In 1919, Minnesota became the 15th state to vote YES to ratify the 19th amendment to the US Constitution granting women the right to vote. Minnesota State University, Mankato will be hosting a variety of events in October to highlight the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. All events are free and open to the public.

From September 30 until October 23 a 12-panel traveling display, titled A Century of Civic Engagement, created by the League of Women Voters, Minnesota, will be showcased on the first floor of Memorial Library.

On Monday, October 7, Library Services will host A Century of Civic Engagement Reception for the traveling display from 11:00 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. Provost Marilyn Wells and Lynn Solo, the President of the LWV St. Peter, are scheduled to speak at the event.

Library Services will host author and Minnesota State Mankato faculty member Dr. Lori Ann Lahlum’s presentation, Equality at the Ballot Box: Votes for Women on the Northern Great Plains on Thursday, October 10 from 12:30 p.m. until 1:30 p.m. Dr. Lahlum will share information from her new book by the same name. Faculty member Dr. Elizabeth Sandell will also speak at the event. Sandell will give an update on local League of Women Voters activities.

A timeline of when various groups were granted the right to vote and listing of those who remain disenfranchised will be displayed in the Women’s Center’s Centennial Student Union office window, Room 218 from October 14 through October 28.

On Monday, October 28, from 3:00 to 4:30 p.m., Dr. Lori Ann Lahlum will be honored with a Book Release program to celebrate the publishing of her new book, Equality at the Ballot Box. The event will be held in the Centennial Student Union, Room 245. Dr. Sarah Carter from the University of Alberta will join her on stage as guest speaker.

These activities are sponsored by Library Services, the Women’s Center, the History Department, the Kessel Peace Institute, and African American Affairs. For any questions about these programs contact Monika Antonelli, Outreach Librarian, at 507-389-2507 or by email at monika.antonelli@mnsu.edu.
Metadata & Emerging Technologies Librarian, Bobby Bothmann, was selected as a fellow in the SPARC Open Education Leadership Program. The Open Education Leadership Program is intensive professional development program used to empower library professionals with the knowledge, skills and community connections to lead successful open education initiatives. The appointment will span two semesters, and will include online, peer-to-peer, and project-based learning to build a comprehensive understanding of open education space and provide skills to take action locally and beyond. Bothmann is one of 27 fellows selected from a competitive application pool for the program’s 2019-2020 cohort.

“The Library Services faculty and staff are deeply committed to supporting open education on campus,” said Chris Corley, interim dean of library and learning at Minnesota State Mankato. “We are proud that Professor Bothmann has been selected for this program. His work builds upon key initiatives for our faculty and staff, and we know that his work will benefit faculty and students at the University for years to come.”

Bothmann will join the rest of the cohort in attending the 16th annual Open Education Conference in Phoenix, Arizona, in late October.

Are you a Minnesota State University, Mankato Author?

Library Services is looking forward to honoring faculty and staff publications at our MSU Authors Reception to be held on April 9, 2019 from 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. in the Marilyn J. Lass Center for Minnesota Studies.

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 University Archives 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 authors, we’d like to hear from you directly. If you have authored and/or edited books, scores, etc. published since March 2018, 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 https://library.mnsu.edu/archives/collections/university-archives/msu-authors/
RefWorks Access Ends December 31, 2019

Due to low use, a rising subscription cost, and the number of freely available citation and reference management tools, the library will cancel RefWorks when our current subscription ends December 31, 2019. Any citations not migrated out of RefWorks will be inaccessible after this date. Current RefWorks users are encouraged to watch the library’s website or contact a librarian for information about migrating to a new platform.

Fulbright Librarian Travels to India

Jenny Turner, Associate Professor/Instructional Services Librarian, served as a Fulbright Specialist in India during her spring 2019 Sabbatical. Here Jenny poses with students and faculty after her lecture at Kalyani University, Nadia, West Bengal, India.

Any Book worth Banning is a Book worth Reading - Isaac Asimov

September 22 through 28, 2019, Memorial Library celebrated Banned Books Week, an annual national recognition that brings attention to the freedom to read. This year’s theme was “Censorship Leaves Us in the Dark.” In acknowledgment of the week, the Educational Resource Center, located in the Library’s lower level, created an impressive exhibition of banned books owned by Memorial Library. A Minnesota State Mankato student, who stopped to examine the display, commented, “I remember reading some of these! The Giver? Harry Potter? I’m shocked!”
Library Scholarship Winners

Library Services offers two scholarship opportunities to Minnesota State Mankato undergraduates who have worked in the Library. This year, five students received $1,000 Library Services Scholarships: Ben Siglin, Brandon Ching, Reena Tamang, Cortney DeVlaeminck, Danho “Jude” Djigbe. Dibiz Kansakar was awarded the Dorothy Van Norman Scholarship ($2,500). Congratulations students!

Chris Corley Named Interim Dean of Library and Learning

This summer, Chris Corley was appointed as Interim Dean of Library and Learning. Previously, Chris served as Honors Program Director from 2009-2015, and most recently as Chair for the History Department. He has been a faculty member in History since 2004. As Interim Dean of Library and Learning, Chris will be guiding Library Services as well as the University’s annual assessment and program review processes.

Chris has a B.A. in History and Philosophy from Bloomsburg University, and a M.A. and Ph.D. in History from Purdue University. He teaches first-year courses on preindustrial European history (from Classical Greece to the Reformation) and advanced courses on early modern (c. 1300-1800) social and cultural history. His specific research interests include the history of women, gender, the family, and young people in early modern Dijon, France. He can be contacted at christopher.corley@mnsu.edu.