Compiled by Dave Meyer,  
Collection Development

We’ve all been there. You get in the car with your good friend, spouse, significant other, or just someone you’ve been thrown together with near dinnertime. Then the round of “what do you want?/I don’t know-what do you want?” begins, ending in two grumps scarfing down White Castles. (Not that there’s anything wrong with that! Occasionally.) But it doesn’t have to be that way.

Louisville does have a terrifically varied dining scene and, though there are helpful tools such as Robin Garr’s Louisville HotBytes (http://www.iglou.com/restaurants/) and The Courier-Journal’s newly launched Great Dining (http://www.courier-journal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/section?Category=DININGPORTAL) available on the web, we thought we’d do our part to help you out in making your selection for this evening (or whenever). So, with the help of your coworkers and friends, dig in!

Melissa Laning, Assessment & Resource Planning

Always in search of the perfect chicken salad sandwich, I have the following recommendations:

Artemisia  
620 E. Market St.  
(502) 583-4177  
The food is very tasty at this restaurant and the atmosphere is pleasant, especially in the patio. But, sad to say, the chicken salad is trying too hard to be something classy. They use orange flavoring in the mayo, which is overpowering and strange, and there are too many large chunks of chicken, so the consistency is all wrong. Order something else.

Penn Station (many locations, but this is the closest to U of L)  
300 W. Woodlawn Ave.  
(502) 363-6667  
Their sub sandwich is classic-style chicken salad nirvana — lots of mayo and crunchy things, including pickles. Ask them to toast the bread. They will also add hot peppers if on request.

Raymond Slaughter, Ekstrom Shipping & Receiving  
Old Spaghetti Factory  
235 W. Market St.  
(502) 581-1070  
A great place to eat and has great Italian food. The restaurant has a great atmosphere and the service is outstanding. Also, it is conveniently located near major attractions, such as the Belvedere, the Science Museum, the Louisville Slugger Museum and 4th Street Live, among others.
Gail Gilbert, Art Library
Grape Leaf
2217 Frankfort Ave.
(502) 897-1774
When I can’t decide where or what I want to eat, this is often my default restaurant. The falafel are great, as is the Greek salad. The portions are generous and the price is right.

Marette Irwin, Ekstrom Technical Services
With a small baby in the house, my dining experiences have mainly been at McDonald’s and Wendy’s this year, but I can recommend the following restaurant near campus:
Jerusalem Café
1907 S. Fourth St.
(502) 635-6767
This restaurant has been open for a month now and is next to the China Inn on Fourth Street, where City Café used to be. I have been there twice and have been pleasantly surprised by the friendly service, cheap prices, and wonderful food. The restaurant serves Mediterranean cuisine. The dishes include the appetizer falafel (ground chick peas, parsley, onion, garlic deep fried $3.99), entrees Shish Tawook (cubes of garlic chicken breast mixed with special spices and grilled on a skewer $5.99) and gyro (special seasoned lean beef, wrapped inside freshly baked pita bread $6.99). Vegetarian dishes are available. Enjoy!

Mark Dickson, Music Library
My favorite restaurants recently attended have been:
Ramsi’s Cafe on the World
1293 Bardstown Rd.
(502) 451-0700
Qdoba Mexican Grill
1500 Bardstown Rd.
(502) 454-3380
Cici’s Pizza
5226 Dixie Hwy
(502) 448-8885
—because it’s cheap enough for the whole family to eat out on a whim.

Lemongrass Restaurant
1019 Bardstown Rd.
(502) 238-3981
Da Hua
7100 Preston Hwy.
(502) 964-4447
— my favorite Asian grocery. I go there every couple of months with a friend to get staples for my kitchen. Using my wok or my rice steamer is the next best thing to eating out.

Ben King, Ekstrom Technical Services
Suburban Masonic Lodge
3901 S. Third St.
(502) 368-3161
Homemade Ice Cream & Pie Kitchen
2525 Bardstown Rd.
(502) 459-8184
As anyone who works in close proximity to me can tell you, I have had a thing for the Suburban Fish Fry for many years. They serve fish, as the sign says, “Green River Style.” I’m not sure exactly what that means, but it is good—and unlike any anywhere else. If you also have the fortune to like onions, they serve onions soaked in vinegar. When I go, I do not fool around with French fries, bread and all of that stuff. It is just fish and onions. They are only open on Saturdays, but are great for the occasional treat. They are also closed from about mid-November until about mid-March. They have a very relaxed area where you can sit and eat. They usually open around 9 a.m. and are open until 9 p.m. or “when they run out of fish.” They were located at Third and Central for many years until their building was “condemned” for the widening of Central Avenue but are now located a few blocks down the road where Third Street and Southern Parkway meet. After that, if you stop at Dairy Kastle on Eastern Parkway (or, if inclement weather, the Homemade Ice Cream & Pie place at Taylorsville Road and Bardstown Road), your palate is happy.

Kathie Johnson, University Archives
Ramsi’s Café on the World
(see earlier entry for address)
— huge and varied menu, good food, reasonable prices, eclectic décor... What more can I say!

The Café at the Louisville Antique Mall
900 Goss Ave.
(502) 637-6869
— great salads and sandwiches, wonderful ambience, great spot for a leisurely lunch.

Morris’ Liquors & Deli (formerly Karem Deeb’s)
2228 Taylorsville Rd.
(502) 458-1668
— sandwiches made to order, good homemade soups, two large tables in the window. Eat there very often and it’s like you are a member of the family. Where else can you get dinner for two for about $8?

Frank’s Meat & Produce
3342 Preston Hwy. (near Phillips Ln.)
(502) 363-3989
— no place to eat inside but great take-out. A completely dressed sandwich runs $2.70 and usually I have to remove half the meat and save it for another day. Homemade soups and salads also available, and now they offer hot meals as well for about $5 each (large enough to serve two people). See The CJ on Friday, September 29, for a review (http://www.courier-journal.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060929/FEATURES02/609290373/1044/SCENE02).

Empress of China
2249 Hikes Ln.
(502) 451-2500
— wonderful Chinese food at reasonable prices. My favorites are the Chicken Cashew and the Mongolian Beef, but everything there is good.

Café Mimosa/Eggroll Machine (Vietnamese/Chinese)
1216 Bardstown Rd.
(502) 458-2233
— love the Lemongrass Chicken and would like to be able to review the other things on the menu but I always order the same thing because it is so good.

Texas Roadhouse (closest to U of L)
4406 Dixie Hwy.
(502) 448-0705
I usually don’t get steak because the chicken, pork chops and salmon are so good, and I always have enough for lunch the next day. My husband almost always gets steak and loves it. Only problem is the long wait on busy nights.

Lisa Ortega, Ekstrom Circulation

Having grown up a Navy brat, I have a preference for international foods. Also, my child is vegetarian, so most of these places are veggie-friendly. (This is going to be a chunky list, much like my figure after indulging in all of this fine food.)

Zen Garden
2240 Frankfort Ave.
(502) 895-9114

Delicious Asian vegetarian dishes, cooked with characteristic Buddhist flair. You’ve never tasted tofu this good. My favorite is the Sesame Soybean (steaming hot bean curd in a tangy sauce, liberally sprinkled with sesame seeds). My daughter loves the pot stickers, which can be served pan fried or steamed, and come with the best Asian dipping sauce I’ve ever had. I’ve known hardcore carnivores that sneak away to Zen Garden when they think no one’s looking.

Vietnam Kitchen
5339 Mitscher Ave.
(502) 363-5154

I have a Vietnamese friend that insists Vietnam Kitchen is not “real” Vietnamese food. I maintain that until he brings in his mother’s home cooking, it’s the closest I’m going to get. Standout dishes are the spring rolls with tofu, green chicken curry (very coconutty and quite spicy), and—the dish for which they are justly famed—vegetarian hot and sour soup. I have been trying to bribe the chef into giving me the soup recipe for years, but he just won’t do it. Bonus: the appetizers are quite inexpensive, so even a library worker can afford them. Ha!

The Grape Leaf
2217 Frankfort Ave.
(502) 897-1774

Oh, Middle Eastern food, how I adore thee. Thy belly is a bowl of grapes; thou art my beloved — hold on, I’m getting carried away! The Grape Leaf has absolutely incredible dolma, which are grape leaves stuffed with seasoned rice, for those of you deprived enough to have never tasted them. Their tzatziki is creamy and pairs wonderfully with the tartness of the grape leaves. Both the hummus and the baba ghanouj are heavy on the garlic and smooth as a baby’s bottom. Everything is accompanied by baskets of soft hot pita.

El Mundo
2345 Frankfort Ave.
(502) 899-9930

Nouveau Cafe Mexican? It’s hard to pigeonhole El Mundo’s style because of the creativity involved in the preparation. I love getting the black bean tamales there at Christmas time, since they’re traditional for the season. The Q Plate is also really, really good. The tamales and the Q Plate, however, suffer from an inferiority complex. They’re horribly jealous of their cousin, the chicken enchiladas. El Mundo has, hands down, the most outrageously tasty chicken enchiladas I’ve ever had the pleasure of sampling, and coming from a Latina that means a lot.

Robin Harris, Law Library
Expressions of You Coffee House, Cafe, Art Gallery and Bookstore
1800 West Muhammad Ali Blvd.
(502) 584-6886

I first learned about this place last year as I searched for a “new and different” catering service for our Law School diversity programs. I wanted a locally-owned, socially-responsible non-franchise that would provide veggie and non-veggie fare at a reasonable price. One of the law students on the Diversity Committee suggested that this might be just what I was looking for, and she was right. Not only is the food fresh and tasty, owners James and Camille Linton make sure that it arrives on time. There’s a wide variety to choose from and the prices suit even tight university budgets.

While the catering is excellent, the café itself is an inviting and fun place to go, with its array of books and art. Recently, a group
of us from the Law Library went for lunch and had a great time. Among the six of us, we had everything from barbeque and baked beans to tuna salad and burgers, both veggie and beef. The dessert-eaters settled on the homemade yellow cake with caramel icing (which disappeared quickly). Camille made us feel right at home, as I suspect she does with everyone who comes through the door—and lots of folks come through the door. Expressions also serves as a community meeting place, where classes are taught and poetry is read (on Saturday nights from 9:30 on).

Oh, and one more important fact in this review of a coffee shop—the coffee is excellent!

**Hannelore Rader, Dean, University Libraries**

**Mitchell’s Fish Market**
4031 Summit Plaza Dr.
(502) 412-1818

I have so many favorite restaurants here in Louisville but one special one is **Mitchell’s Fish Market** at the Summit. The service is always excellent, the fish dishes are perfectly prepared and utilize only seasonal fresh fish; although other dishes are also excellent, I prefer fish. The appetizers feature wonderful fish dishes such as crab cakes, tuna, shrimp, calamari, mussels, etc. Their soups include delicious clam chowder, seafood chowder and lobster bisque. The salads are varied and can be used as a complete meal as well. Their main dishes include mixtures of steak and seafood as well as many seafood, steak and chicken specialties. They also offer vegetarian meals. The dessert menu is tempting as well, consisting of key lime pie, shark fin (fudge ice cream, fudge, and Oreo cookie crust) pie, carrot cake, chocolate java lava, banana rum pudding, and crème brulée. The wine list is extensive, and the atmosphere is welcoming and comfortable. There is plenty of parking, and it is open every day for lunch and dinner.

**David Horvath, Media Services**

**Sari Sari**
2339 Frankfort Ave.
(502) 894-0585

This Filipino/Asian restaurant has become a new personal favorite. Formerly Me Oh My Jumbalay (the quirkiest restaurant EVER), **Sari Sari** is right next door to its “sister” establishment, El Mundo. Specials and appetizers have been really good, but the staples for me are two incredible pork dishes: pork adobo and pork menudo, both of which feature incredible, fall-apart, roasted pork in sauces to die for. Adobo has a soy, vinegar and garlic base with quite a heavy dose of Asian star anise. Menudo (with pork or chicken, not tripe like in Spain) starts with the same basic sauce (including some tomato base), but adds more spices. Both are served with rice and some really tasty big red beans spiced just right. A bonus is that their beers are often $2.00, including the excellent Filipino brew, San Miguel.

**Katrina Butcher, Ekstrom Circulation**

**Chef Oscars Home Skillet**
3302 Dixie Hwy.
(502) 449-4555

A real treat if you enjoy down home country cooking. Portions are generous. Food is the real McCoy. I have never had greens properly prepared in a restaurant, and **Chef Oscars**’ fresh greens will shame any but your own mother’s. When you go, order the ribs or fried chicken, the real mashed potatoes, and—of course—the collard greens. The cornbread is not crumbly and the ice tea is just right. You can’t really ask for too much more than that.

**Mary K Marlatt, Kornhauser Library**

**Mike Linnig’s**
9308 Cane Run Rd
Louisville, KY 40258
502-937-9888

One of my very favorite places to eat is **Mike Linnig’s**. I grew up not too far from there, and it has always been the standard to which all fried fish sandwiches and onion rings have been held. A fish plate and an order of onion rings can feed two people, if you are willing to share. It’s a blue collar kind of place, but nice enough to take your grandmother to and not be embarrassed. Best in good weather, when you can sit outside at the concrete or porcelain topped picnic tables and drink a cold long-neck, people watch and car watch (a lot of car enthusiasts seem to like the place), but still worth the trip if you have to eat inside. The restaurant is closed from the first part of November until the last weekend in January.
September was another exciting month for the libraries. In Ekstrom Library, we finished the replacement of the entrance doors, the reading area, the Media and Reference Services area and the placement of many new computers on the first floor.

We also held our first event on institutional repositories October 3 from 10 am to 3 pm in the Chao Auditorium. James Neal, Vice President for Information Services and University Librarian at Columbia University was the keynote speaker, followed by a presentation from Professor Jacek Zurada from the J.B. Speed School of Engineering. At lunch Provost Shirley Willihnganz provided a welcome. Dwayne Buttler, Evelyn Schneider Endowed Chair of Scholarly Communication, chaired a panel composed of Professors Rachel Howard, University Libraries, Teddie Phillipson-Mower, College of Education and Human Development, Daniel Weeks, School of Music, and Andrew Wright, College of Business, which discussed how to start an institutional repository for faculty publications at the University of Louisville.

The robotic retrieval storage area now holds more than 270,000 volumes. Any item stored in that area can be retrieved from circulation within a few minutes.

The SAALCK (State Assisted Academic Library Council of Kentucky) met in Lexington on September 15 to address future activities for the group, working on the next generation library system for Kentucky’s academic libraries, and consortia activities regarding collection development. The meeting was followed by a reception to honor the University of Kentucky’s School of Library and Information Science faculty.

On September 20 we were visited by Carla Zecher from the Newberry Library Center for Renaissance Studies, a consortium which the University of Louisville Libraries has joined.

September 25 I attended a retirement reception for Kentucky’s State Librarian Jim Nelson, who had been in this post for 26 years, one of the longest tenures in this capacity in the United States. November 1, Wayne Onkst will become Commissioner and State Librarian for the Department of Libraries and Archives (KDLA).

On September 29, several U of L librarians participated in celebrating the 100th anniversary of the Western Branch of the Louisville Free Public Library. It opened in 1908 and was one of the first libraries in the nation for the use of African Americans. The Western Branch of the LFPL was a community gathering site and became the nation’s model for training African Americans for librarianship.

Recently the Library Associates announced an online gift shop to help support the purchase of volumes for the U of L Libraries collections. http://library.louisville.edu/giftshop/.

— Hannelore Rader, Dean, University Libraries

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**DARE TO SAY THANK YOU!**

“We have an exciting new scanning lab set up in Ekstrom LL36, and a lot of people pitched in to make it happen: Libraries Administration, including Hannelore Rader, Diane Nichols, Karen Nalley, Erea Marshall, and Dave Loeffler, allocated funding, space, and furnishings; OLT (Sheila Birkla, Mioshi Cobble, Adam Lawrence and Weiling Liu) configured the computers and software needed to operate the scanner; Ray Slaughter and his team on the loading dock (including Shawn Firchau) made sure all the packages were delivered to the right place; Technical Services staff put up with the noise and mess (and special thanks to John Burton, who did a lot of heavy lifting); and Special Collections (Andy Anderson, Delinda Buie, Bill Carner, Ann Collins, Susan Knoer, James Manasco, Suzy Palmer, and Amy Purcell) helped out before and during the vendor’s visit with their photographic, carpentry, and baked goods expertise.

Thank you all!”

—Rachel Howard
Ekstrom Library

Office of Libraries Technology

New PCs and GroupWise
- 23 new public PCs have been installed in the new Reference area in Ekstrom Library
- All the staff PCs have been updated with GroupWise 7.
- Another set of 22 old PCs is ready to be donated to support Kentucky’s NCLO (No Child Left Offline, http://www.connectkentucky.org/projects/nclo/) program.
- One self-check-out workstation is in production as a pilot project in the circulation department at Ekstrom Library.

Voyager Patron Load
Student records have been cleaned and up-to-date records have been loaded into Voyager.

Voyager New Version Upgrade
New version (version 6) upgrade is scheduled to be implemented during the Christmas/New Year’s break. Details will be sent out as available.

Office of the Dean

New Employees
Effective 9/18/06, Aaron Rosenblum accepted the position of Library Assistant in Media Services reporting to David Horvath. Aaron was previously employed as a Program Assistant with the Academic Advising Unit, College of Arts and Sciences.

Effective 10/02/06, Tatiana Akram accepted the position of Secretary II reporting to Jessie Roth. Tatiana was previously employed as a student assistant in Circulation and in the Office of the Vice President of Business Affairs.

Effective 10/02/06, Destiny Minton accepted the position of Library Assistant, Kornhauser Technical Services. Destiny reports to Maura Ellison and Jill Sherman. Destiny was previously employed at Kornhauser as a Library Technician and most recently as a student assistant in the Office of the Dean of Libraries.

Employee Resignation
Effective October 3, 2006, Joseph Dresselhaus resigned as Library Technician, Kornhauser Library. Joe will be moving to Bloomington, Indiana.

Special Collections

BetterLight!
The BetterLight scanning station was installed the week of October 9. Most of the Special Collections staff, Carrie Daniels (UARC) and Kathy Rogers (Kornhauser) attended training sessions given by Jerry Skapof, President, Academic Imaging Associates (see http://www.academicimaging.com/). Watch for a feature on the BetterLight scanning lab by Rachel Howard, Digital Initiatives Librarian, early next year in The Owl.

Law Library
The Brandeis School of Law Diversity Committee will present its second program of the semester on Tuesday, Oct. 17 at noon in the Cox Lounge (2d floor, law school). “Jefferson County Schools Go to Washington: The Supreme Court and the Future of School Desegregation in the U.S.” will feature attorneys Teddy B. Gordon and Byron Leet, giving their very different viewpoints on Meredith v. Jefferson County Board of Education, the Louisville desegregation case that the Supreme Court will hear in early December.
A free, light lunch from Expressions of You Cafe will be available in the hall outside the Cox Lounge beginning at 11:30am. (Law Library Diversity Committee members Nancy Baker, Miriam Schusler-Williams and Robin Harris invite you to this program.) For those of you who can’t make it, a podcast will be available within a few days of the program http://www.law.louisville.edu/media/

The Louisville Mandolin Orchestra will host the 20th annual Classical Mandolin Society of America Convention October 18-22 and will do two public performances as part of the convention schedule. The first is at noon on Wednesday, October 18 at the Public Radio Partnership (619 Fourth St.) in the performance studio for the Lunchtime Classics series on WUOL90.5FM. If you can't attend, you can listen live at www.wuol.org -- click on Audio Archive and then on Lunchtime Classics. The second performance is at Memorial Auditorium (970 S. Fourth St.) on Saturday, October 21 at 7:30pm. For more information, please contact Robin Harris at 852-6083 or robin.harris@louisville.edu

UARC

Tom Owen’s first four Louisville history neighborhood walking tour videos are now on DVD. Historic West Main, Government Center, St. James Court and Environs, and Portland: The Independent Neighborhood were first produced in VHS format but are now available in the newer format at area bookstores.

Kathie Johnson writes: Thank you to everyone who expressed concern for our family during the difficult time following my daughter Megan’s diagnosis of breast cancer. The surgery on September 28 resulted in good news — only a few cancer cells were found in the sentinel node. Megan had another surgical procedure October 12 to remove the lymph nodes and have a central port put in for chemotherapy, which will begin October 26. She is home recuperating from this second surgery. Our entire family, along with lots of friends, will be walking in the Making Strides against Breast Cancer walk on Sunday, October 22. If you wish to donate to this great cause, you can go to www.cancer.org and search for this event in Louisville and then search for Megan by her last name (Schanie) — or any other walker you wish to support. Even though there is more to come, she and her husband and two children are doing great and Ron and I feel like a huge black cloud has been lifted from us. Her story has been profiled in The Courier Journal and you can access it at www.courierjournal.com/megan.

Ekstrom Library
Ekstrom East Lobby
Kentucky Women Writers
Through October 2006

West Wing First Floor Display Cases
Evolution of the University Libraries
Through October 2006

Photographic Archives
Peaceful Places: The Abbey at Gethsemani & Cherokee Park
Turn of the century photographs by P. Theodore Eitel
P. Theodore Eitel (1868-1955) was the founder of a Louisville cigar manufacturing company, an active musician and amateur photographer. He used the wet plate photographic process, which required photographers to prepare and develop their glass plates on the spot, usually in a mobile darkroom. Eitel was an award-winning amateur photographer who specialized in photographing beech trees in Kentucky. He also had a keen interest in Gethsemani.
July 14 - October 23, 2006

Rare Books
Firsts for Incoming Freshmen
An exhibition of rare books to welcome new students
August 1 – November 3, 2006

Music Library
First Floor
Faculty Accomplishments
Selected accomplishments of School of
Through October 2006

Second Floor
New Books