

COMMITTEE NOTES

**Operations Committee Meeting
Kansas City Public Library
Board of Trustees
October 6, 2011**

The Operations Committee of the Board of Trustees of Kansas City Public Library, pursuant to official notification, met Thursday, October 6, 2011, at 4:30 p.m. at the Central Library, 14 West 10th Street, Kansas City, Missouri.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Billie Howard Barnes (Chair)
Jonathan Kemper (ex officio)

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Joan Caulfield
Rose Marie Bell
Fran Daniel

OTHER TRUSTEES PRESENT:

Olivia Dorsey
David Mayta

STAFF PRESENT:

Crosby Kemper III, Chief Executive
Lucinda Adams, Special Collections Librarian
Terry Anderson, Director of Collection Management
Lillie Brack, Central Library Director
Dorothy Elliott, Plaza Branch Director
Jordan Fields, Digital Project Manager
Henry Fortunato, Director of Public Affairs and Communication
Joel Jones, Director of Branch and Outreach Services
Angela Kille, Web Manager
Cheptoo Kositany-Buckner, Deputy Director
Eli Paul, Director of Missouri Valley Special Collections
Heather Pedersen, Administrative Officer
Debbie Siragusa, Chief Financial Officer

Howard Barnes called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

C. Kemper reported that the Kauffman Foundation has expressed interest in providing additional funding to support KCResearch as well as partnering more closely with the Library on some of the content of the site.

Adams, Fields, Kille, and Paul gave a presentation to the Board on the status of the Library's projects related to digital access. The following are highlights from the presentation:

- The Library is designing a single-repository/single-search interface for all digital library content (i.e. databases, catalog, digital collections) while keeping customized experiences for users of specific content type using microwebsites (e.g. separate microsites for topics such as the Civil War)
- The KCRsearch site was modeled after shopping sites for usability and familiarity to a wide variety of users
- KCRsearch users will be able to submit research to be vetted by librarians and posted to the site
- Library staff surveyed 25,000 pages of primary public documents related to the Civil War and the Missouri-Kansas Conflict, selected 5,000 pages to be scanned and included in the digital content, and 1,000 of these pages will be transcribed by LSTA grant funded personnel
- Context will be provided for the Civil War content through general essays by nationally known scholars, thematic essays by acknowledged scholars in the topic, and encyclopedia entries on the themes
- Additional digital projects around broad regional themes are being discussed and would likely be modeled after the Civil War site
- Demand for eBooks has increased dramatically (OverDrive checkouts are up 433% over the same period last year) and the Library has responded by increasing eBook purchasing and launching a Kindle lending pilot program this fall
- The Library now has a downloadable mobile app which will allow users to do all of the following with their mobile devices: search the library catalog, place and manage holds, renew items, check hours and locations, find program information, ask a librarian a question via phone or email, read library blogs, and connect with the library on social networks
- Versions of the mobile app for Android, Blackberry and other smart phones launched in September and iPhone and iPad versions are scheduled to launch in October

The meeting concluded at 5:35 p.m.

Billie Howard Barnes, Chair
Operations Committee

Date