About the Combined Arms Research Library

The Combined Arms Research Library (CARL), U.S. Army Command and General Staff College, Fort Leavenworth, Kan., is recognized for its superior provision of a wide range of services to its 8,000 students, faculty, scholars, staff and the Army community at large. In 2007, the library system achieved its mission to promote the library as a network-centric learning and adaptive organization. CARL used creativity and innovation to reach its service goals with initiatives such as e-access to domestic and international audiences, promotion and marketing efforts, research and public services, space and technological upgrades, and professional development. Evidence of the CARL staff’s energy, enthusiasm and success can be seen in a significant increase in customer satisfaction, evidenced by an 28 percent growth of database usage and a 76 percent increase in OPAC searches.

News from the Library of Congress
http://www.loc.gov/today/pr/2008/08-116.html

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Kansas City Area Archivists
KCAA is a local association of professional archivists, manuscript curators, librarians, and historians. We seek to unite and support institutions and individuals who are interested in advancing archival collections within the greater Kansas City area.
http://www.umkc.edu/kcaa/

Surviving Your Digitization Project
December 4, 2008

"We really believe the CARL is the heart of our intellectual center of the Army, and we are extremely proud of the quality and range of services we are able to provide."

Edwin Burgess, Director
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Kansas City Area Archivists
Winter Meeting and 30th Anniversary Celebration

Combined Arms Research Library
Fort Leavenworth, Kansas
Kansas City Area Archivists Winter Meeting—December 4, 2008
Program Schedule

Informal Networking
2:00 PM-2:30 PM
Atrium.

CARL Presentation:
Surviving Your Digitization Project
2:30 PM-4:00 PM
Presentation classroom.

So the boss says he wants a digital library/project! You need a plan, money, time and bodies.

Speakers Kathleen Buker and Elizabeth Merrifield will share concrete lessons learned from the Combined Arms Research Library (CARL) on best practices, vendors, costs, contractors, promoting the library, statistics and technology, to name a few.

CARL’s Digital Library currently has 10 collections containing around 6000 objects with over 200,000 visits a year. You may visit at http://cgsc.leavenworth.army.mil/carl/contentdm/home.htm

Kathleen Buker, Speaker
Chief of the Special Collections Division, Kathy Buker serves as the CARL’s Digital Projects Manager, where she maintains a Digitization Community of Practice on the Army Knowledge Online website. Kathy has worked at CARL since 1997 as a reference librarian and webmaster before moving into the archives and digitization fields.

She worked as a reference and collection development librarian at the University of New Orleans, Northwest Missouri State University, and Leavenworth Public Library before becoming an Army librarian. She received a BA from Morningside College and an MLS from the University of Iowa.

Elizabeth Merrifield, Speaker
Elizabeth Merrifield has been the Archives Librarian at the CARL since 2004. She became a Certified Archivist in 2008, and is currently working on a Certificate in Preservation Management from Rutgers University’s School of Communication, Information and Library Studies. Elizabeth received a BS from Sterling College in 2000 and an MLS from Emporia State University in 2003. She lives in Leavenworth with her very hairy dog and fat cat.

Break
4:00 PM-4:15 PM
Take a brief break before either beginning a tour of the CARL or reconvening in the Charles Young Room for the KCAA business meeting.

KCAA Business Meeting
4:15 PM-5:00 PM
Charles Young Room

KCAA members will conduct a short business meeting and vote upon two proposed amendments.

KCAA’s 30th Anniversary!
5:00 PM-6:00 PM
Charles Young Room

Join us in celebration of our 30th anniversary and reconnect with old friends and colleagues. Share stories with some of the organization’s founders and meet the dynamic people working throughout the greater Kansas City area in archives and manuscript collections. Refreshments will be served.

This program qualifies certified archivists for two Archival Recertification Credits. To claim these credits, list them under Section B.3.e of the ACA Application Form for Certification Maintenance (and keep this brochure as a record).