



## Library Displays Link to National, State, and Local Celebrations

Memorial Library and the Kiyo Suyematsu Music Library are featuring a number of displays related to various spring celebrations and observances:

As part of **Women's History Month**, the display in the Government Documents area includes a montage of photographs of women of great achievement throughout history. Viewers are encouraged to test their identification skills. The display also showcases some government documents dealing with women in entertainment, aviation and other fields.

In the Library's lower level, displays near the ERC and CCYAB collections of books for children and young adults also feature titles that relate to Women's History Month. Biographies of and histories about women can introduce young readers to women's past and current accomplishments.

In the Lass Center for Minnesota Studies on the second floor, readers can browse through some of the books nominated as finalists for the **Minnesota Book Awards**. The awards are sponsored by the Minnesota Humanities Commission. Among the books included in the 13 categories are three by Mankato authors:

- The Summer of Ordinary Ways by Nicole Helget is a finalist in Autobiography, Memoir, and Creative Nonfiction.
- Muhammed Ali: Genius by Nick Healy is a finalist in the Children's and Young Adult Nonfiction.
- Dear Big, Mean, Ugly Monster by Ruth Berglin is a finalist in the Children's Picture Book category.

Winners will be announced Saturday, April 29, in Minneapolis. More information about the awards ceremony and a complete list of finalists is available at [www.minnesotahumanities.org](http://www.minnesotahumanities.org).

Displays on the first floor of Memorial Library and in the Kiyo Suyematsu Library in the Performing Arts Center celebrate **Women in Music Month**. Both displays will showcase information about and works by women composers.

As part of "A Tribute to Women in Music," a variety of musical compositions will be performed Tuesday, March 28, at 2 p.m. in the Performing Arts Recital Hall. Among the works on the program is Mazurka No. 3 by 19<sup>th</sup>-century composer Clara Schumann. The other musical selections are by contemporary composers and will be performed by a variety of soloists and musical groups.

Three compositions will be premiered at the concert, including "I Do Not Love Thee," a vocal piece written by Erin McDaniel using as her text a poem by Caroline Norton. "Prelude and Dance" by MSU graduate Sarah Houle will be performed by a five-piece brass ensemble. Three songs by Dr. Karen Boubel of the MSU Music Department use poems by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow for their lyrics.

Rounding out the program will be a composition by Cynthia Dobrinski for hand bell choir and "For an Actor: Monologue for Clarinet," written by Shalomit Ran, who won the Pulitzer Prize for Music in 1991. An ensemble of guitar, drums, piano, and bass will accompany soprano Kallie Fitzloff in a performance of "The Pill" by Loretta Lynn.

Following the concert there will be a dedication of "Organized Chaos," an art piece by Amanda Gullixson. She received a BFA with a specialization in painting from MSU in 2003 and also holds a BA in Music. In preparing "Organized Chaos," Gullixson studied contemporary musical scores and incorporated various symbols into her visual work. Both the concert and dedication are free and open to the public.

## Memorial Library Raises Funds To Aid Hurricane-Damaged Libraries

As part of Disaster Awareness Week activities, the Networking/Goodwill Committee of the Memorial Library Paraprofessional Organization (MLPO) and the Disaster Awareness Committee sponsored a building-wide fund drive. The proceeds will be sent to the Louisiana Library Association and Foundation to help purchase materials for libraries that were devastated by hurricanes last year.

In addition to a bake sale, a silent auction was held over a 10-day period, which allowed everyone time to bid on a variety of items. Donations for the auction ranged from handmade fleece blankets to a cubic yard of natural horse fertilizer! More than \$1,000 was raised through the events.

Although Memorial Library will never experience destruction from hurricanes, we do have an extensive disaster plan that includes procedures related to dealing with major and minor events that could lead to loss of collections. To help everyone review aspects of the plan, the committee created mock scenarios and encouraged those who work in and visit the Library to provide suggestions of how to deal with the situation. Among the threats were bats on second floor and a water leak on the third floor. During the last week of March, student workers will have the opportunity to participate in special emergency and disaster preparedness training sessions.

For more information about Louisiana libraries, go to [www.state.lib.la.us](http://www.state.lib.la.us). The website includes a description of the extent of damage to individual libraries throughout the area and information about how to donate to recovery efforts.

### USED BOOK SALE

MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO  
ML 110

Thursday, March 30	8:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday, March 31	12:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.
Saturday, April 1 (\$1/bag)	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Free Parking in Green Lot 13**  
**Friday starting at noon and all day on Saturday!**



Hardback Books	\$2
Paperback Books	\$1
Unmarked Children's Books	\$3

*Look for special pricing on encyclopedias and other items.*

If you are purchasing for a non-profit organization,  
please bring a purchase order including the tax exempt number for proper billing.

Questions about the sale? Call Leslie Peterson @ 389-2290