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Annual Report 2012
The term *glocal* was coined in the 2009 movie, *Up in the Air*, to advance the technology-driven notion that everything that is local is also global, and vice versa. Within the film’s context this idea misfires, but for libraries seeking to provide information to anyone regardless of location, *glocal* is a useful concept.

The Linda Hall Library provides “Information for the World,” and a look back at the Library’s 2012 achievements illustrates its global impact. Whether supplying digital copies of technical reports and scientific papers to the 262 member libraries of the Center for Research Libraries; hosting resident scholars from Korea, Germany, Italy, and the U.S.; or uploading lecture videos that were viewed in 104 countries on six continents, the Linda Hall Library has extended its international reach while significantly enriching Kansas City’s cultural climate through exhibitions, lectures, and the availability of its more than one million volumes to anyone wishing to use them.

We are *glocal*. Come see for yourself.
Programs: Public Education in the Sciences

- Brian Fagan prior to his lecture at the opening of the exhibition, *Blade and Bone.*
- Christopher Ekstrom of the U.S. Naval Observatory poses next to Linda Hall’s grandfather clock.
- Anthropologist Donald Johanson discusses his discovery of the early hominid Lucy.
- A full house anticipates the beginning of a lecture.

335 average number of attendees per lecture
6,019 visitors to lectures and exhibitions
104 countries where lecture videos were watched
13,785 online views of lecture videos since 2010
Exhibitions

March 29 – September 14, 2012
*Blade and Bone: The Discovery of Human Antiquity*

September 27, 2012 - March 15, 2013
*On Time: The Quest for Precision*

Lectures

February 23
Paul D. Bartlett, Sr. Lecture
“The Evolution of Economic Irrationality: Insights from Monkeys”
Laurie Santos, Yale University

March 15
“Moonwalking with Einstein: The Art and Science of Remembering Everything”
Joshua Foer, 2006 U.S. Memory Champion

March 29
“Cro-Magnon: How the Ice Age Gave Birth to the First Modern Humans”
Brian M. Fagan, University of California, Santa Barbara

April 24
“Lucy’s Legacy: The Quest for Human Origins”
Donald Johanson, Arizona State University

May 3
“Neanderthal Genome Project: New Insights into Human Evolution”
Richard Edward Green, University of California, Santa Cruz

May 10
“The Pleistocene Meets Middle Earth: The Significance of the Indonesian Hobbits for Interpreting Human Evolution”
Matthew Tocheri, Smithsonian Institution’s National Museum of Natural History

June 14
“Breaching Mountains, Crossing Deserts: Building the First Transcontinental Railroad”
Kyle Wyatt, California State Railroad Museum

July 18
“Faith and Facts, Experience and Expedience: A Comparison of Protestant and Catholic Perspectives in 17th and 18th-century Theories of the Earth”
Francesco Luzzini, University of East Piedmont, Italy

September 13
“Railroaded: The Transcontinentals and the Making of Modern America”
Richard White, Stanford University

September 27
“What Time is it Anyway?: Clocks, Timescales, and How the World Decides What Time It Is”
Christopher Ekstrom, U.S. Naval Observatory

October 11
“The Quest for Longitude”
Dava Sobel, Author and Historian

October 22
“Myth, Math, and the Measure of Maya Time”
William Saturno, Boston University

November 8
“Powering the Future: 21st Century Railroad Technology”
Lembit Salasoo, GE Global Research
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Nancy Officer welcoming guests to a lecture.
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Technician Mike Walker, left, explains digitization to guest speaker, Kyle Wyatt.

Paula Volk, Vice President of Finance and Administration.

Librarian Kathy Alshouse retires after 42 years of service.

Scott Reiter, Groundskeeper of the Library's 14-acre arboretum.

247,846  13,370  14,918  3,463
items used  reference questions answered  items cataloged  conservation treatments
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Donald Johanson discusses paleoanthropology with lecture guests.

President Lisa Browar, guest speaker Christopher Ekstrom, and Dr. James and Mrs. Francie Flynn at the opening of the exhibition, On Time: The Quest for Precision.

Resident Fellow Francesco Luzzini views rare books and replica hominid skulls in the exhibition, Blade and Bone: The Discovery of Human Antiquity.

Board of Trustees Chairman Marilyn Hebenstreit views rare books in the History of Science Center.

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31 different languages used in filled requests
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Dr. Adelheid Voskuhl

August 2012 and April 2013
Dr. Adelheid Voskuhl, Associate Professor, Department of the History of Science, Harvard University

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