

MONDAY MUSINGS

Good afternoon, everyone,

I write to you from the Fall 2012 CNI Membership Meeting in Washington, D.C. where Deb Ludwig and Bob Lim attended the CNI roundtable discussion on library publishing. I attended the SPARC Steering committee meeting this morning and will share ideas from that meeting with you soon.

The CNI meeting is off to a very productive start with good insights from Cliff Lynch on the emerging landscape in the higher education ecosystem (MOOCs, data, etc.) and its potential impact on the role of libraries. Deb and I look forward to sharing a summary report with you in the near future.

This edition of Monday Musings includes a strategic planning update as well as an interesting look at the process behind digitizing a collection. I have also included a reminder about processes for winter weather, just in case.

As always, invite your feedback. Please feel free to respond with questions or comments.

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STRATEGIC PLANNING

Organizational Review Team Update | Mike Broadwell (co-chair), John Stratton (co-chair), Erika Dickey (project manager)

The library focus groups are almost complete! We've appreciated the feedback by all. The data we have so far have been compiled and we spent last Thursday in a long afternoon meeting for analysis.

The KU Libraries Assessment Council has completed its charge for collecting feedback for "Design Your Own Library Org Chart" and submitted the collection to ORT last week. We would like to extend a big thank you to all who've submitted an idea and also to Lars, Angie, Nikhat, and Jeromy for hosting the sessions and for the report. There were a total of 19 submissions. ORT will assess the report after the focus group data is analyzed.

Look for a town hall meeting with SPOT in January.

As always, ORT encourages all library faculty and staff to share your thoughts and opinions on any of our activities in the way that's most convenient for you. You can contact any of us individually or e-mail us at libhr@ku.edu. Information e-mailed to this account is *only* available to ORT members. Your input as we move forward is necessary and valuable and we understand that some of these conversations may touch upon sensitive subjects. While we cannot accept or act upon any information submitted in anonymity, rest assured that all information shared via any channel or in any format will remain confidential within ORT. Ideas shared will not be attributed to individuals and information and data included in our findings will appear in aggregated form.

Don't forget our website located [here](#), as well. We'll keep it updated with information as time goes on. Our latest entries include a collection of submitted position descriptions and job titles. Thank you for your participation in this important process and we look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas.

ORT Charges:

Assess the current organizational structure.

Identify existing major functions and cross-functional areas therein.

Identify new and vital positions or functional areas required by the strategic plan

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INSIDE A DIGITIZATION PROJECT

Last month, KU Libraries unveiled the newly digitized newly Leon K. Hughes Photography Collection. The attached document, which was prepared by Sarah Goodwin Thiel, outlines the complex and collaborative nature of the digitization process.

You can view the collection online at <http://luna.ku.edu:8180/luna/servlet/kuluna01kui~16~16>, and see the online exhibition "African-American Life in Wichita, Kansas" at <http://exhibits.lib.ku.edu/exhibits/show/leonhughes>.

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WINTER WEATHER REMINDER

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

Staff may 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 very busy week of finals. I hope everything is going as smoothly as possible!

Thank you,

Lorraine