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Director's Highlights

The S&T Geothermal Energy project is an innovative, ground-breaking project—especially at the (almost) whole-university level. Some of the anticipated savings in both utility bills and carbon generation seem enormous.

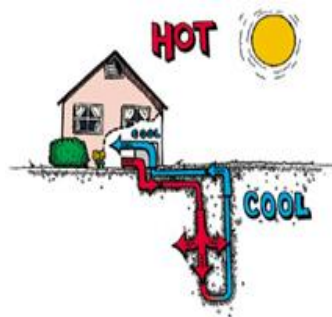
However, this project is going to cause two different kinds of disruptions to standard Library operations. First, there will be times when delivery services will not be able to reach our Dock. After we find out the estimated dates of this disruption, we'll have to make sure the various vendors are made aware. It sounds like using the Front Door will be advisable for some period of time. Right now, this work is planned to begin towards the end of May, but everything is subject to change.

Second, most if not all, of the parking lots at the north side of the Library will be in various stages of disruption, too. The end date for the overall project is 2014, but the well drilling will naturally come first. There will also be a lot of trenching done across our campus. I was surprised to find out this week that the parking lot directly north of ECE is also planned to be extended to the west—to add in a few more parking spaces.

This is about all the details I know: the well fields will have 20' x 20' grids of vertical wells drilled, then the trenching for the geothermal loops will begin. I don't intend to get you unnecessarily agitated, but thought as much advance notice as possible

would be useful. The best source of information about timing, which will certainly vary, is here:

geothermal.mst.edu/projectschedule



S&T Landscape Services was giving away tulip bulbs for today's Earth Day celebration. If you would like some, but couldn't make it to the festivities, Andy has some to spare.

"Nobody can go back and start a new beginning, but anyone can start today and make a new ending."

—Maria Robinson

Happenings Around the Library

The library hosted four focus group sessions with undergrads and graduate students to explore information captured during our recent survey. Not surprisingly, the graduates seem mostly happy with the collections, while undergraduates want more recreational reading that is easier to find (i.e. they want to browse). Space was another hot topic with the focus groups. Stay tuned for the results of the survey and more details from the focus group meetings.

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What is once in a minute, twice in a moment and never in a thousand years?

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Did you know we have a fun committee? Their most recent idea is to promote and provide space for Charlie's Rubik's Cube workshops starting in the fall. They are also thinking of ways to have a haunted house for Halloween. In addition to the puzzles that we have placed out for the students to use, board games are coming in the future.



In the news . . .

Kamireon Douglas, one of our former student workers, was featured in the Rolla Daily News on Monday. Kamireon recently won the outstanding Student Achievement Award from the Tau Beta Sigma national honorary Band Sorority.

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Don't forget about staff day T-Shirts. You still have time to order a T-Shirt. Please get your order to Carol no later than April 30. Also, the library typically donates a gift basket for the auction. Any ideas for this year? In the past, we have done a barbeque basket and a coffee basket. Please send any suggestions to Carol.