



**KU** LIBRARIES  
The University of Kansas

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## Message from the Dean

I recently took KU's provost, Richard Lariviere, on a tour of Anschutz and Watson libraries. Both were hives of activity—students were asking questions of staff, working at computers, discussing, drinking coffee, studying together. "We are doing something wonderful here," Provost Lariviere said.


I agree. Moreover, what we saw when we walked into those spaces only scratches the surface of all the scholarly and intellectual activity that we inspire and produce here at KU. At any given moment, twenty-four hours a day, students are pulling images from our digital collections to use in their studies from botany to medicine to history to architecture. They are chatting online with expert library staff to find innovative approaches to their projects and papers. They are digging into complex topics, discovering new resources that broaden and deepen their knowledge and prepare them to contribute to our society both locally and globally.

I am proud of our librarians, archivists, curators and staff for creating an environment, physical and virtual, that promotes twenty-first century learning and research. We continue to grow and develop our world-class collections, print and digital, while partnering with faculty in instruction to contribute to an educated, technologically sophisticated and globally aware citizenry for this new century. Understanding our users and their needs shapes our commitment to be agile and responsive to them. Our services reflect user-focused assistance to navigate our collections and online information resources that are accessible everywhere, at any time.

In recent months, faculty and staff at KU Libraries have been engaged in a thoughtful process to develop our organization's values and vision. Throughout this effort, we have maintained a constant focus on our role within the university and our goal to support faculty and staff.

While we are not yet prepared to put an official statement to paper, we know that we strive to be a dynamic partner in teaching, learning and research activities at KU. We take pride in advancing the university's mission through inquiry and active engagement with our users to share, discover and create knowledge products that are open and accessible to the communities we serve at KU, in Kansas and beyond.

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University of Kansas Libraries  
*A Division of Information Services*  
**AT A GLANCE**

**WATSON LIBRARY**

The oldest and largest of the university's libraries, Watson houses collections in the social sciences, humanities, education and journalism. Highlights include the East Asian, Slavic, and Spanish, Portuguese and Latin American collections. The Libraries' administrative offices and Preservation Department are also housed here.

**ANSCHUTZ LIBRARY**

Collections here include the sciences, business and U.S. government documents, as well as the T.R. Smith Map Collection and the GIS and Numeric Data Lab.

**GORTON MUSIC & DANCE LIBRARY**

The Archive of Recorded Sound, which features extensive jazz and opera holdings, and the Hale Media System for listening and viewing are highlights of this library, located in Murphy Hall. It contains more than 111,000 scores, books, sound recordings and other volumes, and holds the leading music collection in the Great Plains.

**SPAHR ENGINEERING LIBRARY**

Located between Learned and Eaton Halls, this library features collaborative and individual study spaces, as well as resources to support engineering fields.

**MURPHY ART & ARCHITECTURE LIBRARY**

Located in the Spencer Art Museum, this library's collections document the visual arts worldwide to support programs in art, design, architecture and the history of art.

**SPENCER RESEARCH LIBRARY**

The University Archives are housed here, as are manuscripts and rare books. Also in Spencer is the Kansas Collection, which includes books, manuscripts, maps, photographs and other items documenting the state's history.

**REGENTS CENTER LIBRARY**

This branch provides services at the KU Edwards Campus in suburban Kansas City.

**LIBRARY ANNEX**

Located on KU's west campus in Lawrence, the Library Annex is a high-density storage facility for low-use library materials. The transfer of such materials to the Library Annex increases the space available for users in the main campus library buildings and provides conservation-level environmental controls for books and journals, archives and manuscripts, and rare and fragile materials.



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## COLLECTIONS

*By offering world-class collections to KU faculty, students, and researchers in Kansas and throughout the world, KU Libraries provide an essential foundation to support the university's research mission. We are committed to growing and preserving our collections, in both print and digital forms, to meet the needs of researchers today and in the future.*

### BY THE NUMBERS

- KU Libraries house more than 4 million print volumes.
- KU Libraries maintains a wide range of electronic information resources, including more than 30,000 full-text journals, that are available anywhere.
- More than 1,772 linear feet of manuscripts were processed and catalogued by staff in Spencer Research Library this year, dramatically increasing accessibility of these rare materials.

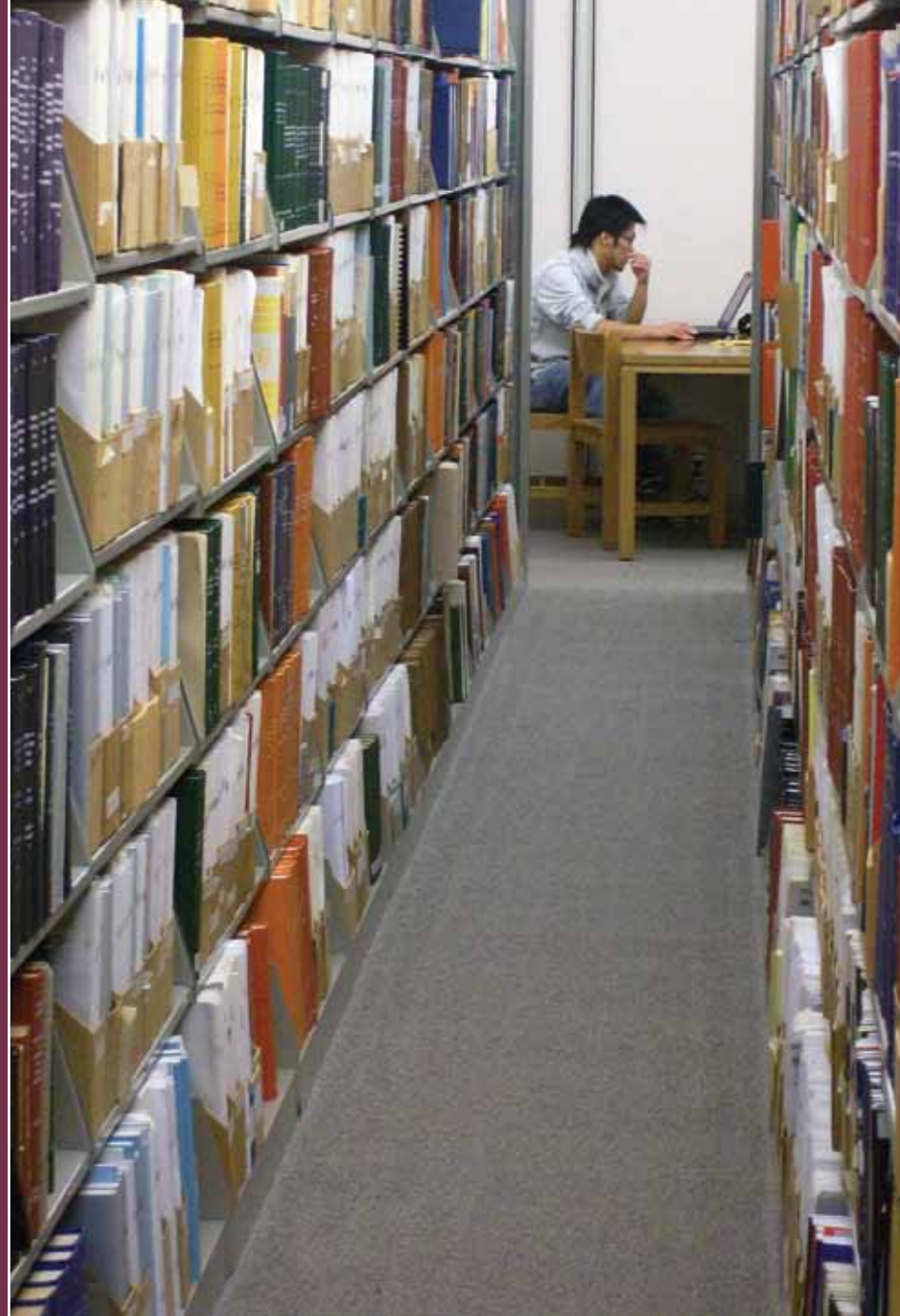
### HIGHLIGHTS

- KU Libraries' recreational reading area in Watson Library, which offers 200 fiction and non-fiction best-sellers, is aimed at increasing leisure reading among students, a habit shown to improve test scores. The collection and renovated area are paid for by the Parents' Campaign, a fundraising effort by KU Libraries and KU Endowment.
- Dana and Sue Anderson's \$20,000 gift to support studies of the Kansas region's historical ethnic and racial diversity through the African American documentation program, part of the Kansas Collection at Spencer

Research Library, significantly enhanced the collection of regional African American research materials at the University of Kansas. The Andersons' support, which dates back to 1996, has enabled KU Libraries to build and process a greatly expanded collecting program designed to increase opportunities for researchers interested in state and regional history.

- A new gift to the University of Kansas Libraries will benefit scholars who study the African-American materials in Spencer Research Library's Kansas Collection. KU Associate Professor of Education Sandra Gautt (shown at left), contributed \$30,000 to the KU Libraries to benefit scholars who study the African-American materials in Spencer Research Library's Kansas Collection. The gift supports the Alyce Hunley Whyne Visiting Scholars Fund. The fund covers travel expenses for visiting scholars and graduate students conducting research of the collection.
- The Kenneth Spencer Research Library at the University of Kansas has received an \$11,000 grant from the National Film Preservation Foundation. KU Libraries, the first institution in Kansas to receive such a grant, will use the funding to preserve three Centron films held in its Kansas Collection. The Centron Corporation, a production company founded in Lawrence by two University of Kansas alumni in 1947, produced hundreds of documentaries spanning nearly five decades. The Kansas Collection acquired the company's film archive when it closed in the early 1990s.

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## BRICKS AND MORTAR

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### HIGHLIGHTS

- Dust flew during the installation of a new service desk at Watson Library this summer. Aimed at enhancing the user experience and drawing attention to new and existing resources, the desk replaced the previous, temporary desk on the main level of the library. This is the first phase in a concerted effort to improve staff visibility and create a warmer, more welcoming environment for library patrons. Updates for Watson Library’s third floor, one of the highest traffic areas in the library system, included new carpeting, furniture and an expanded user workspace. The installation was funded by private and public funds earmarked for facilities.
- Among the strengths of KU Libraries are its outstanding collections of materials from Africa, East Asia, Latin America, Russia and East Central Europe. KU Libraries International Area Studies programs now have a newly redesigned space in which to facilitate research in Watson Library. The project included reconfiguring space on the fifth floor to add offices and create an exhibit area and one central service desk, resulting in a highly accessible space and an environment where international students and faculty feel welcome.
- As summer approached, staff at the KU Library Annex, a state-of-the-art storage facility, neared the 500,000th accession. Moving low- or no-use volumes into the Annex makes critical shelf space available to meet research needs across campus, while preserving valuable materials for future generations.



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## LIBRARIANS IN ACTION

*K*U Librarians are not only advisors and facilitators, helping people use the collections and the world of information beyond; they also serve as scholars and teachers in their own right, contributing to their fields of research and working directly with KU students in the classroom to help them develop new research skills for the twenty-first century. They are also passionate advocates, seeking to record stories of the struggles and triumphs of ordinary and extraordinary Kansans, and ensure that those stories are preserved for future generations of scholars.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Librarian Susan Craig received the Distinguished Service Award from the Art Libraries Society of North America in May 2008. The award honors an individual whose exemplary service in art librarianship or a related field has made an outstanding contribution to art information. The rare award is the highest honor available from the organization and is reserved for those who show outstanding service, research, performance and/or publication.
- To combat what she thinks is a flawed national perception of Kansas, Librarian Tami Albin (shown above teaching an information literacy course) is documenting the everyday lives and experiences of gay, lesbian, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer people who live in the state. She received \$17,000 from six grants to start "Under the Rainbow: Oral Histories of GLBTIQ People in Kansas." Albin, who came to the



U.S. from Canada, said she started the project because she was tired of GLBTIQ people outside of Kansas referring to the Midwest as an isolated and lonely location for GLBTIQ people.

- KU Libraries Slavic Collection Librarian Geoff Husic created the Carl and Margaret Husic Award to Support Librarianship in Less Commonly Taught Languages. The \$1,200 annual award supports graduate study in librarianship.
- William Crowe, former dean of libraries and current special assistant to the dean, served as university senate president and chair of the university senate executive committee during 2007-2008.
- Field Archivist Deborah Dandridge received the 2007 Gretchen and Gene A. Budig Distinguished Librarian Award. The award recognizes achievements in service and scholarship, as well as reputation among colleagues. Dandridge is a respected archivist and expert in African American history.

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## TECHNOLOGY SUPPORTING RESEARCH & SCHOLARSHIP

*O*f course a library is more than just books. For many researchers, the library they experience is electronic, consisting of digital collections, online articles, e-books, datasets, images, and rich interactive resources. KU Libraries are leaders in developing and providing these electronic resources to researchers, and in making those resources freely accessible to all.

### BY THE NUMBERS

- KU ScholarWorks, a digital repository for scholarly work created by KU faculty and staff:
  - 3,363 total items available
  - 30,3190 item views (570,474 to date)
  - 328,813 downloads (512,790 to date)
  - 343,719 searches performed from 166 different countries (458,044 Searches to date)
  - Average downloads per item 102 (115 to date)
- 22,000 Architectural images now available to the KU community through a partnership between KU Scholar Services and the School of Architecture and Urban Planning

### HIGHLIGHTS

- Scholar Services, a program of Information Services (KU Libraries and Information Technology), made two KU-based scholarly journals freely available online to readers and researchers throughout the world, thanks to a new program designed to support the online distribution of campus publications. *Biodiversity Informatics* and back issues of *Latin American Theater Review* are now online at <http://journals.ku.edu>. The

project contributes to the worldwide exchange of research and scholarship, while raising the visibility of scholarship being published at KU.

- The dizzying amount of information surrounding the 2008 Presidential Election became a bit more manageable last spring thanks to a new KU Libraries search engine. Created by Librarian Amalia Monroe, the 2008 Presidential Election Custom Search Engine brings together more than 150 political Web sites selected for their quality, content and non-partisanship.
- A new collaboration on the KU campus brings together art and science in its most basic form. Librarians working in Scholar Services have teamed up with regional artists, faculty on campus, and the Kansas Geological Survey to create the interactive image collection "From the Ground Up." The site uses GIS mapping to show users the actual sites in Kansas portrayed in specific landscape paintings, allowing researchers to discover relationships between regional culture and subjects in the humanities. LUNA Insight, a powerful image management system housed within KU Libraries, preserves and provides enhanced access to the artwork and photographic images associated with these pieces.
- Thousands of architectural images are now available to all KU faculty, staff and students, thanks to a partnership between Scholar Services and the School of Architecture and Urban Planning. The 22,000 high-resolution images are available for teaching and research purposes from the KU Libraries' Web site.



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## SERVICES

*A*t KU Libraries, our goal is to provide excellent service in the manner that is most helpful to those we serve as they become more sophisticated users and producers of information. This requires flexibility as we embrace new technologies like text messaging to answer research questions for students, and both technical and teaching skill as we raise users' awareness of new tools and help them develop new skills relevant to twenty-first century research.

### BY THE NUMBERS

- This year, KU Libraries staff provided direct classroom instruction on how to use library resources to more than 9,900 undergraduate students and 3,000 graduate students in over 900 sessions.

### HIGHLIGHTS

- As more and more students use text messages as their preferred mode of communication, librarians at KU have responded. KU students, faculty and staff can now text their research-related questions to librarians. Chat software translates the messages, allowing librarians to reply using a computer instead of a phone. In addition to texting, KU Libraries offers the Ask a Librarian service through email and instant messaging, by phone and in person.

- KU Libraries created a new eight-week course designed to help students improve their research and information management skills. Taught by KU librarians and originally offered as a pilot course for student athletes, "LA&S 292: Research Methods and Information Literacy" strengthens students' ability to communicate and succeed as scholars. Now open to all KU students, the course helps students develop critical thinking skills to identify, locate, analyze and use information effectively.
- Responding to feedback from the more than 1100 KU faculty, staff and students who completed the national 2006 LibQUAL+ survey, KU Libraries made significant changes over the past year to better meet research and service needs. Changes include access to more print and electronic materials, including 30,000 journals and many other primary resources; delivery of library materials to department offices; a redesigned Web site and ongoing commitment to enhancing service quality through comprehensive training and continuous evaluation.
- Throughout 2007 and 2008, KU Libraries and campus partners led thoughtful conversations across campus by hosting world-renowned speakers and scholars. Michèle Cloonan, dean of the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at the Simmons College in Boston, spoke about the devastating effects of war on Iraq's libraries in her presentation, "Libraries and Human Rights: Iraq in the Crossfire" in April.

# READ



## WITH JAYHAWK STUDENT-ATHLETES

Left to Right: Baby Jay; Cole Aldrich, Basketball; Katie Brosious, Rowing; Jack Sachse, Track & Field; Jessica Bush, Soccer; Mike Rivera, Football; Amanda Jobe, Softball; Walt Koelbel, Golf; Sha'Ray Butler, Track & Field; Brittany Williams, Volleyball; Danielle Herrmann, Swimming and Diving; Sydney Wilson, Golf; Yuliana Svistun, Tennis; Justin Ellrich, Baseball; Kailee Bowers, Rock Chalk Dancer; LaChelda Jacobs, Basketball; Big Jay



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## OUTREACH

The past year saw KU Libraries participating in and shaping the public discourse on issues at the heart of academic scholarship. In December, the Libraries brought Lorcan Dempsey, vice president, Office of Research, and chief strategist for the Online Computer Library Center, Inc. (OCLC), to KU. Dempsey, an international leader in the field of librarianship, spoke and led discussions on how technology is transforming academic libraries in every respect, from collections to patron services to workflow (of scholars and librarians) to the design of the library spaces themselves.

In March, the Libraries hosted “Copyright in Academia: Challenges and Opportunities,” a day-long symposium on the future of copyright in academia, featuring nationally recognized experts Tracy Mitrano of Cornell University and Wesley D. Blakeslee of Johns Hopkins University as keynote speakers, and offering sessions led by KU’s own experts, including University Distinguished Professor Town Peterson, John H. & John M. Kane Professor of Law Michael Hoeflich, and many others. The symposium gave faculty and graduate students from KU and the region a unique forum to learn and share ideas about the tremendous changes,

challenges, and upheaval facing them in the world of scholarly publishing, and an important opportunity to discuss how individual scholars and institutions like KU can best respond to those challenges.

Throughout the year, KU Libraries have sponsored a number of events to engage friends and benefactors, and recognize those who contributed to our continued success. The 2007 Celebration of Excellence featured the Budig Distinguished Librarian Award, presented to Judith Emde. Benefactors such as Dana and Sue Anderson and others were honored at various events for their invaluable support.

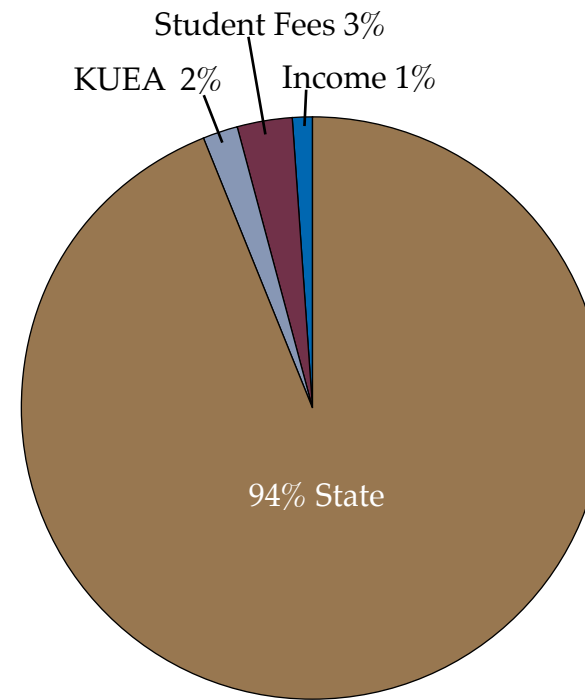
The Libraries also held an open workshop on conservation techniques for personal memorabilia from old books and paper documents to digital photos and blogs, and served as a sponsor of this year’s River City Reading Festival in Lawrence. One especially popular outreach tool was the suite of READ posters featuring KU Athletics coaches and student athletes (facing page).



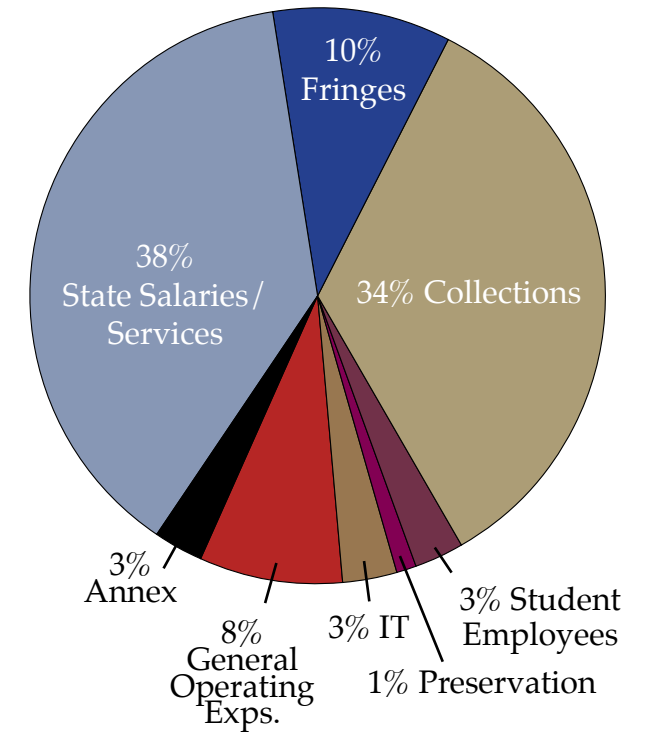
Library Annex

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