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Memorial Library has been called “the heart of the campus” and this heart will soon be physically connected to the body of Minnesota State University. The Library–Centennial Student Union (CSU) Pedestrian Connection, which has been under construction since mid-May, was completed in November.

Each day during the academic year as many as 5,000 people visit the Library and 9,500 visit CSU. The newly constructed underground pedestrian link will create a weatherproof, but naturally lit, route for students to access the resources and services housed in the Library, the CSU, and the rest of the campus. In particular, the connection will provide ADA-compliant access to the Office of Disability Services located in the lower level of Memorial Library. It will bring more foot traffic to the lower level of the CSU, which houses a variety of food service options, as well as the Maverick Bullpen. The connection also creates a small outdoor amphitheater on the west side of the passage that will be available for speakers, bands, and other performances.

For over 20 years this physical connection between the Library and CSU has been a desired campus renovation. Former CSU director Laurie Woodward commented, in an April 28, 2013 Free Press article, that students heavily supported the Library-to-CSU Underground Pedestrian Link and were particularly excited about being able to go back and forth between the student union and library when it gets cold.

Funding for the project came from the President Davenport’s Big Ideas Campaign, Library Services and the Centennial Student Union. Brennan Companies of Mankato is the primary construction contractor and Leo A. Daly of Minneapolis is the architect and design firm for the project.
The Minnesota State Mankato Library has added several large packages of online journals during the past year. Access is now available for most of the journals published by Springer, Taylor & Francis, and Wiley. These packages encompass a wide range of subject areas and add approximately 4300 titles to our journal holdings! For most of the journal titles, access is available from 1997 to the present. Selected subject categories include: Humanities, Engineering & Technology, Physical Sciences, Social Sciences, Health Sciences, Environmental Studies, Behavioral Sciences and Business. The title list of journals is available at: http://lib.mnsu.edu/research/bigdeals.html.

All library journal resources can be accessed by title through the JOURNALS LIST on the Library’s homepage at: http://lib.mnsu.edu/research/journals/intro.html

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Some of the titles from the packages are:

- Accounting History Review
- Aging and Mental Health
- City and Society
- Counseling Values
- Crime, Law and Social Change
- Environmental Monitoring and Assessment
- Ethics and Education
- Journal of Consular Behaviour
- Journal of Geographical Sciences
- Journal of Nursing Management
- Journal of Philosophical Logic
- Molecular Simulation
The Library is looking forward to honoring faculty and staff publications at our popular MSU Authors Reception, to be held again in spring 2014. 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 within the Library accepts books, scores, and other materials authored, co-authored, compiled, edited/co-edited, translated, or illustrated by Minnesota State Mankato faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

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 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 at http://lib.mnsu.edu/archives/authors/intro.html

Library Services has a growing number of resources available to you on your mobile or tablet device. Many of the providers you are most familiar with, such as Ebsco and ProQuest have mobile-friendly Web sites and can detect whether you are on a smart phone or tablet and adjust accordingly. There are also a variety of apps available to maximize your use of some of the Library’s resources. Most are available on the iPad and/or iPhone using iOS with a growing number available for Android.

Among the apps available are BrowZine, which creates a virtual periodical collection that you can build and peruse, and PressReader, which —when you are on campus and connected to MavNet— allows you to download current newspapers from around the world. The Library also has collected a variety of apps and instructions for reading and downloading e-books from various providers.

All these and more are available from the Mobile Resources guide available at http://link.mnsu.edu/mobile
The Pep Band warms up before the Grand Opening ceremony.

It is a happy day for Leslie Peterson, Assistant to the Dean, who has been responsible for monitoring the project for the Library.

Joan Roca, Dean of Library Services pins a “Library & the CSU Got Hooked” button to President Richard Davenport’s jacket.

Centennial Student Union and Student Activities Director Mark Constantine, President Richard Davenport, and Joan Roca, Dean of the Library prepare to cut the Grand Opening ribbon.

Nothing says “let’s celebrate” like a pair of giant scissors. Featured left to right: Daardi Sizemore, Library Services Chair; Anne Stenzel, Archives Technician, Jon Gallagher, Archives Student Worker.

Members of the Library’s popular Book Cart Drill Team. Front row, left to right: Martha Lindberg, Lee Ann Larson, Peg Lawrence. Back row, left to right: Barb Bergman, Michele Throldahl, Anne Stenzel, Joni Myers, and Romelle Quast.
With focused concentration students from the Centennial Student Union Bullpen distribute the much anticipated celebratory cake.

President Richard Davenport, Centennial Student Union and Student Activities Director Mark Constantine and Library Dean Joan Roca, were the first to walk through the connection between Memorial Library and the Centennial Student Union.

The Memorial Library and Centennial Student Union connection gets “thumbs up” from Stomper.

The Minnesota State University Pep Band leads the procession through the Pedestrian Connection.

The Book Club Drill Team provides flair and panache to the day’s celebration. Front row, left to right, Barb Bergman and Joni Myers. Second row, Peg Lawrence and Lee Ann Larson.

Members of the campus community get their first look at the Pedestrian Connection.
Archives Unbound presents topically focused digital collections of historical documents that support the research and study needs of scholars and students in a number of disciplines. Collections in Archives Unbound cover a broad range of topics from witchcraft to World War II to twentieth-century political history.

There are several ways to search Archives Unbound. The “Basic Search” defaults to searching across all of the full-text digital collections content to which we have subscribed. This can be useful, but can also lead to a large number of results. Researchers are encouraged to use the “Limit to” feature and “Select” the relevant collection(s) before conducting the search. Digital collection descriptions can be browsed by using the “Your Collections” feature. From the collection description page, one can “Search within this collection.” Limiting or searching within a collection will provide more focused search results.


If you have questions about using this resource, contact the Reference Desk in Memorial Library at 507-389-5958.

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MEMORIAL LIBRARY WELCOMES TWO NEW LIBRARY STAFF

Becky Perrine joined the Minnesota State Mankato circulation staff in August as a Circulation Technician. Her duties also include overseeing the Kiyo Suyematsu Music Library and student staff. Coming to Minnesota State Mankato from Minnesota West Community and Technical College, she worked at both the Jackson and Worthington campus libraries. She has also worked at the Martin County Public Library.

Becky is a Minnesota State Mankato alumna, with an English Literature major and a Library minor. Her husband, Rich, is a Soil and Water Conservation technician for Martin County. They have four children; the youngest is a freshman at Winona State University. Seven grandchildren complete the family. To the enjoyment of her family, cooking is one of Becky’s favorite hobbies. When time allows, she goes in search of treasures at antique auctions and estate sales.

Jeff Rosamond joins the Acquisitions Department as a Library Paraprofessional in Technical Services. While completing his undergraduate degree at Minnesota State University, Mankato, Jeff was employed as a Student Worker in the Memorial Library from 2008-2012. This positive initial experience in the field led to a library position at Bethany Lutheran College in Mankato shortly after receiving his Bachelor of Science degree from Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Jeff is excited to be back on campus with the Memorial Library team. Jeff’s undergraduate degree is in Geography and he enjoys spending time outdoors with his wife of six years, Christina. He is an avid reader and some of his favorite genres include science fiction, such as steampunk and graphic novels. He is also a craft beer enthusiast and recently began experimenting with home brewing.

Students Leyvi Hinojosa, Gabi Andersen and Xochitl Valencia, from Latino Affairs, created a Library book display celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month. Hispanic Heritage Month, which runs from Sept. 15 until Oct. 15, was created to celebrate the heritage of Americans from Spanish-speaking nations and to recognize their contributions.
Memorial Library is one of 500 recipients of the Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History. Recipients of the award receive four films, which “encourage communities across the country to revisit the history of civil rights in America and to reflect on the ideals of freedom and equality that have helped bridge deep racial and cultural divides in our civic life” (http://createdequal.neh.gov/about).

Films included in the grant are:
- The Abolitionists
- Slavery by Another Name
- The Loving Story
- Freedom Riders

For more information about the grant and related programming, watch the library’s website and Facebook page!