**From the Dean**

**Welcome** to the first issue of *Annotations*, KU Libraries’ semi-annual publication for faculty and staff. This newsletter will include updates on collections, resources, services and developments at the Libraries. It will also keep you informed of our existing and expanding support mechanisms for faculty and staff.

We plan to work closely with faculty across campus to assess the Libraries’ relevancy to teaching and research needs. We will explore closer collaboration between faculty, librarians and IT professionals to enhance students’ learning experiences. Librarians offer innovative student instruction and reference services that emphasize critical thinking, global awareness, creativity and technical skills. Engaging faculty and IT professionals will help us adapt service delivery to students’ learning styles.

Our new Scholar Services program will help create a virtual environment for research. The Scholar Services program already offers support in GIS and maps, data services, digital initiatives and statistical consulting, and librarians and IT professionals will work closely with faculty, graduate students and researchers to identify new and emerging research needs. We look forward to learning more about your needs in future forums specifically designed for this purpose.

I hope you find this newsletter helpful in staying informed about your Libraries. I look forward to sharing our progress this year.

lorraine j. haricombe

Dean

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**Collections Corner**

**The Collmer Collection: Works of John Bunyan**

KU Libraries’ recent acquisition of one of four major, worldwide collections devoted to the works of John Bunyan puts our own Department of Special Collections in good company: only the British Library, the New York Public Library and Harvard University can stake a similar claim.

The collection of over 700 works by and about Bunyan, assembled by Professor Emeritus Robert Collmer of Baylor University, will impact research across campus.

“Bunyan’s Pilgrim’s Progress has appeared in more editions and has been more often translated than any other single English work. It is certainly one of the single most influential books in the English language,” said Richard Clement, head of special collections at KU’s Spencer Research Library (pictured). “A significant aspect of the Collmer Collection is its emphasis on illustration. Additionally, the collection covers editions and translation from Bunyan’s lifetime up to the end of the 20th century. Almost every year in the 19th century is represented.”

For more information on the collection, contact Clement at rclement@ku.edu.

**Service Updates**

**TripSaver**

Join the revolution! KU Libraries TripSaver enables Lawrence campus faculty and staff to request delivery of library materials to them via Campus Mail to wherever Campus Mail currently delivers on the Lawrence campus.

TripSaver is available through the library catalog under the Retrieve from Shelf option. It can be used for any materials you can request through Voyager, as well as most interlibrary loans. Materials are delivered in about one to three business days.

To get started or find out more, visit www.lib.ku.edu/tripsaver.

“I cannot thank you enough for the fabulous TripSaver service. It has changed my research life considerably — all for the better.”

Linda Stone-Ferrier, Professor and Chair, History of Art

**New Databases**

KU Libraries has added more than 25 databases across the arts, sciences and humanities to its A-Z listing since January.

Be sure to check out the complete list at infogateway.ku.edu.
Libraries Leadership

Sherry Williams was named interim head of Spencer Research Library in July. She will assume full responsibility when William Crowe, Spencer librarian, enters phased retirement in October 2007.

“Spencer Research Library is an incredibly important asset not only to this campus, but also to Lawrence and Kansas,” said Dean Lorraine J. Haricombe. “I have great confidence that Sherry will continue the Spencer tradition of outreach and excellence.”

Spencer is home to more than 350,000 rare books, 500,000 manuscripts and 2.5 million photographs. It houses University Archives, the Kansas Collection and Special Collections.

Williams joined KU Libraries more than 28 years ago. She is curator of the Kansas Collection, the regional history division of KU Libraries.

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Exceeding expectations in service quality

Thanks to the more than 1,100 faculty, staff and students who completed the 2006 LibQUAL+ survey, KU Libraries has made significant changes over the past few months to better meet your research and service needs.

You requested:

- Access to the electronic resources from your home or office
- Print and/or electronic journal collections you require for your work
- A Libraries Web site that enables you to locate information on your own more quickly and easily
- Librarians and staff members who have the knowledge to answer your questions
- Dependability in handling your service problems

We delivered:

- More access to print and electronic materials, including 30,000 journals and many other primary resources
- The new Information Gateway, a primary tool for searching the Libraries’ proprietary online resources including databases, journals and images
- A newly redesigned Web site
- Access to electronic records for hundreds of thousands of previously inaccessible items
- An ongoing commitment to enhancing service quality through comprehensive training and continuous evaluation

The Division of Information Services values your input. Watch your inbox for the upcoming TechQual+ survey, an opportunity to assess information technology at KU.

New workshops from KU Libraries give your students essential research skills

Sure, they can Google, but can your students find the scholarly information they need for college-level work? If not, three new research skills workshops, offered by Instructional Services at the KU Libraries, can help.

In First Year Research Essentials: Books (offered Sept. 17 and 26) and First Year Research Essentials: Articles (Sept. 18 and 27) students learn to locate and retrieve a variety of print and electronic information.

Credible or Not? Evaluating Internet and Print Resources (Sept. 27) teaches students to evaluate critically the information they find online and in print, enabling them to focus on sources that are credible, accurate and appropriate for academic work.

“These free workshops will help students understand the research process and how the Libraries fit into that, which will lessen their anxiety and allow them to do better research and write better papers,” explained Tami Albin, undergraduate instruction and outreach librarian.

Visit www.infotraining.ku.edu for workshop dates, times and locations, or contact Instructional Services (training@ku.edu, 864-0410) to arrange a custom version of one of these workshops for students in your courses.

Budig One mini-grants from Scholar Services to facilitate digital projects

The newly-created Scholar Services program, which supports research and digital scholarship at KU, bridges existing services to provide integrated technology and library support to KU faculty, researchers, staff and students.

To help meet this goal, Scholar Services is offering mini-grants for KU faculty and graduate students, supporting innovative digital content development. The program will develop these scholarly projects using the robust services offered by the BudigOne Digital Workspace.

Recipients will receive the tools and support they need to successfully create, display and store a digital project, including access to software and equipment, training, project management and digitization experts to do the work. Projects will be hosted by the KU Libraries, and Scholar Services will provide long-term storage to preserve the finished product.

To apply or learn more, see kudiglib.ku.edu/budig/grants. The deadline is October 15; recipients will be announced mid-November.