Welcome to YOUR Library!

Welcome to YOUR Library! By now you may have seen that banner at the entrance to Memorial Library. Library staff, faculty, and I would like to remind you that ... we mean it! We are here to serve you and your students. Each department has an assigned library liaison, and these librarians work together as a team assigned to the College. You will find a link to the list of Library Liaisons under "Services for MSU Faculty" on the Library's homepage.

We do hope that you will feel welcome at YOUR Library. However, we cannot guarantee that everyone will feel the degree of "connection" experienced by Nihad Daidzic, PhD, a new faculty member in Aviation. On his first visit to the Memorial Library reference area, he noticed the artwork overhead. In Joyce Kozloff's 44th Parallel mosaics, he found not only the street where he lived in Sarajevo, the city where he was born, but also Florence, a city where his wife had lived. They know Ravenna and Toronto too. Coming to Mankato is "one more stop on the 44th parallel," an itinerary he hadn't even been aware of! For an up-close look at the artwork, visit http://lib.mnsu.edu/about/kozloff/. For an up-close look at MSU Mankato's library resources, visit YOUR Library!---Joan Roca, PhD, Dean of Library Services

Summer Library Changes

Anyone who has visited the Library in the last month has noticed changes to the physical space, especially on first floor. Other, less visible, changes have also occurred since this newsletter appeared in spring.

On first floor, a permanent **reference desk** was installed where a temporary one stood spring semester. A high section of the new desk faces the library entrance and should make librarians more visible to people entering the building. The lower portion of the desk includes a computer used to respond to users via chat reference and a workstation for a librarian to face the newly expanded **Library Commons.**

Moving the Government Publications area to the east created space for 40 additional computers in the configurations around pillars that proved popular with students last year. Comfortable seating on the sides of this **Library Commons** area provides another option for people who want to read or use their laptops.

Casual seating is also available near the **Bookworm Café**, which has moved to the rear of the first floor. With this more visible location, straight ahead from the Library entrance, and expanded hours, the café should attract more people. Monday through Friday mornings from 8 to 11, fruit, muffins, and yogurt will be available. Sunday through Thursday from 3 to 9 p.m., subs and salads will be on sale. Beverages served at both times include Caribou coffee drinks, hot and iced tea, hot cocoa, pop, and milk.

Several new machines on first floor help convert printed and microform texts into digital images. S**canners** allow users to upload copies of pages from periodicals, reference books, atlases, and other items that stay in the Library into their MavDisk accounts. One scanner is located near the new books area and the other near the circulation counter.

Near the periodicals and maps area, the **ST-200 Multimedia Center** allows for high quality viewing, scanning, and printing of microfilm, microfiche, and microcards. The machine is designed for those needing to spend time enhancing or refining images from microforms. It allows researchers to capture high quality images for importing into documents or for further study. The user can save to a USB (Flash, Travel, Jump) Drive or burn a CD. Images can be saved as PDFs, JPEGs, PNGs, or TIFFs. Printing from the machine goes through MavPrint. The Library also has standard machines for reading microfilm and microfiche. Reader-printers are available in the first-floor copy shop.

Among services that have changed for faculty and staff are **extended borrowing privileges**. The due date at the end of fall semester has been eliminated. This means that any books faculty or staff check out any time during the academic year will be due in early May, near the end of spring semester. Books checked out in summer session will be due in early August. One renewal is allowed. Summer renewals will push the due date to the end of spring semester, while academic year renewals will move the due date to the end of the following summer session. As in the past, all items are subject to recall after three weeks if someone puts a hold on the book. For more information contact Lynne Weber, Access Services Librarian, at x5272 or lynne.weber@mnsu.edu

Interlibrary loan (ILL) also changed over the summer when Aleph was accepted as the statewide system used by all participating libraries. To make a request through the system, the user must logon with the library barcode on the back of the MavCard (starts 2010…). The password is the person's last name, or the first eight letters of a long last name. This new system means that all requests and loans through ILL are included in a person's borrowing record that can be accessed through the online catalog. Watch for news of system enhancements, including direct borrowing, which should result in faster request processing. For additional information, call Interlibrary Loan at x1473 or x5959.

One catalog enhancement that occurred already is the **addition of records for full-text electronic journals to the MSU Library Catalog**. You can now search the catalog for journals (not journal articles) and choose between the electronic or the print versions. If there is access to the electronic journal from more than one provider, a hyperlink in the electronic journal record allows you to choose your preferred access. You can also search for key-word terms for your discipline and limit your search to serials to see what journals are available. The catalog records will also let you find similar journal resources by following the hyperlinked subject headings and will provide information about journal changes, such as when a journal merged with another or changed its title. The separate search of the Journals List remains an option by clicking on the link from the left side of the Library home page.

During fall semester, a number of **database trials** will occur. Right now there are two available. Until early October we have trials to Community of Scholars, which "provides direct access to more than 1 million active researchers working in over 200 disciplines and 8 countries" and IEEE Digital Library, which includes full-text articles from 23 computer society magazines and transactions as well as more than 1,700 selected conference proceedings.

Other database trials will take place during October. Watch for messages in the online Faculty-Staff Announcements or click on the "Database Trials" link on the Library home page www.lib.mnsu.edu   If you have comments or questions about the databases, contact a librarian who works with your college. The complete list of their names and phone numbers can be found at http://lib.mnsu.edu/collections/cd/librns.html

Library's Book Cart Drill Team

Look for the Library's Book Cart Drill Team in the September 29 Homecoming Parade. Our choreography and showmanship will amaze you!

LEARNING about the LIBRARY

Each semester librarians offer a number of drop-in workshops. These sessions are open to the university community (students, faculty, and staff) on a first come first serve basis. Consult the schedule below to encourage your students to attend or to learn more about the topics yourself. Please note that a couple sessions are designed especially for faculty and staff.

Introduction to Library Research—Memorial Library, Room 81 (lower level)
Learn about Library resources and services including how to navigate the website, find books and other materials, and order items not owned by MSU.

Wednesday, September 27	Noon – 12:45 p.m.
Thursday, September 28	Noon – 12:45 p.m.

Finding Journal Articles—Memorial Library, Room 1027 (first floor)
Locate high-quality journal articles using the Library's online databases.

Wednesday, October 18	2-3 p.m.
Tuesday, October 24	2-3 p.m.
Thursday, November 2	Noon-1 p.m.
Wednesday, November 8	4-5 p.m.
Tuesday, November 28	4-5 p.m.

Citation Creation Tools—Memorial Library, Room 81
Learn how some library databases can automatically create citations in styles such as MLA and APA. Includes a general overview of RefWorks, a program that creates bibliographies and in-text citations.

Wednesday, October 25	2-3 p.m.
Tuesday, October 31	Noon-1 p.m.
Thursday, November 9	Noon-1 p.m.
Tuesday, November 29	4-5 p.m

New Library Resources: Faculty/Staff Workshop—Memorial Library 1027
Delve into new Library resources available through the website.

Monday, October 23	10-11 a.m.
Tuesday, October 24	1-2 p.m.

In addition to these drop-in sessions, librarians are available to provide instruction sessions tailored for specific classes from lower-division undergraduate courses through graduate research seminars. For additional information about the workshops and other available instruction options, contact Justine Martin, Instruction Coordinator, at x2251 or justine.martin@mnsu.edu

South Central Minnesota Genealogy Expo

MSU Library Services will host the Sixth Annual South Central Minnesota Genealogy Expo, Saturday, November 4, from 8 a.m . to 4: 30 p.m.in the Centennial Student Union Ballroom. Co-organized with the Blue Earth County Historical Society, the event will include sessions on a variety of genealogy related topics as well as a room where local organizations will share information about their resources and services.

Gail Mikkalson, author of "The View From the Front Room Window," a story about growing up in the '40's and "50's, will be the opening speaker. She will talk about the differences between memories and memorabilia and the importance of each of them in recording family history. Workshop sessions will include Getting Started in Genealogy, Census Sensibility, Graveyards and Gravestones, Naturalization Records, and Researching German Ancestors.

The full program and details about the Expo are at http://lib.mnsu.edu/archives/genie/expo.html. Questions can be directed to archives@mnsu.edu or by calling the MSU Archives at 389-1029.

HELP in MAKING ASSIGNMENTS RESOURCES AVAILABLE

When you find a full-text article in one of the Library's online databases that you would like to have students in your class read, you often can provide a link in D2L or an online syllabus. Many databases enable you to link to articles by providing what is known as stable URLs, unique links to articles. Other names for stable URLs include persistent links or persistent URLs. Each database presents these URLs differently. They may provide persistent URLs in abstracts, in exported reference lists, or in the text of the articles themselves.

Not all databases provide the full text of articles, and not all full-text databases provide stable URLs. Further complicating the situation is that some databases can lose the rights to provide access to particular journals and articles. In addition, stable URLs alone will not work from outside the MSU campus. If you want your students to be able to activate links using off-campus computers, the proxy server script must precede the stable URL in the link to the article you would like students to read. Adding the proxy script allows only MSU students, faculty and staff to access licensed electronic resources by having them logon in with their MavMAIL username and password.

The proxy server script must precede the stable URL without any break or spacing. Because the stable URLs can also be long, an article link can get quite complicated as the example below from Academic Search Premier demonstrates:

Sliding Behavior in Nearctic River Otters: Locomotion or Play?
(https://ezproxy.mnsu.edu/login?url=http://search.epnet.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&an=17714589)

If you want to save steps in adding proxy server information to the persistent URL, you can use the Persistent Links Converter on the Library website. Go to lib.mnsu.edu/distlearn/persist/persistent.html for instructions on how to create persistent links for articles in databases from ACS, EBSCO, JSTOR, Project Muse, and ProQuest. If you have questions or need additional information, contact Paul Wyss, Distance Learning Librarian, at x2258 or paul.wyss@mnsu.edu

Also, don't forget that you can put items on reserve at any time during the semester. Assignments that require numerous students to use the same book can quickly become frustrating if someone checks it out for three weeks. Please allow one week for processing your reserve request. Contact Steve Johnson, Reserve Technician, at x5065 or steven-johnson-2@mnsu.edu if you have questions.

FALL SEMESTER LIBRARY HOURS

MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Monday – Thursday	7:30A.M. - 11:45 P.M.
Friday	7:30 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Saturday	10:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
Sunday	1:00 P.M. - 11:45 P.M.

MUSIC LIBRARY

Monday – Thursday	7:45 A.M. - 8:00 P.M.
Friday	7:45 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.
Saturday-Sunday	CLOSED

For special holidays and other variations
Please call the Library Hours Hotline 389-6201
Or visit the web site: lib.mnsu.edu