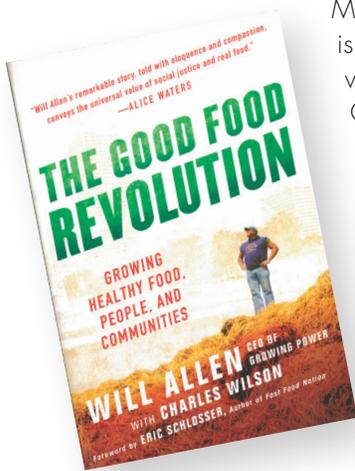




THE 2015 COMMON READ OFFERS FOOD FOR THOUGHT



Minnesota State University, Mankato is in its sixth year of a campus-wide reading program. The Common Read initiative recently gained new leadership when the program transferred from the Honors Department to Library Services in June 2015. Library faculty and staff are excited about the collaboration and programming opportunities this new endeavor will bring. Also, this fall, the Common Read is being integrated into

all First Year Experience seminar classes for the first time. This will allow for greater student participation on campus.

The goal of the Common Read program is to build community through conversation and shared experiences. Books selected for the Common Read address themes related to service, citizenship, cultural diversity, life-transitions and coming of age. All students, faculty, staff and community members are welcome to participate by reading the book, partaking in discussions and attending the events. This year's Common Read book is *The Good Food Revolution* by Will Allen.

In 1993, Allen left a successful corporate career to purchase a run-down two acre farm in the heart of Milwaukee. He turned his small enterprise, Growing Power, Inc., into an educational nonprofit center dedicated to providing fresh, locally grown produce for the surrounding community. Because of his innovative work with sustainable urban farming methods, Will Allen was named one of the most influential people in the world by Time magazine in 2010.

On November 10, Will Allen's daughter, Erika Allen, will be giving the Common Read keynote address at Minnesota State University, Mankato. This free event is open to the public and will take place in the Centennial Student Union Ballroom from 7:30 to 9:30 P.M.

You can keep in touch with what is happening with this year's events by going to the Common Read Facebook page facebook.com/MSUCommonRead. For more information about the Common Read or for a list of resources related to the book, *The Good Food Revolution* visit the website at mnsu.edu/learningcommunities/commonread. Contact the Honors Program at 507-389-5191 or honors@mnsu.edu if you would like to schedule a discussion hosted by Minnesota State Mankato students. For additional information contact Monika Antonelli, Outreach Librarian at 507-389-2507 or monika.antonelli@mnsu.edu.

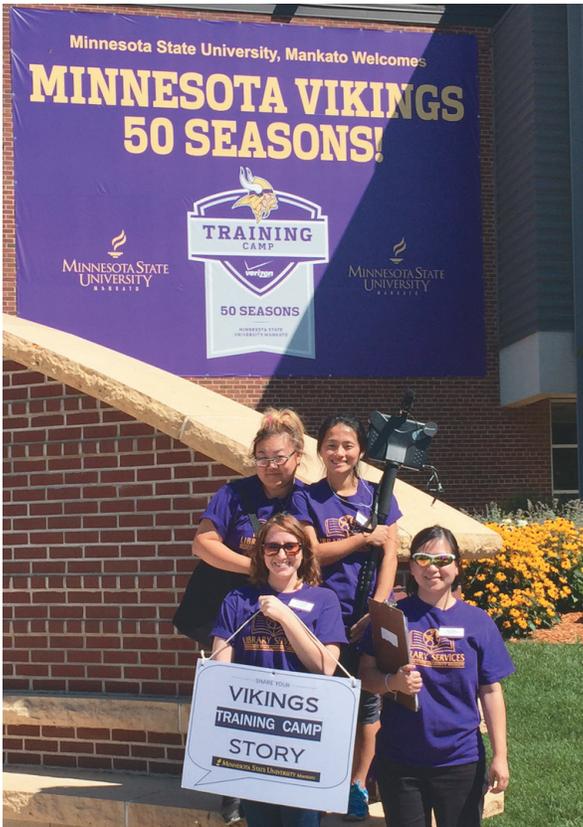
NEW LOOK FOR WORLDCAT!

If you've visited WorldCat from the Library's website recently, you may have noticed a new look and name, WorldCat Discovery, for this database. OCLC, the vendor behind WorldCat, has updated the interface in response to user testing and feedback from over 650 beta test libraries.

Although the look is new, WorldCat is still a great place to discover and request resources from libraries

worldwide. To request an item from another library, select WorldCat Discovery from the Library's homepage. Search for the desired title or topic. Click on a title to view more information. From the item details page, click "Request Item" to submit an interlibrary loan request. More information about interlibrary loan services is available at lib.mnsu.edu/services/ill/.

VIKINGS TRAINING CAMP ORAL HISTORY PROJECT



During the summer of 2015, the University Archives partnered with the Blue Earth County Historical Society to collect and present the 50 year history of Vikings Training Camp in Mankato, Minnesota.

Archives and Library staff were out during Vikings Training Camp, July 27-August 13, 2015, to capture oral histories from Vikings fans. During these two weeks, staff members recorded over 120 interviews with Viking alumni, fans, and Minnesota State Mankato employees. These interviews have been added to ARCH: University Archives Digital Collections (arch.lib.mnsu.edu/islandora/object/MSUrepository:videos) and are available for viewing.

In addition, many of the interviews were highlighted through an interactive kiosk which was part of the "Celebrating 50 Years of Vikings Training Camp: A Mankato Tradition" exhibit. The Viking Training Camp exhibit and kiosk was showcased at the Blue Earth County Historical Society and ran through October 17, 2015.

Learn more about the Vikings Training Camp Oral History Project at lib.mnsu.edu/archives/oralh/vikings.html.

[Clockwise from top: Babie Yang, Zua Her, Mee Xiong and Jamie Dalbey are on their way to the Viking's Training Camp to conduct fan interviews.]

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