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This year’s Common Read book was Out of Chaos: Reflections of a University President and his Contemporaries on Vietnam-Era Unrest in Mankato and its Relevance Today by former Mankato State College president, James F. Nickerson. The book is a collection of reminiscences about historic events that took place in Mankato during the turbulent 1960s and 1970s.

The Common Read program showcases numerous ways Minnesota State Mankato collaborates on and off campus. Library Services and the Common Read Committee would like to thank everyone who included Out of Chaos in their classes and programs. Additionally, Library Services thanks the Honors Department for offering several “Campus as Text” Walkabout activities. The Walkabouts were presented by student volunteers and made available to classes and interested individuals. Gratitude goes to the Kessel Peace Institute for their Social Justice Lecture Series event, Changing the World without Having a Clue, presented by Greg Bennick on October 11, 2017. Special thanks go to the Blue Earth County Historical Society for offering Out of Chaos: Music of the Times on October 19 as part of the History Bits & Bites series.

On November 1, 2017, Minnesota State University, Mankato hosted the Common Read Keynote Event in the Centennial Student Union (CSU) Ballroom. The Minnesota State Mankato-made documentary film Two Weeks in May was shown to an audience of approximately 460 people. A discussion with five alumni members featured in the movie followed the showing. The panel consisted of John W. Anderson, David Cowan, Mark Halverson, David Phelps and Mehr Jay Shahidi.

Additional showings of the documentary film were held on November 2 at the First Presbyterian Church, November 14 at the Kessel Peace Awards, and on December 21 at the Blue Earth County Historical Society’s History Bits & Bites program. To date, over 600 people have viewed Two Weeks in May. A DVD of Two Weeks in May is available for sale at the campus Barnes & Noble, located in the Centennial Student Union and online from Archives at link.mnsu.edu/twmorder.

Other Common Read programs offered by Library Services in the fall included a film showing of The Day the 60s Died: The Kent State Shootings and a presentation by alumnus Tim Madigan, The Myths and Realities of the 1960s: Use of Critical Thinking. Over 140 students participated in a T-shirt tying activity. To support the exploration and understanding of the book, the Common Read Committee created 20 Learning Activities which were available on the Common Read website, www.mnsu.edu/commonread. Topics covered included: the Vietnam War, the Draft, Kent State, James F. Nickerson, Abbas Kessel, Law Enforcement, Main Street Bridge and North Star Bridge Protests, and more.
FIGHTING FAKE NEWS

Your librarians have created an online tutorial to help your students navigate source credibility and defeat fake news. This tutorial helps students define fake news, encourages them to view information through a critical lens, and leads them through activities to practice assessing news content. View the tutorial at http://mnsu.libsurveys.com/fakenews. If you would like to use this tutorial for your class, please contact Jenny Turner (jennifer.turner@mnsu.edu); she can work with you to capture student responses. We can also modify this tutorial to meet your specific course needs.

Streaming Video Subscriptions Available through the Library

The following streaming video subscriptions are available to students, faculty and staff through the library website. Your StarID login is required for off-campus use.

- **Alexander Street Video**: Hundreds of films on Ethnography, Counseling, Theatre and Dance.
- **Ambrose Digital**: 100+ multi-volume series of 30-minute films on a variety of subjects, created specifically for college classrooms.
- **Docuseek2**: 800 titles from major documentary vendors; strong in environment, sciences, health, and social issues.
- **Kanopy**: More than 30,000 titles from a wide range of distributors, such as Criterion and Media Education Foundation. This includes documentaries, educational, and training films as well as classic, independent, and foreign language films.

Most films can be found via MavScholar. Kanopy loads new titles frequently, so it’s best to check directly at https://mnsu.kanopystreaming.com

For direct links to these databases and more information, visit https://libguides.mnsu.edu/video

Still using videotapes in the classroom? The Library can help you upgrade VHS tapes to DVD or streaming video. Contact Media Services Librarian Barb Bergman, barbara.bergman@mnsu.edu or 507-389-5945, about video availability and copyright fair use questions.
New RefWorks is Here!

The RefWorks citation management tool has been redesigned! You can use RefWorks 2.0 to
• Import citations from online databases
• Store, organize, and annotate PDFs of articles
• Create bibliographies for research papers
• Share reading lists with project collaborators

Learn more about RefWorks, open an account, or migrate an existing account to the new platform at http://libguides.mnsu.edu/refworks.

Forestry Field Kit

Students can determine the species, height, or diameter of a tree with the materials included in this kit. They can also study the annual growth rings using a borer or the water quality using a TDS meter.

Kit includes:
• Recreational field compass
• 3-thread increment tree borer
• Garmin eTrex 20x GPS
• LED 4.5x handheld magnifier
• Penetrometer
• 100-feet fiberglass measuring tape
• TDS meter, water quality electrical tester
• Trees of Minnesota field guide
• Birds of Minnesota field guide
• 12-inch plastic ruler

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The MSU Authors Collection is a special collection within the Library that highlights the intellectual heritage of the University and the contributions of Minnesota State University, Mankato’s faculty, staff, students, and alumni to contemporary scholarship. Included in the collection are books, monographs, DVDs, and scores that were authored, co-authored, compiled, edited/co-edited, translated, or illustrated by Minnesota State Mankato faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

Every two years, Library Services honors faculty and staff publications at the MSU Authors Reception. The next MSU Authors Reception will be held April 4, 2018, 2:00 - 4:00 P.M. in the Marilyn J. Lass Center for Minnesota Studies, 2nd floor of the Memorial Library. This event will honor faculty authors who have written and/or edited books with publication dates between March 2016 and March 2018.

If you have published (authored and/or edited) books, scores, DVDs, etc. since March 2016, we would like to hear 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. Additional information about the MSU Authors Collection can be found online at http://lib.mnsu.edu/archives/authors/intro.html