Wilson Library Reclassifies and Moves Journals

Wilson Library began a major, long-discussed project this summer, and the work will continue throughout the coming semester.

In the past, library staff assigned Dewey Decimal call numbers to journals received by the library, while they assigned Library of Congress call numbers to books and other items. With the use of two different systems of call numbers, the journals had to be shelved separately, and the third floor of the library housed the bound journals. The book collection was then divided between the lower level and the second floor of the library. Books with call numbers from A to PZ were on the lower level, while the second floor housed items with call numbers ranging from Q to Z.

In May, library staff began reclassifying the library’s collection of bound journals, changing the Dewey Decimal call numbers to Library of Congress call numbers. Shelvers then integrated the journal volumes with the new call numbers into the collection next to the books on the same subject. Making space for the integrated journals required moving the book collection as well; for example, the lower level of the library now contains materials with call numbers from A to PQ. When the project is complete, the library’s collection of books and journals will be spread evenly through all three floors of the building.

Why make these changes? The reclassification project will offer several benefits for the library and its users. The Dewey Decimal system has historically been less useful for scientific collections, which has made it difficult to integrate journals about emerging disciplines and technologies into the collection. Secondly, using the Library of Congress classification system for all items will allow all the works on a subject—including books, conference proceedings, and journals—to be shelved in the same location, which will increase convenience for our patrons. Finally, this change will relieve overcrowding on the third floor, which would soon have required either sending a large portion of the journal collection off-site or shifting some of the volumes to another floor. Since the library adds far more linear feet of journals than books each year, this problem would only have continued to grow.

The library is also making a few other changes as part of the project. While the current periodical collection will remain in its present location on the third floor, the collection of UMR theses has been moved from the second floor to the very beginning of the collection on the lower level. Some of the infrequently used print reference indices have also been moved from their former location on the first floor and integrated into the rest of the collection. A small percentage of the journal volumes have been shifted to the library’s storage facility in Columbia to free up space to add new materials to the collection. The volumes sent to storage include early issues of some the longer runs of journals, journals to which the library has electronic access to the content, and some cancelled journals that show little or no usage. All of these materials will still be available to patrons, who can request them from the depository.

The reclassification project is only partially complete; the library is currently working on items with call numbers beginning with Q. Work will continue through the fall semester of the year. While we are shifting the collection, books with call numbers from S through Z are located on the rear rows of shelving on the third floor, along with the journals that will be included in that part of the collection. Journals with call numbers in the Qs are stored on the front rows of shelving on the third floor, along with those that will be included in that part of the collection. Journals with call numbers in the Qs are stored on the front rows of shelving on the third floor as they await integration into the collection on the second floor.

The staff of Wilson Library appreciates your patience as we continue to reclassify and shift the collection. If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact the library’s director.

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Database Spotlight:
Business Source Premiere

Wilson Library now has access to a new business database, Business Source Premiere. Due to contractual changes at the state level, this database was selected to replace the Business and Company Resource Center database formerly available to UMR patrons.

Business Source Premier provides full text content for nearly 8,350 business magazines and journals and other sources, with more than 1,100 full text scholarly business publications, including top management and marketing journals like Harvard Business Review, Journal of Marketing Research (JMR), Management Science, Operations Research, and Academy of Management Journal. Subjects covered in the database include management, economics, finance, and accounting. The database also includes other full text resources, such as country economic reports from various sources and Datamonitor company profiles for the world’s largest 10,000 companies. Industry information from reports compiled by companies such as Datamonitor and Plunkett Research is available as well. Other materials found in this database include market research reports, SWOT analyses, and working papers in business and economics.

Users of Business Source Premiere can set up personal accounts that will allow them to save their searches, retrieve, and reuse them. They can also set their searches up as alerts to inform them of new articles on topics of interest.

ebrary Books Available

Wilson Library now provides access to ebrary, a collection of full text electronic books and other documents. ebrary includes more than 23,000 books in several different subject areas, including history, language and literature, education, fine arts, and business.

Users can access the ebrary collection directly by following a link from the drop-down menu on the web page listing the library’s databases. The titles of the works included in ebrary have also been entered into the library catalog and can be found through a regular catalog search. In order to view the materials on your personal computer, you must download the ebrary reader browser plug-in for either Windows or Macintosh. The reader has already been loaded on all the CLC computers on campus.

ebrary offers several conveniences for their users. For example, you can set up a personal account in which you can bookmark and “highlight” pages and save them for later reference. You can also copy text directly from a book using the ebrary reader, and the citation for that book will automatically be included when you paste the copied section into a Word document. You may also print up to five pages at a time.

Banned Books Week, September 24-October 1, 2005

Censorship reflects a society’s lack of confidence in itself. It is a hallmark of an authoritarian regime . . . .

—Supreme Court Justice Potter Stewart

Digitized Phelps County Newspapers Now Online

Interested in local history? Curtis Laws Wilson Library is pleased to announce that the digitization project first described in the Fall 2004 issue of the Data Miner has been completed, and three historical Phelps County newspapers are now available for viewing over the Internet.

As part of the Historic Missouri Newspaper Project, three local newspapers were digitized: The Rolla Express (1860-1873), Phelps County New Era (1875-1878), and The Rolla New Era (1878-1897). A grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services administered through the Missouri State Library provided funding for the project. The library’s paper copies of these newspapers were in brittle condition and quickly deteriorating. The grant enabled the library to save the content of these local historical sources and make it available digitally and on microfilm.

You can browse or do a keyword search of the newspapers at http://newspapers.umsystem.edu. The site is best viewed with Microsoft Internet Explorer for Windows. Depending on your Internet browser and operating system, there may be a slight difference in how you view and access the newspaper. If you have questions or comments, please contact Mary Aycock at aycockm@umr.edu.

New and Noteworthy

• Interlibrary Loan is now using the ILLiad system as their interlibrary loan management software. When using ILLiad for the first time, patrons will need to select a user name and password and set up an account before they can make requests.

• The library has installed new computers on the first floor near the reference desk, and IT has added machines to the CLC on the second floor. The 30-seat CLC, one of the busiest on campus, now features state-of-the-art equipment. The library CLC is open during all regular library hours, 8 AM to midnight, seven days a week.
Ask Albert!

I’ve noticed signs asking me not to reshelve my books. Why not?

The library keeps statistics on how often its materials are used. Some of this information comes from circulation records that show how often a particular title is checked out. However, some materials don’t circulate at all (such as the books in the reference collection) and others tend to be used in the library as often as they are checked out (bound copies of journals, for example). In order to keep track of usage within the library, we need to shelve the materials ourselves so that we can get a count of how often they’ve been taken off the shelf.

How do I get reserve materials for my class?

Printed reserve materials (books and photocopies) are available at the library’s circulation desk. You must have your UMR ID to check out reserve materials; we will not accept other forms of identification.

If you know your course has electronic reserve materials, click on the “Reserves” link on the library home page. You will be taken to a page with an “Electronic Course Reserves” link; following that link will take you to a listing of electronic course reserves organized by department. You can also access electronic reserves from within the library catalog by clicking on the “Course Reserves” tab and following the “UMR Electronic Reserves” link.

Can I use my laptop in the library?

The library has wireless Internet service, so you can use your laptop instead of using the library’s computers while you are doing research at the library. However, before you can use your laptop, you will need to register your Ethernet card with Computing and Information Services. You can find information about registering your Ethernet card by following the “Connecting to the Internet” link on the Helpdesk web site (campus.umr.edu/cis/helpdesk).

Do you charge fines for overdue books?

In certain situations you may have to pay fines for overdue materials. Reserve materials, for example, typically check out for limited periods of time. If you do not return a reserve item when it is due, you may be subject to fines of up to $3.20 per day. So it’s important to note when the item is due if you check out materials from Reserves.

Items that have been recalled for use by another patron are also subject to fines if they are not returned when due. If an item is recalled, the due date will be changed, and the borrower will be sent a notice about the changed date. If the material is not returned by the new due date, the patron will receive a fine of $.50 a day.

Patrons are billed when overdue items are not returned by 30 days after their due date. Even if the items are then returned, the library charges a $10 billing fee that will not be waived. MOBIUS charges a $20 billing fee, while billing fees for the other MERLIN libraries vary. UMR cannot waive fees charged by other libraries in the MOBIUS and MERLIN systems.

Lewis and Clark Exhibition On Display in October

In 1804, Meriwether Lewis and William Clark led the Corps of Discovery on an expedition from St. Louis up the Missouri River and across North America to the Pacific. This October, Wilson Library will host a traveling panel exhibition commemorating this historical expedition and the role Missouri played in it. Lewis and Clark’s Missouri, created by the Missouri Historical Society, will be on display at the library October 6 through October 26.

The traveling exhibition was created in 2004 in order to bring the excitement of the Lewis and Clark bicentennial to all Missourians. The Missouri Historical Society produced the exhibition with support from the State of Missouri through the Missouri Bicentennial Commission and the Missouri State Museum Traveling Exhibition Service. Schools, libraries, and public buildings throughout Missouri have already displayed the 500-square foot exhibit. It features high-quality color photographs of artifacts, documents, and artwork, accompanied by explanatory text.

The exhibition has five sections designed to educate viewers about the Corps of Discovery and the state of Missouri.

- **The Imagined West** examines Thomas Jefferson’s vision of the West and the leadership of Lewis and Clark.
- **Up the Mississippi, 1803** describes the early leg of the journey. It documents stops at Cape Girardeau and Ste. Genevieve and describes visits with settlers and the Shawnee people.
- **St. Louis Winter, 1803-04** offers details of the Corps of Discovery’s winter at Camp DuBois and their interactions with St. Louisans.
- **Up the Missouri, 1804** describes how the Corps began their journey upriver through St. Charles, St. Albans, and La Charette, the last European settlement in Missouri.
- **To the Pacific and Back, 1804-06** highlights the trek to the Pacific. Along the way, the Corps mapped the continent’s interior, collected specimens for science, and met diverse tribes of Native Americans.
- **After the Journey** explores the post-expedition lives of various Corps of Discovery members, including Lewis and Clark. It also presents information on the removal of Native peoples, slavery in Missouri, and the Missouri Compromise.

If you have questions about the exhibit, please contact the reference desk at library@umr.edu or 341-4007.
Multimedia Center Updated

The Emerson Multimedia Center, located on the ground floor of the library, now has a large-format poster printer/copier available for patron use. This device can scan in high-resolution posters, maps, blueprints and other similar materials up to 42 inches in width and almost unlimited length and then reproduce them in exact scale. A small fee is charged for the use of this equipment.

Visit our web site at campus.umr.edu/-libplot for more information about our services, which include poster printing and laminating, digital video manipulation, DVD creation, slide scanning, and more. Poster printing is done by appointment only. Please e-mail libplot@umr.edu to schedule an appointment. A printing technician will usually respond to your request within 24 hours during the work week.

Library Acquires New Resources for Teaching

Wilson Library partnered with the Center for Educational Research and Innovation (CERTI) last spring to provide UMR’s administrators and faculty with resources related to professional development and the principles and methods of instruction. Among the new resources are guides for the development of academic programs, as well as materials discussing classroom techniques and strategies. These new books join the library’s collection of journals related to education, including Education Digest, Journal of Professional Issues in Engineering Education and Practice, and Chronicle of Higher Education.

Staff Updates

Departures

Scott Peterson left his position in the library’s Interlibrary Loan Department in May to join the UMR Development Office as a researcher.

Jim Morisaki left his position in the Circulation Department to work full time copyediting manuscripts of articles written by foreign authors for publication in various journals.

The members of the library staff wish both of them well in their new positions.

Arrivals

David Hubbard, reference librarian and library instruction coordinator, began working at the library in August. David grew up in St. Louis. After earning a bachelor’s degree in chemistry from UMSL, he worked as a research and environmental chemist. In 2003, David earned a master’s degree in library science from Mizzou. He then worked as an information services librarian at Texas Tech University in Lubbock, Texas. David and his wife Vicky are glad to be back in Missouri and are looking forward to making a home here in Rolla.

A New Look for MERLIN

Over the summer, the MERLIN library catalog was relaunched with a new look and new functionality. The previous version of the MERLIN interface had not been changed since its inception in the early 1990s.

The redesigned catalog has several features designed to increase its utility. For example, the main page now has a quick search feature to increase convenience for users. The new Advanced Keyword search has greater versatility, since it allows users to select different fields to search for keywords, rather than performing a simple keyword search across multiple fields in the catalog records. Users can save multiple items to a “bookbag” and request all of the items at once, rather than requesting each title individually. The course reserves page offers the ability to search the collection for reserves or to follow a direct link to the library’s electronic reserves page to access those materials available electronically. A new FAQ page (found by clicking on the “Help” tab) provides answers to questions about using MERLIN and help with searching.

If you have questions about the new catalog interface or searching the catalog, please contact the reference desk by calling 341-4007 or e-mailing library@umr.edu.

Library & Reference Desk Hours

Wilson Library is open from 8:00 a.m. to midnight every day, all year, except for the following holidays: Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve, New Year’s Day, Martin Luther King Day, Memorial Day, the Fourth of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, and the Friday following Thanksgiving.

During the semester, the Reference Desk will be staffed Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and Sunday through Wednesday, 6:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

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