

MONDAY MUSINGS

Good morning, everyone,

This issue of Monday Musings brings a few important reminders about upcoming events, an HR update and acknowledgements for events and outcomes from what has been a very busy and productive month. Please feel free to reply with questions or comments.

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HathiTrust Update

A couple of weeks ago, Judge Harold Baer of the Southern District of New York held in an [opinion](#) that the HathiTrust's mass digitization project is protected fair use. ARL's Brandon Butler noted this ruling could only be described as a total victory for libraries. You can read more about this important decision at <http://policynotes.arl.org/>.

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HR Update

I regret to announce that Julie Buchsbaum has decided to resign from her position at KU Libraries. Her resignation is effective immediately, and we wish her only the best as she moves forward.

Stephanie Scurto will take on the collection development, research consultation, and library instruction duties as interim liaison to the Departments of English, Philosophy and Classics.

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State of the Libraries

The 2012 State of the Libraries presentation can be found at <http://lib.ku.edu/pressroom/2012Address/2012address.html>. Please feel free to forward this link to your colleagues across campus.

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Mark Your Calendars

- The **United Way breakfast** is scheduled for Nov. 2nd at 9 am in 455 Watson.
- The next **Research Corner Talk** is scheduled for Nov. 2 at 10 am in Watson Three West. Robert Rowland, professor of Communication Studies, and Michael Lynch, assistant professor of Political Science, will discuss the study of political rhetoric. Research Corner Talks provide a venue for KU faculty, staff, graduate students and librarians to gather for informal conversations about scholarly research as a means of increasing awareness of library resources and services, cultivating academic inquiry and fostering collaboration. Light refreshments will be served.
- The **November All-Staff meeting** will be held from 10-11:30 am on Nov. 16 in Watson Three West.

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Kudos

Many thanks to the library faculty and staff who worked to launch the American Election, the new Library Gallery exhibition, including:

- Amalia Monroe-Gulick, Bibliographer, Political Science and Public Admin
- Julie Petr, Bibliographer, Communication Studies and Journalism
- Becky Schulte, Bibliographer, Wilcox Collection
- Sarah Goodwin Thiel, Exhibits Committee Chair, and Tami Albin, Exhibits Committee Member
- Courtney Foat, Rachel Karwas, Sean Barker, Rebecca Smith, Luke Englert, Dylan Derryberry from the

Office of Communications and Advancement

- Whitney Baker
- Jeromy Horkman
- Doug Hatton

Congratulations to the team responsible for an incredibly successful Open Access Week. Below, you'll find a letter from Rep. Yoder regarding his role in last week's events.

Many thanks to our planning committee members:

- Marianne Reed
- Wade Garrison
- Allison Reeve
- Jon Giullian
- Jane Hoyt
- Lea Currie
- Deb Ludwig
- Julie Buchsbaum
- Rachel Karwas

Also, thank you to those who played an important role in launching the new open access fund. The committee worked to develop guidelines, author funding criteria, and implementation details for a 2-year pilot project to pay article processing charges for authors to publish in open access journals. The purpose of the pilot project is to assess the creation, administration, and outcomes of a fund to support open access scholarly publishing opportunities for the purpose of heightened visibility and accessibility for University of Kansas research. The \$50,000 pilot project is funded jointly by the University of Kansas Provost, the University of Kansas Medical Center Executive Vice Chancellor, and the Offices of Research at The University of Kansas and University of Kansas Medical Center. Committee members include:

- Rachel Gyore (KUMC, chair)
- Crystal Cameron-Vedros (KUMC)
- Allison Reeve (Law Library)
- Tami Albin (KU)
- Judith Emde (KU)
- Deborah Ludwig (KU)
- Thanks, too, to Jason Stirnaman and Bob Pisciotta of KUMC for their support as well.

Finally, I'd like to note my appreciation for the successful homecoming brunch held at the Spencer Research Library on Saturday morning. Despite the chilly temperatures, we had an outstanding turnout of donors and friends. It was a great way to mark the 100th anniversary of KU's homecoming.

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Faculty And Staff Scholarship

Please forward news of published papers and conference presentations/poster sessions or other scholarly activities for the second quarter of the academic year (October through December 2012) to Rebecca Smith at rasmith@ku.edu for inclusion in future issues of Monday Musings.

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That's all for this week – make it a great one!

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Open Access Week at KU

I spoke Wednesday afternoon at [The University of Kansas](#) about H.R. 4004 - the [Federal Research Public Access Act](#), or FRPAA, as part of a series of events and lectures marking October 22-28 as Open Access Week. I am an original cosponsor of the FRPAA bill and proud that KU is leading the effort on open access. FRPAA requires that research funded by federal agencies to be made available free of charge to the public, and is modeled after current requirements in place for research funded by the National Institutes of Health. Currently, most federally funded research is only published through journals that require subscription fees. The University of Kansas Libraries are joining more than 100 countries around the world to highlight the importance of online access to scholarly research.



[Click here to read an article](#) from the Lawrence Journal World about my visit and discussion about FRPAA.



Thank you to Lorraine Haricombe, Dean of KU Libraries, for inviting me to take part in Open Access Week at KU.

National Association of Manufacturers Award

This week I was honored to receive the [National Association of Manufacturers](#) Award for Manufacturing Legislative Excellence. Manufacturing jobs are a crucial segment of our national economy and important in the 3rd Congressional District, and I will continue to do what I can in Congress to help job creators and manufacturers succeed.



I received a favorable NAM voting record of 92 percent during the 112th Session of Congress. [Click here to see the votes.](#)

Medicare Open Enrollment Information Session

I want to help seniors cut through the red tape in Medicare. Seniors rely on this important program and I want to do everything I can to make sure they are able to make needed changes with as little confusion as possible. To assist with this, I am holding a Medicare Open Enrollment Information Session on November 8.

Trained benefits counselors with the Senior Health Insurance Counseling for Kansas (SHICK) program and officials from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) will be on hand to provide face-to-face assistance to seniors who have questions.

Medicare Open Enrollment Is Here!

Congressman Kevin Yoder

Invites you to a
Free Information Session
To learn about Medicare Updates

Benefits Counselors will be available to meet with you and provide enrollment assistance.

When: Thursday, November 8, 2012
9:30 -11:30 am
Presentation starts at 9:30 am

Where: The Lenexa Community Center
13420 Oak Street, Lenexa, KS

Medicare Beneficiaries should bring their:

- Medicare Card
- Current prescriptions
- List of preferred pharmacies

Contact Congressman Yoder's office at (913) 621-0832
or visit www.Yoder.house.gov

Medicare Open Enrollment is now through December 7, 2012

This workshop is free and open to the public. For additional information, please contact Congressman Yoder's District Office at (913) 621-0832, or by visiting www.Yoder.house.gov

Touring Thermo Fisher Scientific in Lenexa

I toured the Thermo Fisher Scientific manufacturing facility in Lenexa this week. TFS is a global company and employs around 40,000 people who serve customers within pharmaceutical and biotech companies, hospitals and clinical diagnostic labs, universities, research institutions and government agencies. I appreciated learning about Thermo Fisher Scientific.



We're fortunate to have a Thermo Fisher Scientific facility located here in the 3rd District.

Wyandotte High School American Government Class

It was a privilege to speak with Mr. Paul Murray's American Government Class at Wyandotte High School in Kansas City, Kansas. These seniors love their country and are concerned about the future. We had an excellent conversation with great questions regarding current events and issues.



Thank you to Mr. Murray, WHS Principal Mary Stuart, and all the students for inviting me.

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