Welcome to the spring 2011 issue of Bookends! Here’s an overview of what’s happening in the Library:

**National Library Month**
April is National Library month and I wanted to take a moment to brag about the terrific people that work in the library. They are friendly and dedicated, and keep the library running smoothly. There are 8 librarians, 7 full-time clerks, 10 part-time clerks, and 24 student workers who provide an array of services the 89.5 hours that we are open each week.

The library staff is enthusiastic and creative. Several examples of employee initiated improvements/projects include the library garden, a student worker appreciation committee, and volunteer work with the East Middle School library.

**Library Garden** – The library garden, which was planted by employees last summer, received some stepping stones and additional plants thanks to generous donations from library staff and patrons.

**Student Workers** – Several employees formed a committee to identify ways in which we can recognize the efforts of our student employees. The ITS Help Desk, Career Services, and the Resource Center have also decided to participate. Each month two areas are selected to recognize outstanding student workers. A student worker appreciation event will be held each semester.

**East Middle School** – Missouri Southern is a business partner with East Middle School as part of the school district’s Bright Futures initiative. We began volunteering at the East Middle School library as part of the Martin Luther King Day of Service and continued over spring break, assisting with an effort to label library materials. After the end of the spring semester, library employees will continue to volunteer and assist with a barcoding project.

**Library Budget Update**
The deadline to submit departmental requests for library materials was April 1st. I appreciate the time that faculty spent identifying resources to enhance the library collection. The Board of Governors approved a $4 per credit hour library fee for distance students. The funds will be administered through the library’s budget, with the expenditures selected by the library. The money will be used to purchase electronic databases and other resources that will be beneficial for online students. This is wonderful news for the library and we are looking forward to growing the library collection.

**Retirement News**
Linda Henderson, a full-time clerk in our Technical Services Department, will be retiring on May 31st. Linda has worked in the library since 1976.
Wendy’s Corner—Continued

Her job keeps her behind the scenes, but it is critical to providing searchable records which facilitate library research. Linda was instrumental in the library’s migration to a new software system in 1999 when we joined the MOBIUS consortia. She has the longest tenure of any Missouri Southern library employee—ever. Linda’s organizational memory and tireless work ethic are irreplaceable. We will miss Linda, but wish her a happy and prosperous retirement! A retirement reception was held in Linda’s honor on Friday, April 29th.

Literary Lions Book Club

This spring we read *The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-time Indian* by Sherman Alexie. This is a young adult title for which the author received the National Book Award. It has also generated a great deal of controversy since its publication in 2007 and was banned in some places. This session of Literary Lions was moderated by MSSU English professor Dr. Michael Howarth. This summer we will read *Winter’s Bone* by Daniel Woodrell, moderated by Wendy McGrane, Library Director. In the fall we will read the FYE Common Read, *Down the Nile: Alone in a Fisherman’s Skiff* by Rosemary Mahoney, moderated by Susan Craig, FYE Director.

Trivia

Library teams took 1st place in two trivia contests this spring; in both cases, the teams were defending their title.

- **Masters of Minutiae** - won the Joplin Daybreak Rotary Trivia Contest for the 2nd year in a row on February 15th. The following people were on the team: Destry Allgood, Linda Cannon, Howard Forsythe, Melissa Forsythe, Linda Hand, Wendy McGrane, and Charlie Nodler.

- **The Collegians** - won the Miller High School Trivia Contest for the 3rd year in a row on March 26th. The following people were on the team: Linda Cannon, Howard Forsythe, Melissa Forsythe, Linda Hand, Wendy McGrane, and Charlie Nodler.

Thank You

I appreciate the support that all members of the campus community extend to the library to help us serve students. As always, I welcome your feedback regarding the library. Please let me know how we may be of service to you!

Library Director

Reference & Instruction—Nancy Crabtree

The University’s migration to newly designed web pages in early March prompted the library to review the content of our pages for currency and content that promotes successful completion of research by both students and faculty. Some newly created pages to be aware of include:

**Library Services for Faculty/Instructors:** information found on the old Instructor Help page: placing items on reserve, creating effective library assignments, requesting library instruction sessions and accessing faculty promotion folders

**Guides-Library Services:** step-by-step instructions with screen shots of many of our library services such as how to renew books online and access your library account

**Library Forms:** links to online forms including newly devised, Suggest a Book Purchase.

**News, Exhibits & Events:** links to our newsletter, *Southern Bookends*, along with listings and pictures of events held in the library and library displays.

**Reference Materials:** listings of online reference sources

Links to all of these pages can be found in the left hand navigation sections on any of the library web pages.
Technical Services—Lydia Welhan

When you find an item in the catalog, click the dark green box that says “Send call number via text.”

Enter your cell phone number and provider in the pop-up box. If there are multiple copies in the library, select the copy you need.

Send the title, location, and call number of this item to your cell phone.

Title: The alchemist / Paulo Coelho ; translated by Alan R. Clarke.

Enter your cell phone #: 

(Use the full 10 digits of your phone #, no spaces, no dashes eg. 6105265000)

Select your provider: Cingular/AT&T

Choose the item you need:

1. MSSU Recreational Reading: PQ9698.13.03546 A4513 2006 (DUE 04-12-11) 
2. MSSU Recreational Reading: PQ9698.13.03546 A4513 2006 (AVAILABLE) 
3. MSSU Recreational Reading: PQ9698.13.03546 A4513 2006 (AVAILABLE) 

NOTE: Carrier charges may apply if your cell phone service plan does not include free text messaging.

Hit “Send” and you’ll immediately have a text message with all the information you need to find the item on the shelf! Just remember that this feature is only available when searching just MSSU’s collections.

Serials & Reference—Bob Black

Changes in databases

At the end of the current academic year there will be changes in the databases paid for by the Missouri State Library and accessible by Spiva Library users. Beginning July 1st, a number of databases through Gale Cengage Learning will no longer be available including: Academic OneFile, General OneFile, and a number of smaller, subject oriented databases. We will be gaining several other databases through EBSCO. EBSCO is a company that the library has been doing business with for many years and whose databases are familiar to most students & faculty. Because it is still in negotiation, more information about the additional databases and full text resources will be provided in the next issue of Bookends.
Government Documents—Gayle O’Neal

Hopefully Spring Break was a great break for everyone! While resuming studies and homework, remember to visit the 4th Floor Quiet Room. We continue to receive compliments on having such a terrific study area!

This is the time of year when you might experience “Spring Fever.” For those interested in gardening, consider visiting the Government Documents section on the 4th floor, which houses information from gardening and agriculture to energy.

Audio Visual Center—Penny Richeson

The newest DVDs added to the collection are located on the 3rd floor.

- Law Abiding Citizen
- Alice in Wonderland
- Inside Job
- Toy story 3
- Wanted
- National Treasure: Book of Secrets
- Wolfhound
- Resident Evil
- Percy Jackson & the Olympians
- Edge of Darkness
- Journey to Promethea
- Devil

These DVDs may be checked out for one week.

2011 Printz Honor Books
- Stolen by Lucy Christopher.
- Please Ignore Vera Dietz by A.S. King.
- Revolver by Marcus Sedgwick.
- Nothing by Janne Teller.

2011 Newbery Winner
- Moon over Manifest by Clare Vanderpool.

2011 Newbery Honor books
- Turtle in Paradise by Jennifer L. Holm.
- Heart of a Samurai by Margi Preus.
- Dark Emperor and Other Poems of the Night by Joyce Sidman.
- One Crazy Summer by Rita Williams-Garcia.

These books may be checked out for four weeks.
Names & Numbers

Wendy McGrane  Library Director  625-9801
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Robert Black  Serials/Reference Librarian  625-9310
James Capeci  Document Delivery Librarian  625-3180
Amber Carr  Public Services Librarian  625-9335
Nancy Crabtree  Reference/Instruction Librarian  625-9729
Melissa Forsythe  Circulation Specialist  625-9362
Charles Nodler  Archivist/Reference Librarian  625-9552
Gayle O’Neal  Government Documents Clerk  625-9770
Penny Richeson  AVC Clerk  625-9770
Lydia Welhan  Technical Services Librarian  625-9550

Spring Hours

Sunday  1:00 p.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Monday  7:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Tuesday  7:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Wednesday  7:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Thursday  7:30 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.
Friday  7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday  9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Extended Hours!!!!

2 Weeks Prior to Finals &
the week of Finals!

May 1st—May 5th
May 8th—May 12th
May 15th—May 19th

Open until
MIDNIGHT!!!