

# MONDAY MUSINGS

Good afternoon, everyone.

Today is an exciting day for KU Libraries, we welcome ARL director Dr. Elliott Shore to campus. This morning provided an opportunity for area ARL deans to meet Dr. Shore in Kansas City, and this afternoon, Dr. Shore is touring Spencer and Anschutz. Of course, tomorrow's All-Staff meeting and the Snyder Book Collecting Contest provide two opportunities for our faculty and staff to hear from Dr. Shore. I am very much looking forward to both.

This edition of Monday Musings includes a few reminders and announcements. As always, I welcome your feedback or questions. Please feel free to reply to this message with your comments.

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## **NEW GWLA RESOURCE-SHARING PROJECT**

We are pleased to be a full participant in a new GWLA resource-sharing project that should improve service for less cost. This project will utilize the Relais Discovery to Delivery (D2D) product as implemented by the Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) Libraries.

KU faculty, staff and students will be able to peruse the combined holdings of all participating GWLA libraries with one search. Advantages of the system include:

- Pre-population of a WebRetrieve loan request form with which users are currently familiar; the system will then route requests to lenders using a load-leveling algorithm that will strive to balance the distribution of loan requests.
- No requests will be sent to potential lending libraries where their copy is checked out, missing or in a non-circulating location.
- 30 GWLA libraries have committed to participate as lenders in the initial phase of this pilot, resulting in a large number of materials available through this system.

The projected "go-live" date for users is August 2013. We will develop a local project team to help implement this. Please look for more information in the future. If you have any questions, contact Lars Leon (864-3073, [lleon@ku.edu](mailto:lleon@ku.edu)).

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## **FSA PHOTOGRAPHY FEATURED IN ART & ARCHITECTURE LIBRARY'S DIGITAL EXHIBIT**

>From 1935 to 1944, embedded FSA (Farm Security Administration) photographers depicted with profound artistic skill the plight of those living in poverty during the Great Depression and Dust Bowl. As their body of work grew, the photography of the FSA came to provide symbols of American perseverance during trying times. In just under a decade of work, over a quarter-million photographs were produced, of which less than half survive. In recognition of the significance of this photography, the Library of Congress houses the remaining FSA prints and film, including 134,000 black and white negatives made available online.

Art & Architecture Librarian Susan Craig has assembled a digital exhibit based on this collection. Each photo selection is followed by a resource from KU Libraries that could be used in researching the photo and/or the photographer. A [web feature](#) also has been created for the exhibit. The FSA photographs are on display as part of the Art & Architecture Library's rotating digital exhibition. To learn more, contact Susan Craig at [scraig@ku.edu](mailto:scraig@ku.edu).

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#### **DEBORAH DANDRIDGE RECEIVES BUTLER AWARD**

I'm pleased to announce that Deborah Dandridge was honored by the Kansas Human Rights Commission on Friday. She received the James E. Butler Civil Rights Award, which recognizes individuals whose support and service to the Kansas Human Rights Commission has contributed to the cause of civil rights and enforcement of Kansas laws prohibiting discrimination. Congratulations, Deborah!

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#### **LIBART UPDATE**

The call for submissions to the third annual *LibArt: student art in the libraries* exhibit culminated last week with nearly 125 submissions of 2D, 3D and multimedia art – the largest pool to date. Participants again hailed from a broad range of disciplines, including not only visual arts, design and architecture programs, but biochemistry, clinical lab sciences, journalism, business and American studies, to name just a few.

Selected work will be installed over the summer for display through May of 2014. The LibArt exhibition encompasses physical and digital displays in Watson and Anschutz Libraries, as well as a physical exhibit in Spencer Research Library's North Gallery.

The current LibArt exhibition will be dismantled May 6-10. Again, if you've grown fond of a piece of work during the past year, please consider reaching out to the individual artist to inquire about purchase. Contact Courtney Foat ([cfoat@ku.edu](mailto:cfoat@ku.edu)) if you have any questions about connecting with student artists.

The LibArt program is coordinated by the Art Advisory Committee: Courtney Foat (chair), Eleonora Drury, Sharon Riley, Stephanie Scurto, Roberta Woodrick, Jen Church-Duran (ex-officio), Kent Miller (ex-officio) and Sarah Goodwin Thiel (ex-officio).

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#### **STUDENT EMPLOYEE OF THE YEAR AWARD**

KU Libraries were well represented at last week's the KU Student Employee of the Year Award celebration. The nominees included Chip Badley and Alexander Dufek (both of whom work for Bayliss Harsh in Instructional Services) and Elizabeth Calloni (who works for Roberta Woodrick and Whitney Baker in Preservation). They, along with 38 other nominees, received an award certificate from the SEOTY Committee and congratulations from the Provost. Our student employees are a great assets to KU Libraries!

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#### **BUDIG AWARD RECOGNITION**

Our Budig Distinguished Librarian award winners are now recognized with a plaque in the Kansas Union. You can find the display on the 5th floor landing, next to the university's distinguished faculty plaque. Our Budig award winners have made outstanding contributions of service to KU Libraries, and I'm pleased to see them honored in this way. You can find a list of past recipients at [www.lib.ku.edu/budigaward](http://www.lib.ku.edu/budigaward).

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

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