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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU: 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 needs and expectations for library services. 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>]. A random sampling of Minnesota State Mankato students and faculty will receive a survey invitation by email. The online survey will be available March 18-29, 2013 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 the quality of 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, at jessica.schomberg@mnsu.edu.

DATABASE SPOTLIGHT: World Bank eLibrary



The World Bank eLibrary is the World Bank's subscription-based online collection of nearly 8,000 books, reports, journals, and working papers covering a broad range of subject areas. Research and publication topics include: Agriculture, Education, Energy, Environment, Finance and Financial Sector Development, Gender, Governance, Health, Information and Communication Technologies, International Economics and Trade, Poverty Reduction, Private and Public Sector Development, Rural Development, Urban Development, and Water Resources.

The World Bank eLibrary contains only the final, peer-reviewed versions of the Bank's formal publications. The online resource includes:

- *Development Outreach, World Bank Economic Review and World Bank Research Observer* journal articles published since 1996
- *Development Economics (DEC)* policy research working papers published since 1995
- E-books and reports dating as far as the 1970's, plus all new formal publications upon release.

Research tools and features offered in this resource include:

- A browse search
- The ability to search within results
- Chapter-level abstracts and individual chapter downloads for select books.

In addition, the eLibrary allows researchers to create individual user accounts and save, export, and share search histories, new content alerts, and RSS feeds. If you have questions about using this resource, contact the Reference Desk in Memorial Library at 507-389-5958.

CHEMISTS IN THE LIBRARY

Join the Chemists in the Library Saturday, March 23, 2013 from 11:00 A.M. to noon in the Educational Resource Center located in the lower level of Memorial Library. The Minnesota Section of the American Chemical Society (ACS), the campus ACS Chemistry Club students and the Chemistry Faculty will once again host a combined event demonstrating that science can be fun. This free program is intended for elementary school students.



TROUBLESHOOTING DATABASES

The library is here to assist you with using electronic library resources. If you are having trouble with online access to a journal or database, let us know by sending an email to eraccess@mnsu.edu. We will investigate the problem and get back to you promptly.

SPRING BREAK HOURS

During the upcoming spring break, the Library will have a reduced schedule. The Library's hours can be found at <http://lib.mnsu.edu/about/hours.html> or by calling the Library Hours Hotline at 507-389-6201.

CALLING MSU AUTHORS

The MSU Authors Collection highlights the intellectual heritage of the university and the contributions of Minnesota State University, Mankato faculty, staff, students, and alumni to contemporary scholarship. This special collection with the Library accepts books, scores, etc. that were authored, co-authored, compiled, edited/co-edited, translated, or illustrated by Minnesota State Mankato faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

The Library is pleased to honor faculty and staff publications at our very popular MSU Authors Reception, normally held in even-numbered years. The next reception will be announced in spring 2014. To ensure that we don't miss any MSU Authors, we'd like to hear from you directly.

If you have authored and/or edited books, scores, etc., published since March 2012 we look forward to hearing from you. Please contact the University Archives at 507-389-1029 or archives@mnsu.edu so we can add you to our list of honorees.

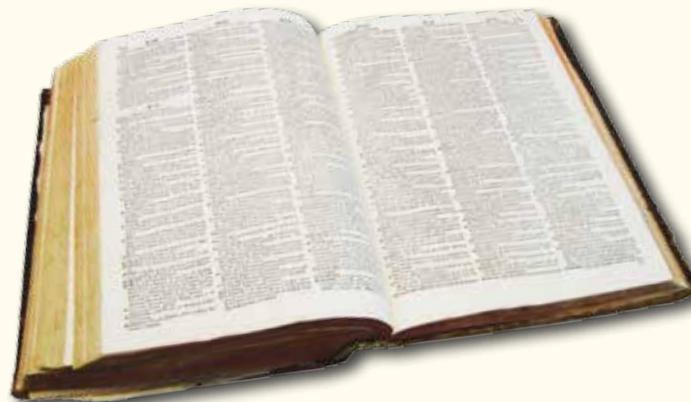
Bibliographic information regarding other types of works (articles, scholarly papers, book chapters, etc) submitted to the University Archives, will be added to an ongoing bibliography of MSU Authors works. Additional information about the MSU Authors Collection and previous receptions can be found online.

<http://lib.mnsu.edu/archives/authors/intro.html>



1783 SPANISH DICTIONARY

The Library recently received a uniquely valuable book donation from Rod Schmidt ('73), a member of the Minnesota State Mankato Foundation Board. His gift is a 1783 Spanish dictionary, entitled *Diccionario de la lengua Castellana* (2nd edition), "compuesto por la Real Academia Española, reducido á un tomo para su mas fácil uso" (*Dictionary of the Castilian language composed by the Spanish Royal Academy, reduced to one volume for easier use*).

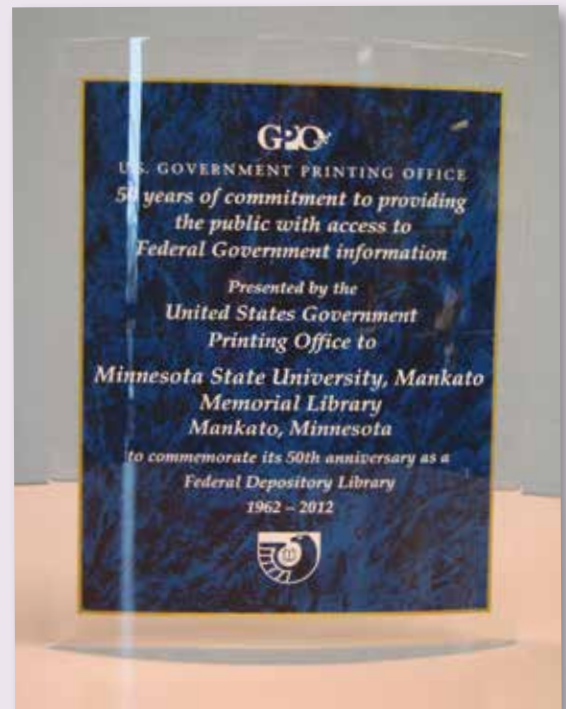


The Real Academia Española (RAE – Spanish Royal Academy) was founded in 1721 with the purpose of preserving the purity of the Spanish language. They first published the dictionary (DRAE) in 1780 as an abridged version of the six-volume *Diccionario de Autoridades* (*Dictionary of Authorities*). The 22nd Edition of the DRAE was published in 2001.

MEMORIAL LIBRARY'S FDLP 50-YEAR ANNIVERSARY

Memorial Library is celebrating the campus' 50th year as a participant in the Federal Depository Library Program (FDLP). A plaque commemorating the anniversary of the Library's depository status will be displayed in the 1st Floor collection of government documents. Minnesota State College was designated a depository library in November 1962 with collections originally housed in Lincoln Library on the lower campus.

The FDLP was established by Congress to assure public access to government information and provide this information at no charge to participating libraries. Traditionally, this has taken the form of physical volumes distributed to depository libraries, while in recent years most government information is available digitally. Memorial Library maintains a physical collection, located on the first floor of the Library. Digital documents can be accessed through the Library's online catalog. For any questions regarding government information, please contact Evan Rusch, Government Documents Librarian, at 507-389-2460 or evan.rusch@msu.edu.



SCHEDULE A LIBRARY INSTRUCTION SESSION

As you plan your class assignments and research projects, librarians can assist you by providing library sessions or online content for your undergraduate or graduate courses. We will work with you to develop sessions or content tailored to your students' needs for locating books and articles, evaluating sources, and/or developing research strategies. We encourage you to submit requests as early as possible (but at least one week in advance) to make sure librarians and resources will be available.

To learn more about library instruction or to complete an online request form, visit the Services for Minnesota State Mankato Faculty web page at <http://lib.mnsu.edu/services/faculty> or contact Justine Martin, Instruction Coordinator, at 507-389-2251.



MEMORIAL LIBRARY WELCOMES TWO NEW LIBRARY STAFF



Martha Lindberg

Martha Lindberg joins the library as an Information Technology Specialist. Martha has lived in Mankato for 22 years. She is a musician and performs with several local ensembles: the Mankato Symphony, Riverbend Bells Community Handbell Ensemble, and Minnesota River Valley Wind Ensemble. She has worked at Minnesota State Mankato over the years as an adjunct music instructor and as a computer science instructor for beginner courses. Her most recent job before joining the library staff was as a computer installation technician for IBM.



Romelle Quast

Romelle Quast is a Library Technician working in Reference Services. One of her primary responsibilities is ensuring coverage of the Technology Desk in the Library Commons area during the academic year. She comes to us after a 3½ year layoff from South Central College's Library. Romelle and her husband live on a Century Farm near Gaylord. She also works part-time in the summer as a pari-mutuel teller at Canterbury Park. In her "spare" time, Romelle enjoys going thrift-storing with her husband and sister and helps her 90-year-old mother with her craft sales.

MEMORIAL LIBRARY RECEIVES MUSLIM JOURNEYS BOOKSHELF COLLECTION

Memorial Library is one of the libraries and state humanities councils across the country selected to receive the **Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys** from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the American Library Association (ALA). The bookshelf contains twenty-five books and three DVDs that cover noteworthy and significant areas of Islamic culture. The program aims to familiarize public audiences in the United States with the people, places, history, faith and cultures of Muslims in the United States and around the world with a selection of resources curated by scholars, librarians, and other humanities educators and program experts. The library plans to host a program and speaker on the Muslim Journeys theme in the fall of 2013. Watch the library website and Facebook page for details!



From left to right: Librarian Jenny Turner, Congressman Tim Walz, Dean Joan Roca, Librarians Monika Antonelli and Daardi Sizemore.





THE REPORTER IS BEING DIGITIZED!

The University Archives has digitized 40 years of student news reporting, from 1926 to 1965. Full-text searchable copies of the Minnesota State University, Mankato *Reporter* and its predecessor newspapers are available online in the

Memorial Library Digital Collections:

<http://mldm.lib.mnsu.edu/>. By the end of the semester, another decade of *The Reporter* will be digitized and available online (up to 1975).

This project included the following titles from the Mankato State Teachers College and Mankato State College eras: *Among Ourselves* (1926-1927), *School Spirit* (1929-1933), *College Spirit* (1933-1935), *College Reporter* (1935-1968), and *The Reporter* (1968-1975). When completed we will have digitized 49 years of newspaper (approximately 17,345 pages.)

The Reporter has been added to the Student Publications digital collection that also includes *The Student* and *The Mankatonian*, monthly student magazines published from 1888-1913. <http://mldm.lib.mnsu.edu/cdm/landingpage/collection/msstudpubs>

Funding for this project was made available by a Digital Conversion and Access Grant from the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants Program, which is funded through the Minnesota Historical Society by the Clean Water, Land and Legacy Amendment. Please contact the University Archives if you have any questions.

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