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"You know you've read a good book when you turn the last page and feel a little as if you have lost a friend."

— Paul Sweeney



Book sale clips . . . .



# TIMELY TIDBITS

## Director's Highlights

February 29<sup>th</sup> was Leap Day and Miner Break Café was celebrating! Students and staff could come outside on the beautiful day to "Leap for Starbucks" and win prizes from Chartwells. Participants would get a running start and whether they cleared 3, 6, or 9 feet, could walk away with Starbucks pens, mints, hot cocoa, or travel cups. Everyone who participated sampled some passion fruit and strawberry smoothies from Island Oasis. KMN student radio was on hand to spin some music too. The strong winds made it interesting, but everybody "leaped away" a winner!

----- Submitted by Dan Jensen



Missouri Library Network Corporation (MLNC) will be merging with Amigos Library Services, based in Dallas, TX this year. Both boards have worked on various "due diligence" processes and are committed to the merger. Membership fee structures of the two (actually quite similar groups) are different, but plans are in place for a smooth transition. We will soon be Amigos members. If you would like more information about this, MLNC is hosting one more webinar, on March 15. Click here: <http://mkbweb.mlnc.org/EventDetail.aspx?EventId=00000482>

There is a local connection to this announcement because former Library Director Ron

Bohley, was instrumental in establishing MLNC as the state's OCLC services broker in 1981. I certainly don't know all the details, but it seems to me that a group of Missouri library directors was distressed at who ever else was providing OCLC services, so they got organized and started MLNC. After that, I know he was on the MLNC Board, and most likely also served the organization as President of the Board. I can remember riding to St. Louis with Ron a few times—once the travel was in regards to the purchase of a one of the former MLNC buildings.

The office position will be posted next week by Wednesday, March 14th. Thank you for your patience during the transition.

## Access Services News

### ◦ Circulation

Circulation has hired a new work study student, Logan Sauerbrei.

The MOBIUS catalog is not currently accepting requests for patrons who login using an EMPLID. The campus email username and password works fine, but when an EMPLID is entered, it returns the patron to their MERLIN account. The only types of patrons this should affect are Dependents of Missouri S&T students, faculty or staff, as guest patrons are not allowed to request items. Dependent patrons can request MOBIUS items through Interlibrary Loan; the ILL staff is aware of the issue and will fill the request. If you have any other

patrons who are **not** dependents and can only use a number to log in, please let Annette or Dawn know. MOBIUS has opened a ticket with Innovative; Access Services will provide updates as we know more.

### ◦ Inter-Library Loan

ILL has hired a new student worker, Brijesh Chejerla, who will start working on 3/1/2012. Many of you may know him from when he worked in our cataloging department. Brijesh is replacing Vimal, who unfortunately is no longer working for ILL. Vimal left to focus on his school work, so you may still see him around the library sometimes. He may come back to work for ILL during

the 2012 summer semester.

Also, Shahd's last day of work in ILL is 3/2/2012. She is leaving to focus on her school work and is expected to graduate at the end of this semester.

We have received several complaints about over-crowding in the refrigerator with plastic bags full of food and lots of other types of containers. Please send Carol your suggestions for refrigerator etiquette so we might be able to accommodate everyone.