

MONDAY MUSINGS

Good morning, everyone,

I hope the snowy break brought you time to relax – or perhaps, catch up. As we prepare for yet another winter storm tonight and tomorrow, I ask you to please be careful. This issue of Monday Musings includes a reminder about severe weather procedures, as a few important dates and deadlines. As always, feel free to respond with questions or comments.

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OPEN ACCESS IN THE NEWS

Twice this month, we have seen significant progress toward making research results and data openly accessible: the Fair Access to Scientific and Technical Research act of 2013 (FASTR), and Friday's directive from the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP).

The directive represents an opportunity for research libraries to play a major role in ensuring federally funded research is available to the public. Those of us with institutional repositories are poised to be part of the solution. I encourage you to stay on top of this rapidly-evolving story by following updates at www.lib.ku.edu/openaccess.

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RESEARCH CORNER TALK

The February Research Corner Talk has been rescheduled for this Friday, March 1 from 10:30 am – noon in Watson Third Floor West. This series provides an important opportunity for KU faculty, graduate students and librarians to gather for informal conversations about scholarly research.

At the event, Associate Professor Sherrie Tucker and two of her graduate students will discuss jazz in American Studies. Refreshments will be provided.

The initiative directly supports Strategy 2.B. of our new strategic plan: "Engage researchers systematically to understand and support their changing needs," and provides a means of increasing awareness of library resources and services, cultivating academic inquiry and fostering collaboration.

I would strongly encourage all library faculty and staff to attend this important – and entertaining – event.

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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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LEADERSHIP FEEDBACK SURVEYS

In 2011, I asked you to share your thoughts on the effectiveness of our library leadership team via online surveys. I am pleased to offer that opportunity again in 2013.

Below, you'll find links to individual surveys. A few notes:

- I invite you to complete surveys for any or all of the individuals listed.

- The surveys are anonymous – your responses will not be attributable to you in any way.
- Results will be received and aggregated by the HR office.
- Survey responses are due by Friday, March 1.

I will use the aggregated responses to guide conversations on leadership, communication, professional relationships, support for KU Libraries' mission, and outreach and representation.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me directly.

Survey links:

[Mike Broadwell](#)
[Jen Church-Duran](#)
[Deb Ludwig](#)
[Kent Miller](#)
[Shannon Royer](#)
[Mary Roach](#)
[Rebecca Smith](#)
[Beth Whittaker](#)

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WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

Please stay tuned to area media for weather and traffic updates; any announcement regarding Lawrence campus operations will be made after 6 a.m. that day. Remember that KU does not make announcements when operations are normal--only if there is a closure or delay.

You can also call KU's Inclement Weather Policy Line, 864-SNOW, visit www.alert.ku.edu, or listen to local broadcast media.

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That's all for this week – stay safe and warm!

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