

# LIBRARY SERVICES



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## **Support for the Curriculum: 100%** **Available Funds for Library Materials: 90%** **Campus Support for the Library: Priceless**

Last Spring each division at Minnesota State University, Mankato developed a 10% budget reduction plan in response to the campus and state's projected budget crisis for this fiscal year. The Library's budget cuts came in the form of not filling two faculty positions, making cutbacks in the operations budget, and reducing the materials budget by approximately \$250,000.

It is cold comfort that we are not alone. Most public, school and university libraries across the country are re-evaluating subscriptions and one-time purchases. As we implement budget reductions at the Minnesota State Mankato Library, we want to reassure everyone that our primary mission of supporting the curriculum remains the focal point of our decisions.

To reach the budget reduction target, librarians analyzed ways to reduce our ongoing budget commitments for subscriptions to journals and databases. A number of factors were considered when reviewing titles for cancellation.

- For journals: duplication of content in multiple formats, data from the print periodical survey that started in 2008, and comparative cost. Although the print periodical survey is not yet available for the Colleges of Science, Engineering, and Technology or Arts and Humanities, the results from the other colleges have been useful.
- For databases: duplication/overlap of content, relevance to discipline, usage statistics, and comparative cost.

Funds for one-time purchases of books, DVDs, and other materials have been allocated to departments as usual, although this part of our budget was also reduced this fiscal year.

How will this impact you and your students?

- You may not notice the impact right away. Most of our cancellations have been submitted, but we still have access to many titles until their subscription period ends.
- The changes that have occurred are posted on the following web pages linked from the Library's web site.
  - o **Database Changes** – This page identifies databases that have not been renewed and provides suggested alternative resources.  
<http://lib.mnsu.edu/collections/cd/serialreview/databasealternatives2009.html>
  - o **Journal Changes** – This page identifies journal subscriptions that have not been renewed. For many of the paper subscriptions, electronic access is still available. Information about online access is

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provided on the list, which includes journal titles and call numbers for paper editions.

<http://lib.mnsu.edu/collections/cd/serialreview/cancellationspreadsheet2009.htm>

- A current list of journals is always available on our Journals List. <http://lib.mnsu.edu/research/journals/intro.html>
- Librarians are available for library instruction and reference consultations to help locate needed resources. Interlibrary Loan (ILL) continues to be available to provide access to materials we do not own. ILL is free of charge to the individual requesting a resource, and we strive to provide fast, responsive service. As demand increases, please be aware that requests may take longer to fill.
- Your departmental liaison librarian can help navigate the changes in access to resources. To determine your library liaison, check the roster at <http://lib.mnsu.edu/collections/cd/librns.html>.

Library Services thanks the campus community for the ongoing support provided to help us meet the annual inflationary increase of library subscriptions. We will continually and creatively re-examine the resources we provide. **We realize that our decisions impact everyone on campus. We take this responsibility very seriously.**

Please contact your department liaison librarian or Becky Schwartzkopf, Serials Librarian, at [becky.schwartzkopf@mnsu.edu](mailto:becky.schwartzkopf@mnsu.edu) or 389-5956 with your comments and questions.

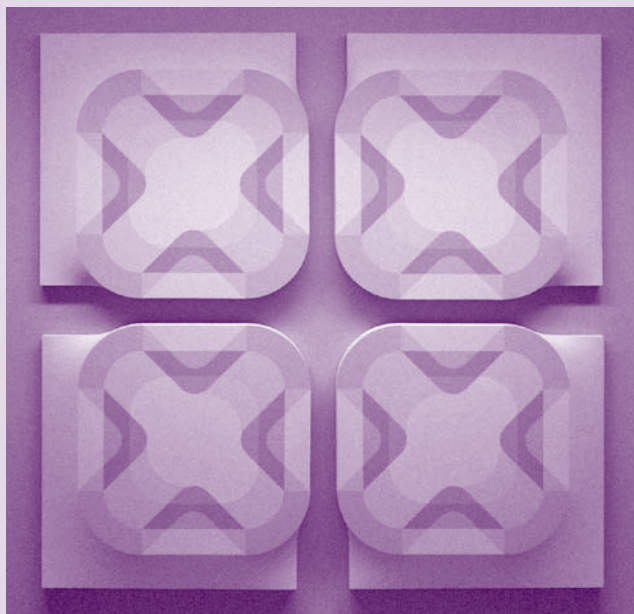
Sincerely,

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Dean of Library Services

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## Art piece by Jim Johnson (C172, acrylic, 1972)

now on display in the  
Memorial Library 3rd floor stairwell



## Interlibrary Loans at Your Service

Did you know you have options about where you receive interlibrary loan (ILL) items? As a default, ILL books, videos, etc., are delivered to faculty offices via intercampus mail. However, if you would prefer to speed up the process, you can contact the ILL staff ([msuill@mnsu.edu](mailto:msuill@mnsu.edu), 507-389-1473 or 507-389-5959) to have your default setting changed to in-Library delivery. You can then pick up items from the Library Circulation Desk the same day you receive the arrival e-mail.

Off-campus document delivery is another option you can request if you are on sabbatical or teaching primarily off-campus. Interlibrary loans and locally owned materials can be mailed to your out-of-town location. Details about this service are available at <http://lib.mnsu.edu/services/ill/docdel.html>, or by contacting ILL staff.



## New Online ELM Resources

Researchers may notice that Library Services has added several new ELM databases to its list of online resources [http://eresources.lib.mnsu.edu/page.phtml?page\\_id=21](http://eresources.lib.mnsu.edu/page.phtml?page_id=21). ELM stands for the Electronic Library of Minnesota, a virtual library containing more than 45 databases from five vendors. The databases are for the use of all Minnesota residents as part of an information-sharing program. Legislative intent for funding ELM is to provide the best possible access to information resources across the educational spectrum (including K-12, higher education, state government and public libraries). By purchasing database subscriptions on a statewide basis, more favorable pricing is possible. ELM resources are paid for by state appropriations to Minitex, State Library Services, the Minnesota Office of Higher Education, and the Minnesota Department of Education. For more information and a complete listing of the resources, see <http://www.elm4you.org>.

Three new ELM resources that faculty, staff and students will especially want to check out are *EBSCO MegaFILE*, *Expanded Academic ASAP* and the *Britannica Online Academic Edition*.

The screenshot shows the Britannica Online Academic Edition homepage. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for HOME, WORKSPACE, GUIDED TOUR, and HELP. Below this is a search section with a search box, a GO button, and an Advanced Search link. The search results show 'Encyclopædia Britannica Online' and 'Merriam-Webster Dictionary & Thesaurus'. Suggested searches include 'baseball', 'poetry', and 'Alps'. Below the search section is a 'RESEARCH TOOLS' sidebar with links to Video Collection, Timelines, World Data Analyst, Compare Countries, World Atlas, Notable Quotations, and Gateway to the Classics. The main content area features a 'Timelines' section with the text 'Explore knowledge through time' and a description of interactive timelines. To the right, there are featured articles: 'Biography of the Day: George Luks' and 'This Day in History: 1929: Collapse of U.S. stock market prices'. At the bottom, there is a 'Spotlight Archive' section with a featured spotlight on 'Hispanic Heritage in the Americas' and a 'Britannica Blog' section with links to 'Have Russia and Iran Checkmated Obama?' and 'Top 10 Baseball Films: #5'.

**Britannica Online Academic Edition** is a versatile and expanded online version of the well-known Britannica encyclopedias. A search box is prominently located at the top of every page. Search results will include information from the Encyclopedia Britannica and Britannica Concise Encyclopedia articles as well as magazines, videos, and Web sites. Users can browse alphabetically for information in the index, by subject(s), by biographies and by contributors. *Britannica Online Academic Edition* also offers a Year in Review feature that enables researchers to browse for information by year.

Special features of *Britannica Online* include news articles from The New York Times and BBC News; statistics on every nation in the world in World Data Analyst Online; thousands of maps, flags, articles and statistics in the Extensive World Atlas; and Britannica Blog, which offers a variety of postings on cultural topics – such as the survival of books, by Robert McHenry, a former editor-in-chief of Encyclopædia Britannica. *Britannic Online* also provides access to 225 classical writings of Western civilization, and researchers have the option of watching video clips on a wide variety of topics.

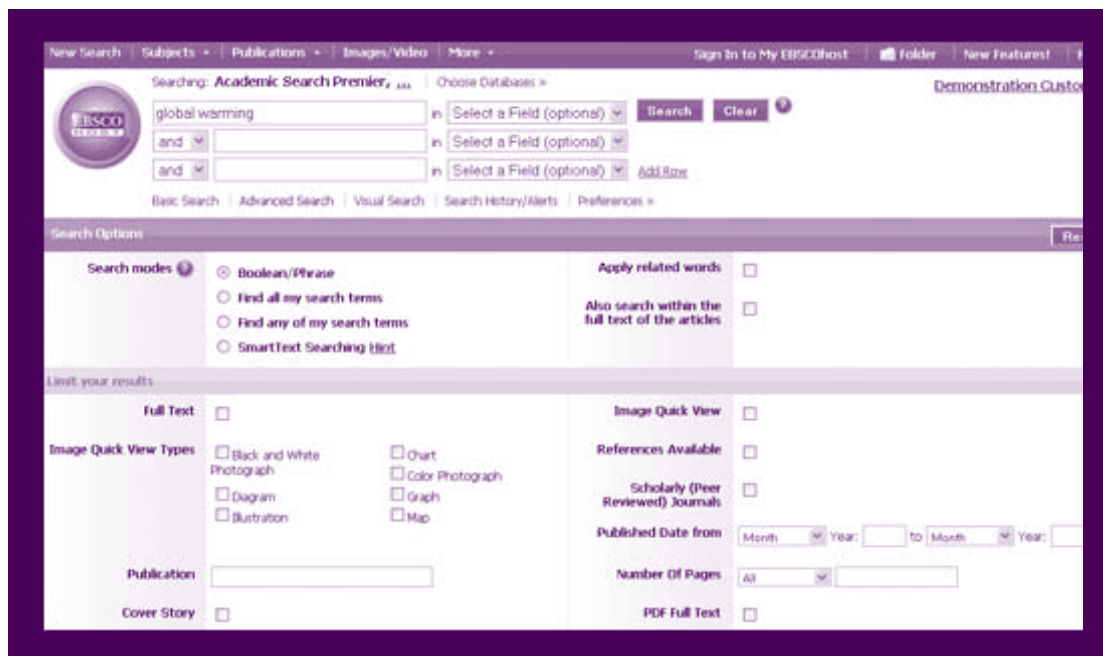
## EBSCO

### MegaFILE

is a multi-disciplinary database that provides access to the index and abstracts of nearly 24,000 publications and the full text of more than 19,100 publications.

Information coverage spans every area of academic study and general interest subjects and offers information dating as far back as the 1800s. In addition,

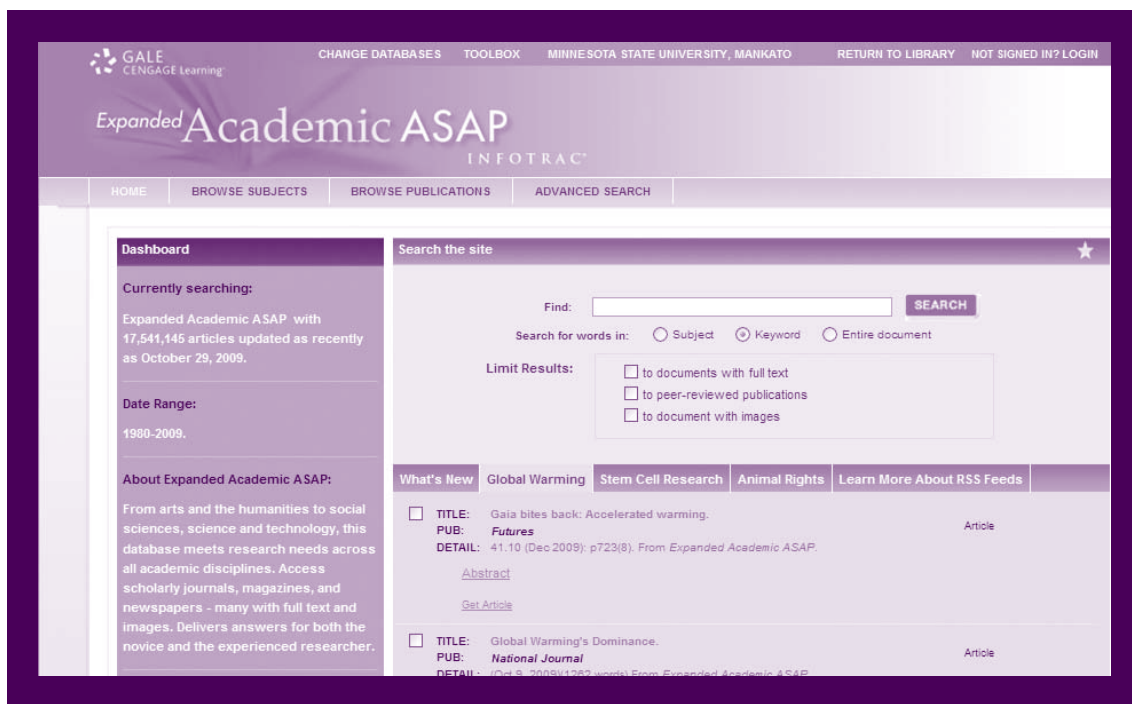
the database contains more than 85,800 biographies, 118,000 primary source documents, 10,150 company profiles and an image collection of more than 293,000 photos, maps and flags. *EBSCO MegaFILE* incorporates EBSCO's *Academic Search Premier*, *Business Source Premier* and *Regional Business News* databases.



## Expanded Academic ASAP

is a new electronic information resource that is useful for all academic disciplines. With a single search, researchers are able to access scholarly journals, magazines, and newspapers. As of November 2009, the database contains over 17 million articles, providing information on

a wide range of topics including social sciences, humanities, education, science and technology. *Expanded Academic ASAP* consists of more than 3,500 indexed and full-text periodical titles, of which 2,100 are peer-reviewed, and offers 20 years of backfile coverage. A unique feature of the database allows users to listen to articles online or save them as an MP3 audio file. Researchers can also translate articles into one of 11 languages such as Spanish, French or German. The database also allows users to generate citations in multiple formats.





# Adjusting to Budget-related Changes in Journal Access

Researchers may find that access to some journals has changed as a result of budget-related changes in the library's print subscriptions. The quickest way to determine the status of Memorial Library's subscriptions is to consult the Journals List resource at <http://lib.mnsu.edu/research/journals/intro.html>. The alpha list is helpful to browse our resources in all formats (e.g., electronic, print, or microform). To locate a specific article or resource, type the title of the journal, magazine, or newspaper in the search box.

There are a variety of pathways to locate full-text articles, depending on the way access is being provided through Memorial Library. Some links will connect you directly to the full-text article. Some links will connect to a journal page from which you select the desired volume and issue. Still other links will bring you to the journal's home page, from which you must use the journal's search engine to locate the full text of the desired article. If the link connects you to the

Memorial Library catalog record for a print journal, rather than (or, in unusual cases, in addition to) electronic full-text access, be sure to check the years the Library owns by **clicking on location/available details**. The record will indicate if the desired issue is available in the library's print collection. If the journal is available, note the call number and location, and you are ready to head for the stacks. If the publication date you require is not available here, you will need to request it through Interlibrary Loan. Interlibrary Loan does not process requests for publications owned by Minnesota State Mankato in print or available online as full text.

If you have any problems using online serials from off-campus, please check our remote access page <http://lib.mnsu.edu/services/offcampus.html>. For more information or for assistance, contact Casey Duevel, Electronic Resources/Reference/Instruction Librarian, at [casey.duevel@mnsu.edu](mailto:casey.duevel@mnsu.edu).

## New APA and MLA Manuals

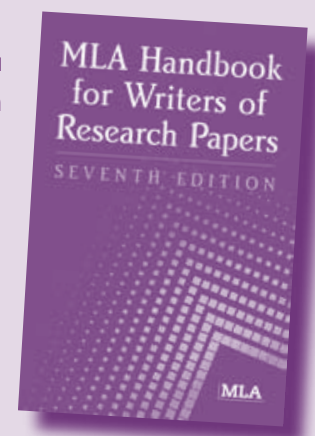
As students complete research papers, they often stop by the reference desk for help with citations. The newest APA and MLA publication manuals contain substantial changes. Consequently, students need to be aware of which guide their instructors want them to use as they prepare their reports.



Memorial Library has six copies each of the 5th edition (2001) and the new 6th edition of the *Publication Manual of the American Psychological Association*. APA has issued a seven-page

correction sheet to accompany the most recent edition. The complete list of errors that will be corrected in the second printing of the *Publication Manual* can be found at <http://supp.apa.org/style/pubman-reprint-corrections-for-2e.pdf>. APA is setting up a program to replace copies of the first printing with a corrected version. During the exchange process, it is possible that our copies may be unavailable for a time. We will note availability in the online catalog.

Four copies of both the 6th edition (2003) and the new 7th edition of the *MLA Handbook for Writers of Research Papers* are available at Memorial Library. The MLA has not identified errors in their new edition.



# Introducing Playaway Audiobooks

Listening to audiobooks just got easier. A new audiobook format called Playaway, now available in the Minnesota State Mankato Library, provides another option for listening to audiobooks and other prerecorded content. It conveniently combines into one package the audio content and the listening device. It's as easy to use as plugging in headphones and pressing the play button. Much smaller and more compact than either a portable cassette or CD player, Playaway devices are similar in size and weight to an MP3 player or iPod. When the device is powered down, an automatic bookmark is created. Other features include easy navigation back and forth through chapters or course materials and variable narration speeds. Come to the Educational Resource Center (ERC) located on the lower level of the library and check out the newest way to listen to audiobooks.



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