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Library Resources

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BOOK SALE SCHEDULED

As part of this year's National Library Week celebration, Library Services will hold a book sale April 16 and 17. The sale features hundreds of paperback and hard cover books for children and young adults. Most of these books have not circulated and are in excellent condition. Other sale items include books that have been withdrawn from the Memorial Library collection and donated materials that duplicate items MSU already owns or that are not needed for the collection. Some audio-visual materials will also be sold.

The sale will begin Tuesday, April 16, from 4 to 8 p.m. and continue Wednesday, April 17, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A special dollar-per-bag sale will take place on Wednesday from 3 to 5 p.m. Bags will be furnished at the site. The sale will take place on the east side of first floor of the Library, in the reading area near the Map Collection. Books will cost from \$1 to \$3 each depending on binding and condition. Audio-visual items will sell for \$2.

Members of the MSU community and the public at large are encouraged to attend. Anyone purchasing materials for a non-profit organization should bring a purchase order and tax exempt number for proper billing. Proceeds from the sale will be used to purchase new library materials and to build the library's endowment. For additional information, contact Leslie Peterson at 389-2290.

SerialsSolutions Helps Users Locate Journals

Finding out whether Memorial Library's collection provides access to specific journals has gotten easier with Library Services' addition of SerialsSolutions. This electronic resource provides a comprehensive list of journals, magazines, and newspapers in print, microform and electronic versions. The list is updated every two months.

Links to SerialsSolutions are labeled "Serials List" and are available at several places on the Library's home page (www.lib.mnsu.edu). You can use the QuickLinks or Online Resources menus or click on "What's New" under the Library photo.

Journals are listed alphabetically by title. Clicking the letter at the top of the SerialsSolution page will take you to that section of the alphabetical list. The "Num" link leads to titles which begin with a number (e.g. [19th Century Music](#)). Each title is followed by information about where the serial is available plus appropriate links. If a journal is available electronically in one or more databases, SerialsSolutions notes dates of coverage provided in each database.

Some of the links will take you to a journal page where you can select the volume and issue you need. Such resources include JSTOR, Project MUSE, and ScienceDirect. Other links merely take you to the database that includes full-text articles from the desired publication. Then you will need to search within that database to retrieve the specific article. Each resource is searched differently. Examples are ProQuest Nursing and Psychology Journals and various InfoTrac databases. In some instances not every article from a journal is included in a full-text database even though SerialsSolutions indicates that the journal is available.

Reference librarians at the information desk on Memorial Library's first floor can answer questions about search strategies. You also may call 389-5958 or use the AskRef and Virtual Reference services. Online guides are available for some resources.

Links from the SerialsSolution page to Memorial Library's online catalog will lead to catalog records for print, microfiche, and/or microfilm versions of the journal that are housed in the Library. Be sure to click on "Location details" to verify that we own the date you need. You will also need to note the location number to retrieve the materials from the periodical area on the first floor of the Library.

Right now SerialsSolution is simply an alphabetical list. No subject groupings are available, and there are no search capabilities. However, having a comprehensive list offers valuable help for anyone trying to figure out whether specific articles are available locally or must be requested from another library.

Media in the Classroom: Copyright, Fair Use, & Videotapes

by Barb Bergman, Media Services Librarian

We've seen the "For Home Use Only" notices on video cassettes, but videos are a common teaching tool. Have you ever wondered what is okay to show in the classroom? Educators in the United States do have considerable freedom to use copyrighted materials, *without permission* from the copyright holder, thanks to the "classroom exemption" provided in section 110(1) of the U.S. Copyright Act of 1976.

Guidelines for fair use have been established to balance the interests of authors, publishers, and the public. In the case of videos and other multimedia, these criteria are that the video is shown by an instructor or pupils, in the course of face-to-face teaching activities, at a non-profit educational institution, in a classroom or similar place devoted to instruction. Translation: You may show a video, even one labeled for home use, to your class as part of a class lesson. What if you want to show a video to a non-classroom group or just for fun? Then you need to acquire public performance rights. In the case of feature films, there are several companies such as Swank and Kino Films that specialize in providing permission by renting feature films with the required public performance rights. Public performance rights are usually expensive (e.g., movies shown on campus by IMPACT cost \$800-\$1000 per title) but far less costly than being sued for copyright infringement.

Are you teaching a distance education class? Have you been frustrated by the limitations placed on the use of multimedia in these classes? Good news: the TEACH (Technology, Education And Copyright Harmonization) Act was passed last summer. The TEACH Act expands the principles of fair use to allow greater freedom in transmitting multimedia via television or the Internet. For more information, see: <http://www.stfrancis.edu/cid/copyrightbay/TEACHact.htm>

If you have questions, contact Barb Bergman, Media Services Librarian, at 389-5945 or barbara.bergman@mnsu.edu

Suggested further readings:

Becker, Gary *Copyright: A guide to information and resources*, 1997
Ref. Z649.F35 C62 1997

Can these Videos be Shown in a Classroom?

<http://www.libraryvideo.com/articles/article7.asp>

Fair Use Harbor

<http://www.stfrancis.edu/cid/coprby/>

Highlights of the Fair Use Guidelines for Educational Multimedia

<http://www.libraries.psu.edu/mtss/fairuse/fairhigh.html>

Fair Use Guidelines for Education Multimedia

<http://www.indiana.edu/~ccumc/mmfairuse.html>