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Memorial Library Welcomes New Employees

Zach Koenig is a new Library Technician in Circulation Services. He will be supervising student workers and is the go-to person for library fines and fees. Zach has a B.A. in Journalism & Media Studies, a Masters Degree in Library Science, and is currently working on a Masters in English Writing. Before coming to Minnesota State University, Mankato he managed library collections for K-12 schools and worked as a Media Specialist in two school districts around the Metro area. Personally, Zach grew up in and graduated high school from Fergus Falls, MN and is the oldest (& tallest!) of five other siblings. He enjoys blogging, writing film/book reviews, bowling, and cheering for the Minnesota Twins & Vikings.



Diane Lochner is the new Library Technician in the Educational Resource Center (ERC). She earned her MLIS in December 2018 from St. Catherine University. She has a B.A. in Communication from the University of North Dakota and later pursued a MS in Aviation also from UND. Prior to library school, Diane enjoyed, in a variety of management roles, including corporate training and compliance, a 12-year career in the airline industry with Northwest and Delta. She is a volunteer museum docent and processing archivist at the Northwest Airlines History Center in Bloomington. Originally from Rochester, Minnesota, she's lived in North Dakota, Maryland, Virginia, District of Columbia, and Wisconsin, but is happy to now call Nicollet and Minneapolis home, along with her husband and cat.

Anna McGuire is the new Reference and Digital Initiatives Technician at Memorial Library. She graduated from Minnesota State University, Mankato in 2002 with a B.S. in History and received an MLS from Indiana University Bloomington in 2005. Prior to working at Minnesota State Mankato, she was an Adult Services librarian in the Broward County Library System. She enjoys spending time with her husband and two children.



Nicole Smith is the new Maps & Government Documents Library Technician. She graduated in 2009 from the College of Saint Benedict with a B.A. in History and Theology. After graduating she taught ESL in Japan. When Nicole returned to Minnesota she worked as a research assistant for a Minnesotan author and also began working in museums. In 2014 she graduated with a M.A. in Museum Studies from Johns Hopkins University. She spent five years working in the museum field, from curating exhibits to evaluation work. She has a deep love for traveling and nature. Nicole looks forward to warmer weather and hiking with her husband and young son.

Database Update: SimplyAnalytics

SimplyAnalytics is a web-based mapping, analytics, and data visualization application that allows users to create interactive maps, charts, and reports using an extensive 100,000+ data variables. Once in the database click either the "Sign in as a Guest" option or create a personal account.

Using the "New Project" researchers can start exploring by simply entering locations. The left side of the screen is used to find data, locations, and businesses to add to a project. The right side of the screen contains the generated "views." There are a variety of ways to display the data, including as maps, rankings, reports, and charts.

Researchers can also create Comparison Reports to compare multiple data variables across a variety of geographies. For example one can set up a report to compare ZIP Codes with Cities, with Counties, and more. For questions about using SimplyAnalytics contact the Reference Desk at 507-389-5859. Use of this database is limited to non-commercial educational and research purposes.



Access to Kanopy Streaming Video has changed. To make sure that you have access for planned class-related

use, please check the video link a few days in advance of the scheduled use of the video. Visit the Library website for details. <https://libguides.mnsu.edu/video>

Students who need to charge their phones and other electronic devices will find the Library's new charging station helpful. The station, courtesy of the College of Business, is located on the first floor of Memorial Library.



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