

ANNOTATIONS¹

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From the dean

I am so pleased to share news of a new gift to the libraries from a KU faculty member and his wife, Kirk and Jeannie McClure.

The McClures' gift supports our subscription to the award-winning "World Shakespeare Bibliography Online," an electronic resource published by the Shakespeare Quarterly, which is the most comprehensive record of Shakespeare-related scholarship and theatrical productions published or produced worldwide between 1960 and 2011.

Notably, their gift has inspired a new giving opportunity at KU Libraries. Our Adopt-a-Journal program (www.lib.ku.edu/giving/journals) now gives friends and fans of KU Libraries the chance to support research at KU by underwriting the costs of journal subscriptions.

During a time of flat budgets and double-digit annual increases in subscription costs for many journals, private funds play a critical role in our ability to make resources like this available to faculty and students at KU.

Earlier this spring, we announced a \$250,000 gift from Marilyn Stokstad to create a new interior reception space and remodel the reading room at the Kenneth Spencer Research Library.

Securing alternative sources of funding—including private gifts—helps us better meet the needs of faculty, researchers and students at KU and beyond. We are grateful for this support.



Haricombe

Lorraine J. Haricombe,
Dean of Libraries



LIBRARIANS IN ACTION

The Institute for Digital Research in the Humanities (IDRH) hosted a Digital Jumpstart Workshop in Watson Library on March 3-4. The workshop included hands-on introductions to digital tools and practices to help researchers capture and digitize data, discover and analyze patterns in text, and present and disseminate results. Photo by Sarah Kanning.

The IDRH, created through a partnership of KU Libraries, the Hall Center for the Humanities and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences, supports and enhances humanities research at KU. Its mission is to promote the use of computing technology to advance humanistic scholarship across disciplines, publish and disseminate scholarly research through new Web-based models and study the impact of technology on society and on the scholarly record. For more information, visit idrh.ku.edu.

Dean of Libraries establishes Open Access Advisory Board

Lorraine Haricombe, dean of libraries at the University of Kansas and the provost's designate on implementing and supporting the KU faculty open access policy, has created an Open Access Advisory Board to help guide those efforts. In 2010, faculty elected to make KU the first public university in the United States to adopt an open access policy regarding faculty research published in peer-review journals.

The board, which met for the first time this spring, will work with Haricombe to enhance support for and understanding of issues related to open access and other initiatives that extend the reach and access to the scholarship created at KU. The overarching goal of the board is to shape open access policy and practice at KU to promote the dissemination of KU faculty research so that it reaches the greatest number of people who might discover and benefit from it.

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"KU is on the leading edge of the open access movement and universities in the US and abroad have been looking to us for best practices," said Dr. Marc L. Greenberg, professor and chair of the Slavic Languages and Literatures department at the University of Kansas and member of the new board. "The advisory board will not only help establish those practices for KU faculty, but, by extension, for the scholarly enterprise in general."

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GIS specialist helps KU researcher study effects of changing Kansas liquor laws

From crime analysis to emergency response teams, geographic information system (GIS) technologies have a wide variety of uses. Now, thanks to the expertise of KU Libraries GIS and Data Specialist Rhonda Houser, GIS data is helping determine the impact of liquor laws on Kansas businesses.

Houser analyzed data, plotted locations and generated maps of grocery, convenience and liquor stores in and around Kansas, as part of a larger project overseen by Arthur P. Hall, executive director of the Center for Applied Economics at the KU School of Business.

"My goal was to produce clean, accurate maps that were easy to use and understand," said Houser, who works

in KU Libraries' Center for Digital Scholarship. "I provided objective data in the form of maps to assist researchers like Dr. Hall in determining possible impacts of changes to state liquor laws."

Houser used GIS software to map retail establishments around Kansas. Her work is part of a larger effort to examine the effect of changing Kansas laws related to the sale of beer, wine and spirits. The project demonstrates the increasing ability of GIS technology users to take advantage of multiple types of tools, including both commercial and open source GIS software. For a more detailed description of the GIS Lab's services and resources, visit cds.lib.ku.edu.

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Library Outreach

Staff members Bayliss Harsh, Jill Becker and Librarian Tami Albin have been meeting with area high school students to help them prepare for the future and college-level research. The team hopes not only to reach out to the community and prepare students for college, but also emphasize the extensive resources the university has to offer and that all students have to do is ask for help.

"I love introducing high school classes to the libraries at KU, because it gives them a sense of what college-level research is like and just gets them comfortable with the idea," Harsh said. "It's a big change, and we want them to know that we're here for them when they get to college."



Bayliss Harsh (right) and AP Literature teacher Sherry Unruh work with students of Blue Valley North High School on their final papers. Photo by Dylan Derryberry.

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Haricombe said of the board, "The members will serve as a valuable source of advice and counsel for us, helping the libraries develop strategies for connecting the KU faculty open access policy with professional guidance, supportive resources, integrated technology planning and internal and external communications, all designed to highlight the value of and access to KU research."

High-quality video for research, classroom use

KU Libraries recently added streaming video to its collections. Two new products, Films on Demand and American History in Video, deliver high-quality digital video ideal for research and classroom use.

Films on Demand (login required off-campus) is a web-based digital video delivery service that offers 6,000 educational titles in dozens of subject areas. You can organize and bookmark clips, share playlists and personalize folders. On average, 600 new programs are added to the collection each year.

American History in Video provides the largest and richest online collection of video available for the study of American history with more than 5,000 titles, including documentaries from The History Channel and PBS, as well as newsreels, public policy footage and archival films.

Visit www.lib.ku.edu/databases/az for links to these collections and the complete list of research databases available through KU Libraries.

Upcoming Events

Reception and film screening of "William S. Burroughs: A Man Within"

April 29 | Kansas Union

5:30 p.m. - Reception | 6:30 p.m. - Film screening

Moving Forward: African American Healthcare Providers in the Greater Kansas City Area, 1940-1979

May 11 | Plaza Colonnade Building, Sanders Room
4801 Main Street • Kansas City, Missouri

6:00 p.m. - Reception | 7:00 p.m. - Presentation

For questions or to RSVP, contact Sean Barker: smbarker@ku.edu or 785-864-3601



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Visit www.libraries.ku.edu/events to learn more about upcoming library events. Whether you're interested in a lecture, social event or informative tour highlighting library resources, there's something for everyone. All events are free and open to the public.

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