Good evening, everyone.

Today’s edition of Monday Musings includes news regarding our reorganization process, announcements about a few upcoming events and meetings, and information about awards and other important items. As always, please feel free to respond with questions or comments.

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ORGANIZATIONAL UPDATE

Interviews for our two new Assistant Dean positions are currently underway and will be completed tomorrow. I plan to announce my decisions early next week. And, this morning, you received the posting information for the four center heads. Applications for these positions are due next Monday, April 8.

I am pleased with how smoothly this process has gone to date, and I’m grateful for the flexibility you’ve shown along the way. I look forward to having our new leadership team in place by May 1, and addressing many of the remaining pieces yet to fall into place along the way.

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KUMC and LAW LIBRARIES

I’d like to welcome our library colleagues from the KU Medical Center and KU Law School to Monday Musings and the KU Libraries’ listserv. This addition will help improve collaboration and communication, and provide a new way for us to learn more about these libraries in future editions of this newsletter.

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CONGRATULATIONS, SCOTT!

Scott Hanrath has been selected to represent KU at the TRLN Management Academy. The academy is an experiential learning program that is unique in its focus on preparing mid-level library managers to manage complex and diverse resources—a great opportunity considering Scott’s new role as assistant dean. Congratulations, Scott!

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NEW STRATEGIC SHARING FORUM

In an effort to address our strategic plan charge to “create formal and informal venues where faculty and staff can share their research and expertise with colleagues,” please join us for a dynamic presentation in our first Strategic Sharing Forum, presented by faculty members Fran Devlin and Amalia Monroe-Gulick. Their presentation, held on Wednesday, April 24th at 10:00am in Watson 455, will focus on embedded librarianship. They will be joined by guests Bruce Hayes (Associate Professor of French/Director of Graduate Studies) and Megan O’Brien (Research Director, Research and Training Center on Independent Living).

We look forward to this, the first of many presentations where library faculty and staff can share their knowledge and expertise in a collaborative, supportive environment. As we moved toward increased team-centered approaches, we hope that all will take advantage of these forums to engage in the research and expertise of your colleagues and to spark further innovations and opportunities. Be sure to mark your calendars. Refreshments will be served!

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LIBRARIAN NEEDED

We continue to seek participation in the Research and Write In scheduled for Saturday, April 13—one slot remains open from 12-2 pm. This is a major outreach effort to the graduate student population and supports one of the Libraries’ strategic initiatives.

During your shift, you will greet and assist graduate students through the registration process; answer questions about
making appointments with libraries and writing center; answer graduate level research questions, assist graduate
students with research skills in a variety of subject matters; refer more complex questions to the appropriate subject
librarian via the appointment form on Ask A Librarian; and rove the fourth floor and engage with graduates students,
reminding them of the services offered by both the libraries and the writing center.

Please let Rebecca Smith if you are available to cover this shift by Tuesday afternoon.

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STUDENT AWARDS

KU Libraries are again offering two awards for current students or recent graduates who have been accepted to a
graduate program in librarianship. The application deadline for both is May 3; award recipients will be announced in
June.

The Carl and Margaret Husic Award to Support Librarianship in Less Commonly Taught Languages, funded by KU’s Slavic
and Special Languages Librarian Geoff Husic, provides $1,200 to support graduate study in librarianship. The award, now
in its fourth year, honors Husic’s parents, Margaret Husic and the late Carl John Husic Sr. Preference for the Husic award
will be given to those whose primary interest is in foreign-language librarianship and area studies and who can
demonstrate in an essay their intent to use their knowledge of less commonly taught languages in their library career.

The Rubinstein/Mason Award, providing $1,000 for graduate study in librarianship, honors the late Joseph Rubinstein,
first head of KU Libraries’ Department of Special Collections, and Alexandra Mason, Spencer librarian emerita, for their
service to scholarship.

For more information on both awards, please visit http://www.lib.ku.edu/news/2013/Future_librarian_awards.html.

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DASEE AWARD

We are now accepting nominations for the 2013 Dean’s Award for Student Employee Excellence.

Our student employees are essential to maintaining our services, collections and operations, and this award is one way to
recognize the dedication and quality service they provide.

This $500 award will be presented to two student employees at the student appreciation picnic in May. Members of the
KU Libraries Board of Advocates will select the winners.

Here are a few things to keep in mind:

- Full-time KU Libraries staff and faculty may submit nominations.
- It is very important that nominators make a strong, persuasive and clear case for their candidates in the
  nomination form.
- Only nominations for individual student employees will be accepted.
- All candidates will receive a letter congratulating them on their nomination.

The nomination form is attached. Please return completed nomination forms to Rebecca Smith at rasmith@ku.edu no
later than April 9. You can also contact Rebecca with any questions you may have about the award or nomination
process.

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STUDENT EMPLOYEE PICNIC

This year’s student employee picnic is scheduled for Thursday, May 9 at 11:30 am. Please mark your calendars and share
this information with your students.

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APRIL ALL-STAFF

The April All-Staff meeting will be held on April 23rd from 10-11 am in Watson Three West. We will be joined by Elliott
Shore, director of ARL. Refreshments will be served.

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ACRL PRESENTATIONS
If you are scheduled to present at ACRL, please share your presentation title, time, date and location with Rebecca Smith by Friday. She will compile the information and distribute it to conference attendees next week.

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RESEARCH AND SCHOLARSHIP

Please share any information regarding recent papers, presentations or other research and scholarly activities with Rebecca Smith by Friday afternoon. A quarterly update will be included in the next edition of Monday Musings.

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That’s all for this week. Make it a great one!

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