

# MONDAY MUSINGS

Good afternoon, everyone,

This edition of Monday Musings includes an update on the ORT report, a link to the newly updated strategic planning, and a reminders of a few important events. As always, please feel free to reply with questions or comments.

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## ORGANIZATIONAL REVIEW UPDATE

Since I received the final report from the Organizational Review Team, I have spent a few weeks reviewing the report and deciding which recommendations to move forward. I will announce the initial directions this week, and we will discuss them in more detail at Friday's all-staff meeting.

In the meantime, let me say how grateful I am for the work of ORT members, and for the insight and guidance they have provided along the way.

ORT Members:

Mike Broadwell (co-chair)  
John Stratton (co-chair)  
Erika Dickey (project manager)  
Kathleen Ames-Oliver  
Christen Caton  
Erin Ellis  
Courtney Foat  
Bayliss Harsh  
Meredith Huff  
Sharon Riley  
Brian Rosenblum

We are on the cusp of a new direction for KU Libraries. While change can be difficult, I invite you to join me in this process – to seize the opportunity to improve our work, to grow both as an organization and as individuals, and to move forward together.

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## STRATEGIC PLANNING UPDATES NOW ONLINE

You can now stay apprised of quarterly strategic planning updates online. You will find the latest updates, and eventually update archives, from the strategic planning index page, the strategic directions right-hand navigation, or at <http://lib.ku.edu/strategicplan>. The next round of updates will be due April 26, and should be posted online shortly thereafter.

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## SPOT TOWN HALL MEETING

We will provide an update on progress regarding the new strategic plan at a SPOT town hall meeting scheduled for 2-3:30 pm on Friday, March 29. The event will be held in Watson Three West, and will highlight work toward a number of the action items currently underway. Refreshments will be provided, and all library faculty and staff should plan to attend.

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## DDI CONFERENCE

KU has the distinct privilege of hosting the first North American Data Documentation Initiative User Conference (NADDI 2013). The conference will be held April 2 and 3 with an opening night reception the evening of April 1.

I encourage you to attend and learn more about DDI and research data management. Register simply by sending your name to Kristen Vickers **by the end of the day today**. Kristin will compile a list of KU Libraries' attendees for IPSR, and we can be billed in bulk for our registrations.

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#### SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for April 23, when the new ARL director, Elliott Shore, will join us as a special guest during our all-staff meeting. He also will be speaking at the Snyder Book Collecting Contest awards ceremony that evening.

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#### JAQ TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Town hall meetings for the Job Analysis Questionnaire (JAQ) have been scheduled:

Wednesday, March 13, 9-10:30 a.m. in the Kansas Room of the Union

Thursday, March 14, 11 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Big 12 Room of the Union

You can find more information about the JAQ survey in last Friday's HR update email.

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That's all for today. Make a great week!

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