



Project to Review Print Journals Continues in Spring 2009

Last year, Library Services initiated a systematic review of print journal holdings currently available at Minnesota State Mankato. The review project, which is slated to cover three academic years, began with a review of the journal titles that support the College of Education and the College of Business. The review will continue this spring with the College of Allied Health and Nursing and the College of Social and Behavioral Science faculty.

In the past decade, the number of resources, especially online, has increased dramatically. At the same time, courses and programs offered by departments and programs

have gone through significant changes. Consequently, we are undertaking an analysis of the current mix of journals and databases to determine if they continue to support the curriculum.

A survey will be sent to faculty members in these colleges to seek input on what kind of access to journal information works best for their discipline. For example, programs with a strong online component may prefer electronic access for as many resources as possible. For journals with art reproductions, photographs or charts, paper might be a better alternative. On the other hand, electronic access makes it easy to enlarge

details of a graphic element. In some instances, paying for document delivery might be a better choice than subscribing to a high-cost, specialized journal that receives little use on campus. Other issues include the availability of and need for archival access to the information and a program's requirements for resources to meet accreditation standards.

The Library sends a big *thank-you!* to the faculty members from the College of Business and the College of Education who responded to the survey last spring. The data collected have been tabulated and analyzed, and a report will be sent to each faculty member in those colleges.

Our goal is to make sure that we spend university funds most effectively to provide print and online resources that support Minnesota State's academic programs. For more information, contact **Becky Schwartzkopf, Serials Librarian**, at becky.schwartzkopf@mnsu.edu or 507-389-5956.



Library Now Accepting Gift Book Donations

Now that remodeling projects on the third floor of the Library are completed, we once again have room to accept book donations for the collection. However, we ask that potential donors consider the provisions of our gift guidelines, highlighted below. Although we appreciate materials that enhance our collections, significant amounts of staff time and other costs go into processing donated materials.

We cannot accept damaged materials or those that have parts missing. Please do not bring books that contain underlining or highlighting. Think about going to the library shelves to check out a book, DVD, or other item you are about to donate. Is it in check-out condition?

All donations become the property of the University and

cannot be returned to the donor. As we consider what to add to the collection, we evaluate gifts using the same standards we apply to acquiring new materials. For example, we do not add books that have outdated information or that have been superseded by later editions. We ordinarily don't add second or third copies of books unless we anticipate high demand. Criteria for selection are included in our collection development policy. If we decide not to add the book to the collection, we may include it among the materials we sell in our book sale. Proceeds are then used to purchase new items for the collection.

Although we provide all donors with a gift acknowledgement form, **we cannot appraise any donations**. If you need an appraisal of the items you

want to donate, you will need to have that done by someone else before you give them to the Library.

We process gift items as time allows. In general, we add new books as they arrive before we process gifts. If you know that a book, DVD, or other item you want to donate will be part of an assigned reading/viewing list, please let us know that at the time of donation so that we can ensure timely processing.

The collection development policy, including complete gift guidelines, can be viewed at <http://lib.mnsu.edu/collections/cd/cdpolicy.html#gen>. To arrange to drop off donations, call **Kathy Piehl, Collection Development Librarian**, at 507-389-6777 or e-mail kathy.piehl@mnsu.edu.

Take the LibQual+ Survey

We are planning for the future of the Minnesota State Mankato, Memorial Library. As we work to provide the services you need, it is important that we understand your perceptions and expectations. As part of that process, we are participating once again in **LibQual+**, a national survey of library service quality designed by the Association of Research Libraries <http://www.libqual.org/About/FAQ/>. A random sampling of Minnesota State Mankato students and faculty will receive a survey invitation by e-mail. The online survey will be available **March 16-27, 2009** and should take 10-15 minutes to complete.

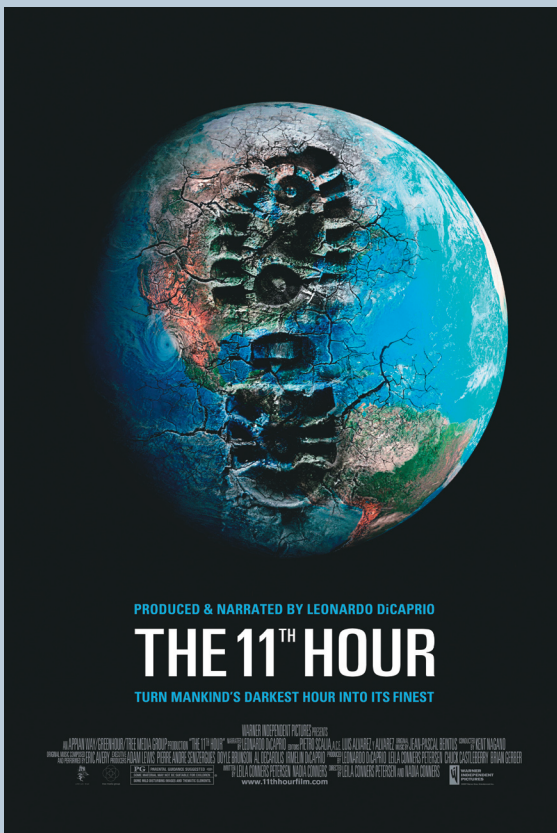
If you are selected, please complete the survey! Your participation is important because it will help library faculty to:

- Understand how the Minnesota State Mankato community rates library services
- Benchmark our campus results against other libraries
- Concentrate and maximize our service improvements, especially in this challenging budgetary environment

If you have questions about this survey, please contact: **Jessica Schomberg, Catalog Librarian**, jessica.schomberg@mnsu.edu.

Students are Invited to Free Showings of Dicaprio's *The 11th Hour*

On Monday, February 23, Library Services – with the support of three Minnesota State Mankato student groups – will host two showings of the film *The 11th Hour* by Leonardo DiCaprio. The free film showings will be held at 2:00 P.M. and 6:00 P.M. in Ostrander Auditorium. Leonardo DiCaprio's *The 11th Hour* is a documentary film that examines the environmental crises caused by human actions and calls for restorative action through a reshaping of human activity. The film showing will be followed by a 30-minute panel discussion on the need for global and local ecological repair. Student groups co-sponsoring the program include the Environmental Club, Sociology Club and Students for Sustainability. If you have questions about the program or would like to participate, contact **Monika Antonelli, Reference / Instruction Librarian** at 507-389-2507 or monika.antonelli@mnsu.edu.



Have you earned one of these?

The Library is compiling a list of faculty, staff, and emeriti who have published (authored and/or edited) books since March, 2008. If you have published a book and your name is not listed on the current MSU Authors webpage <http://lib.mnsu.edu/archives/info/authorsrecep2009.html>, please contact the University Archives so we can add your book to the collection and your name to the list of honorees. 507-389-1029 or archives@mnsu.edu



Lincoln Exhibit in 2010

Lincoln is Coming! Library Services successfully applied for a grant from the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History to host the "Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, A Man for All Times" traveling exhibit in April, 2010. While the exhibit won't be coming until next year, we are beginning to plan programming to complement the exhibit. We are looking for potential speakers, events, and activities. If you have ideas and/or are interested in participating, please contact **Daardi Sizemore**, Department Chair of Library Services. 507-389-5949 or daardi.sizemore@mnsu.edu

Library Hours

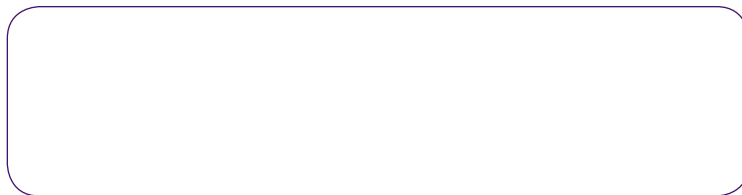
Spring Semester Hours

Sunday	1:00 P.M.	–	2:00 A.M.
Monday	7:30 A.M.	–	2:00 A.M.
Tuesday	7:30 A.M.	–	2:00 A.M.
Wednesday	7:30 A.M.	–	2:00 A.M.
Thursday	7:30 A.M.	–	2:00 A.M.
Friday	7:30 A.M.	–	7:00 P.M.
Saturday	10:00 A.M.	–	6:00 P.M.

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