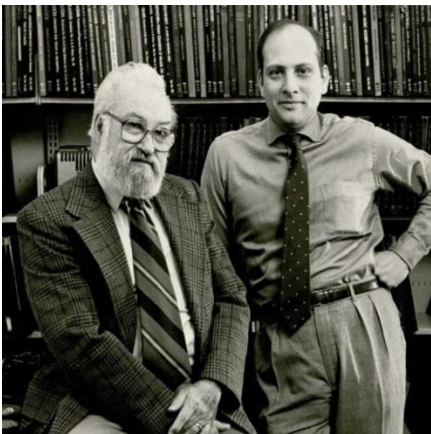


### This Year's Numbers

- **426,727** visits to Miller Nichols Library
- **65,544** visits to Health Sciences Library
- **248,581** library website page views
- **1,345** database searches per day
- **379,732** full-text article views
- **13,593** Items borrowed through Interlibrary Loan
- **63,205** digital collections viewed online
- **68,067** unique page views for archival collections
- **11,260** students in **313** library instruction classes
- **213** one-on-one research consultations
- **14,243** research questions answered by librarians
- **128** electronic theses and dissertations catalogued
- **379** new authority records created for library catalogs worldwide
- **84** finding aids from LaBudde Special Collections & University Archives uploaded, representing **831.45** linear feet of shelved collections

### Stories of the Year



*Gaylord Marr seated with Chuck Haddix, Curator of the Marr Sound Archives.*

#### Sound Archives Receives Gift for Student Work

The Marr Sound Archives Student Employment Fund was established by Butch and Christy Rigby, both alumni and local entrepreneurs. Butch worked with Gaylord Marr, a Communication Studies professor at UMKC whose gift of sound recordings formed the foundation of the Sound Archives. Butch's experiences working as a student with Gaylord and Olga Marr inspired this generous gift, which they hope will serve as a foundation for a new endowment to ensure ongoing support.



*Zapata's work on display at the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art.*

## “Sarah Zapata: So the roots be known”

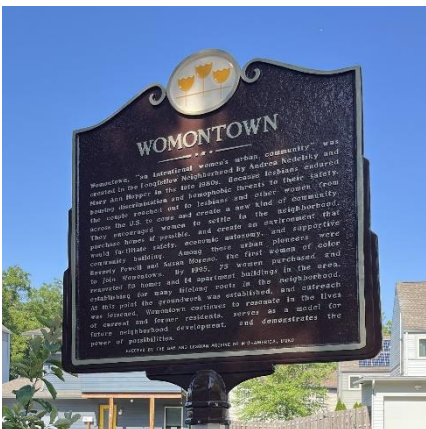
Artist Sarah Zapata incorporated research on Womontown from GLAMA's collections in her exhibit at the Kemper Museum of Contemporary Art, August 2023- July 2024.



*A portrait of young Walt Disney from the Baron Missakian Collection, LaBudde Special Collections, UMKC Libraries.*

## Walt Disney in the UMKC Archives

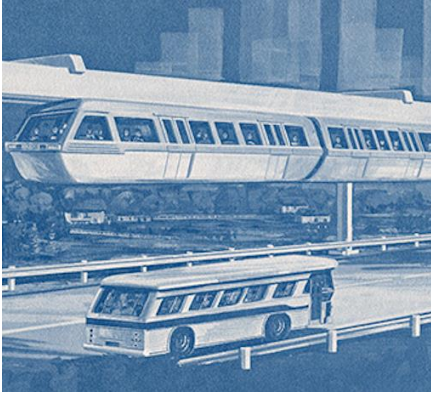
University Archives' image of Walt Disney's "Casey Kangaroo" was displayed in a special gallery at the Disney 100 exhibit at Union Station through November 2024. UMKC University Libraries displayed images and documents from LaBudde Special Collections that tell the story of some of Walt Disney's earliest animation work.



*The Womontown plaque at 27<sup>th</sup> Terrace and Charlotte Street, Kansas City, MO.*

## Womontown Historical Marker

The Gay and Lesbian Archives of Mid-America (GLAMA) unveiled a historical marker plaque commemorating Womontown. In the 1980s and 90s the neighborhood was home to an intentional community of lesbians, as a group of 75 women purchased 28 homes and 14 apartment buildings to create a place where they could live openly and find a community of support.



*An imagined monorail from a never-realized development concept.*

## **“The Kansas City That Never Was”**

The Special Collections Gallery in Miller Nichols Library showed the exhibit *The Kansas City That Never Was*, a look through city development projects that never came to be, curated from our own archival collections and those of museums and libraries in Kansas City.



*Two students focused on their writing during the working portion of Camp Write-A-Lot.*

## **Camp Write-A-Lot**

In partnership with the UMKC Writing Studio and Graduate Writing Initiative, the library hosted a week-long graduate writing workshop. This year’s new format provided an environment for intensive writing, with breaks for speakers, meals, and skill-building workshops. The fruitful cross-campus partnership will continue since graduate writers made great progress on their writing goals at camp.



*A French advertisement, circa 1923, from the National Library of Medicine.*

## **“Take Two and Call Me in the Morning”**

The UMKC Health Sciences Library hosted a traveling exhibition from the National Library of Medicine about the history of aspirin. The exhibit draws from the NLM’s archive of books, photos, and advertisements to chronicle the history of the ubiquitous wonder drug, from its ancient origins to the present day.



*Student walking in the Active Study Room.*

## **New Silent Study Floor and Active Study Room**

UMKC received a gift of \$2 million to assist with the renovation of the fourth floor of the Miller Nichols Library. The gift was received as a three-year challenge grant from the Miller Nichols Charitable Foundation. To make way for new spaces for student success programs and open study in fall 2025, the second floor of the library became the new Silent Study Floor. We also added an Active Study Room with four walking treadmill desks, where our library users can walk while studying, working, or reading.

***The Libraries wish to extend our thanks to the Miller Nichols Charitable Foundation for their gift. We are grateful for your past and continued support of UMKC Libraries.***

## **Scholarships & Awards**

- Friends of the Library 2023 Scholarship – Sara Trompeter
- UMKC Libraries 2023 Living the Values Award – Susan Miller
- American Library Association Spectrum Scholarship – Dr. Anthony LaBat, Operations and Processing Associate, LaBudde Special Collections
- Medical Library Association Bernice M. Hetzner Award for Excellence in Academic Health Science Librarianship – Brenda Linares, Associate Dean of Library Services



*Sara Trompeter, 2024 winner of the Friends of the Library Scholarship*

### **Friends of the Library Scholarship Essay Quotes**

*“The library has been a top resource for my success in the PhD program.”*

*“The library was more than just a place to borrow books; it was a hub of knowledge and a catalyst for my project's success.”*

*“I realize the indispensable role that librarians and library resources have played in my academic journey.”*