutes provide an opportunity for library staff who do not have an advanced degree in library/information science to learn the basics of librarianship or update their library skills. The Institute offers both Basic Library Skills courses and Advanced Library Skills courses. Basic Library Skills is a series of sessions covering a range of library skills focused on public libraries in Missouri. The courses in the Advanced Library Skills series offered during the 2011 Summer Institute are Collection Development and Children’s Services.

**WebJunction Missouri Course Promotion**

**Release of 2010 Census Apportionment and Redistricting Data**
In December 2010, the U.S. Census Bureau announced the first outcomes from the decennial census conducted in 2010 – the constitutionally mandated reapportionment of seats in the U.S. House of Representatives. As of April 1, 2010, the population in Missouri was 5,988,927 – a seven percent increase from 2000. Missouri’s growth, however, was slower than that for states in the South and West, so one of nine seats in the House of Representatives was lost.

In February 2011, the Census Bureau released the necessary block-by-block results from the 2010 Census needed to redraw not only state legislative districts, but create new boundaries for the eight congressional districts – a process called redistricting. The 2010 Census Public Law 94-171 data provides total population, voting age population, race, and Hispanic origin and housing occupancy status, for various geographies down to the Census block level.

Highlights from comparing 2010 Total Population data to Census 2000 data include:
- Fastest Growing Counties (percent increase) = Christian (43%) and Lincoln (35%)
- Fastest Growing Cities (percent increase) = Wentzville (322%) and Dardenne Prairie (162%) – both in St. Charles County
- Minority population = 19%; Population of Hispanic origin = 3.5%

**LSTA FY 2010**

**Targeted Collection Development Grants**
Targeted Collection Development grants to strengthen collections in the areas of Health Literacy; and/or Statewide Reading Programs.

36 Targeted Collection Development grant applications received, requesting $156,844
36 Targeted Collection Development grant awarded for a total of $124,040

**Intermediate Fall 2010 Grant Call**
30 Summer Library Program grant applications received, requesting $314,025
27 Summer Library Program grant awards issued for a total of $273,422

**SUMMER LIBRARY PROGRAM - $273,422**
Barton County Library - $8,190
Brentwood Public Library - $3,290
Cape Girardeau Public Library - $15,000
Carrollton Public Library - $6,779
Daniel Boone Regional Library - $13,841
De Soto Public School District - $6,000
Gentry County Library - $8,490
Hannibal Free Public Library - $4,650
Joplin Public Library - $15,000
Kirkwood Public Library - $5,345
Maryville Public Library - $5,123
McDonald County Library - $12,000
Missouri River Regional Library - $10,430
Moberly Public Schools - $11,700
Morgan County R-1 School District - $7,200
Mound City Public Library - $4,984
Neosho / Newton County Library - $8,999
Polk County Library - $8,963
Riverside Regional Library - $15,000
Rolla Free Public Library - $7,640
Rolling Hills Consolidated Library - $12,000
Sikeston Public Library - $7,979
Springfield-Greene County Library - $19,938
St. Clair County Library - $7,278
St. Louis County Library - $20,000
St. Louis Public Library - $20,000
Wright County Library - $7,979
Total Short Term Grants Awarded Winter 2011 Call
37 grant applications received requesting $299,575
31 grant awards issued for a total of $224,167

EXCELLENCE IN LIBRARY SERVICE - $14,342
Kansas City Public Library - $3,142
Kirkwood Public Library - $11,200

PROGRAMS FOR TARGETED POPULATIONS - $11,790
Hamilton Public Library - $2,082
Little Dixie Regional Libraries - $2,208
Rolling Hills Consolidated Library - $7,500

SPANISH THAT WORKS - $3,897
Saint Charles Community College Library - $3,897

TECHNOLOGY MINI GRANT - $194,138
Adair County Library - $14,268
Bollinger County Library - $6,743
Boonslick Regional Library - $11,018
Brentwood Public Library - $5,595
Brookfield Public Library - $11,740
Cameron Public Library - $3,151
Christian County Library - $4,923
Doniphan-Ripley County Library - $3,316
Hamilton Public Library - $5,704
Kansas City Public Library - $7,502
Little Dixie Regional Libraries - $11,032
Livingston County Library - $12,648
Marshall Public Library - $11,874
McDonald County Library - $2,500
Mexico-Audrain County Library District - $11,428
Missouri River Regional Library - $2,500
Moniteau County Library Districts, California Subdistrict - $5,999
Montgomery City Public Library - $4,032
Mound City Public Library - $3,118
Neosho / Newton County Library - $6,352
Polk County Library - $12,788
Ray County Library - $8,226
Springfield-Greene County Library District - $16,106
University City Public Library - $8,319
Willow Springs Public Library - $3,256
**LSTA FY 2011**
We received partial award notice of our LSTA FY2011 allotment on February 26, 2011. Because of economic conditions and the possibility of budget reductions, the State Library has been cautioned by the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) to be very judicious in making awards involving LSTA FY2011 funds until Congress has set a budget and the IMLS Fiscal Office has determined full LSTA FY2011 funding allotments to the States.

**Long Term Fall 2010 Grant Call**
Projects are to be funded from the LSTA FY2010 or LSTA FY2011 grant allotments, depending on the project timeline involved.

**DIGITAL IMAGING**
10 Digital Imaging grant applications received requesting $794,570
  2 Digital Imaging grant awards issued for a total of $104,588 using LSTA FY2010 funds
  1 Digital Imaging partial grant award issued for a total of $69,934 using LSTA FY2011 funds
  5 Digital Imaging grant award decisions on hold pending LSTA FY2011 full allotment notification
  2 Digital Imaging grant applications denied

State Historical Society of Missouri - $34,280
State Historical Society of Missouri - $70,308
Springfield-Greene County Library District - $69,934

**WEBSITE MAKEOVER**
4 Website Makeover grant applications received requesting $68,688
  1 Website Makeover grant award issued for a total of $18,750 using LSTA FY2010 funds
  1 Website Makeover grant award decision on hold pending LSTA FY2011 full allotment notification
  2 Website Makeover grant applications denied

Municipal Library Consortium of St. Louis County (MLC) - $18,750

**Long Term Winter 2011 Grant Call**
4 Spotlight on Literacy grant applications received requesting $37,252
10 Technology Mini-Grant grant applications received requesting $513,355
14 total grant applications received requesting $550,607