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The Library Services Web Site Has a New Look

Returning visitors to the Library Services Web site, http://lib.mnsu.edu, will notice that the site has a new look. With the implementation of the new campus web template, the Library rearranged the location of its most popular online resources to make them easier to find and use. To enable predictable navigation, the left menu bar remains consistent throughout the site. Tabs for both the Course Reserves and the Journals List pages have been added above the search box. The Library Catalog search tab now features a new finding aid with faceted searching to give the catalog a Web 2.0 look. If you have questions about the web site contact Peg Lawrence, Systems Librarian at peg.lawrence@mnsu.edu or 507-389-5058.

South Central Minnesota Genealogy Expo

Interested in researching your family history? Plan to attend the 9th annual South Central Minnesota Genealogy Expo from 8:30 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. on Saturday, October 24, 2009 at the Minnesota State University, Mankato Centennial Student Union. The event is co-organized by the Minnesota State Mankato Library Services and the Blue Earth County Historical Society. The full program and registration information are available online at http://lib.mnsu.edu/archives/genie/expo.html.
Library Barcodes and the New MavCARD

When you apply for your new MavCARD, you have the option to retain your current library barcode. The barcode on the back of your MavCARD is used to check out library materials, as well as to request Interlibrary Loan items. To keep your current library barcode, you must turn in your “old” MavCARD when you go to get your new MavCARD at the Hub. If you do not turn in your old MavCARD, you will be assigned a new barcode when your new MavCARD is issued.

For more information go to http://www.mnsu.edu/mavcard/recard/facultystaff/index.html.

Getting Books, Articles, and Other Materials from Other Libraries

Although thousands of books, journals, and other materials are available through the Memorial Library, sometimes you or your students may need additional or specialized resources from other libraries. That is when you can turn to Interlibrary Loan (ILL). You may request books, DVDs and other media resources, government publications, conference papers, and articles through the ILL service. Theses and dissertations can also be requested if they are not available in the ProQuest Dissertations Online resource.

All materials obtained through ILL are provided to you at no charge. Memorial Library absorbs the cost when other libraries charge a lending fee or when an article requires payment for copyright permissions. For more information contact the ILL Office at msuill@mnsu.edu or by phone at 507-389-1473 or 507-389-5959.

Library Instruction Sessions for Your Courses

As you begin planning your class assignments and research projects, remember that library instruction sessions are available for your undergraduate or graduate courses. Librarians will work with you to develop a session tailored to your students’ needs for articles, books, evaluation tips, and/or research strategies. Contact us at least a week in advance to prepare for a session. We encourage submitting requests as early as possible to make sure that classroom space and librarians will be available. To learn more about library instruction or to complete an online request form, visit the Library’s Services for Minnesota State Mankato Faculty web page at http://lib.mnsu.edu/services/faculty.

Update on Journal and Databases Subscription Changes

Library print and electronic subscriptions to journals and databases were analyzed during spring semester to meet the campus-wide budget reduction goal for FY10. As a result of this review, the format selected for some resources changed from print to electronic. Other titles had to be cancelled. These changes will take place during the semester as the various subscription periods end. Later this fall we will share a list of all changes with the campus community.

To determine if Memorial Library provides access to a particular journal title, use the online Journal List, which can be found at: http://lib.mnsu.edu/research/journals/intro.html. An alphabetical list of our electronic databases is available at: http://eresources.lib.mnsu.edu/page.phtml?page_id=21.

If you have questions about using these resources, stop by the Information Desk on the first floor of the Library, call 507-389-5958, or “Ask a Librarian” at http://lib.mnsu.edu/services/patronquesfrm.html.
Celebrating Minnesota State Mankato Authors

In April 2009, Library Services honored 29 faculty, staff, and emeriti who wrote or edited books published between March 2008 and March 2009.
2008-2009 Minnesota State Mankato Authors

- Jeff Bumgarner, Political Science and Law Enforcement
- Mary C. Behrens, Educational Studies: Elementary and Early Childhood
- Bobby Bothmann, Library Services
- Steven Buechler, Sociology and Corrections
- Julie Carlson, Educational Leadership
- David Dickau, Music
- Jan Dunlap, English
- Nancy M. Fitzsimons, Social Work
- Kathleen Foord, Educational Studies: K-12 & Secondary Programs
- Susan Freeman, Women's Studies
- Linda Good, Educational Studies: Elementary and Early Childhood
- Jean Haar, Educational Leadership
- Nicole Helget, English
- Han-Way Huang, Electrical and Computer Engineering & Technology
- Tomasz Inglot, Political Science and Law Enforcement
- Andrew P. Johnson, Educational Studies: Special Populations
- Diana Joseph, English
- Scott Kudelka, Water Resources Center
- Michael Larson, Mass Communications
- William Lass, History (Emeritus)
- Paul Mackie, Social Work
- Nancy B. Olson, Library Services (Emerita)
- James N. Pierce, Physics and Astronomy
- Gary Rockswold, Mathematics and Statistics
- Elizabeth Sandell, Educational Studies: Elementary and Early Childhood
- Jessica Schomberg, Library Services
- Jocelyn Fenton Stitt, Women's Studies
- Mahbubur Rahman Syed, Information Systems and Technology
- Sharifun Syed, Management

If you have published a book, score, etc. since March 2009, please contact the University Archives at 507-389-1029 or archives@mnsu.edu. The Library would like to add your book to the Library's MSU Authors Collection. To find out more go to http://lib.mnsu.edu/archives/authors/intro.html.