



COLOR CODED COVID STATUS GUIDE FOR LIBRARY SERVICES

Library Services has created a simple color-coded guide to inform users of Memorial Library building access availability and library services status. This guide was created to reflect the University guidance on the [status of classes and our campus](#) during the COVID-19 pandemic. As the University's color-coded safety levels change, Library Services will implement changes using the categories below.

Green: Libraries Open with In-Person Services

- Memorial and Music Libraries are [open](#)
- [Mask wearing](#) and [social distancing](#) are required
- All floors open to browse shelves for books & other items -or- [Request items](#) for quick pick up
- [Online resources](#) available 24/7
- Online [research help](#) available 24/7

Yellow: Libraries Open with Contactless Services

- Memorial and Music Libraries are [open with limited hours](#)
- [Mask wearing](#) and [social distancing](#) are required
- All floors open to browse shelves for books & other items -or- [Request items](#) for quick pick up
- [Online resources](#) available 24/7
- Online [research help](#) available 24/7

Orange: Libraries Open with Limited Contactless Services

- Access is limited to current students, faculty, and staff
- Memorial Library is open with limited hours. Music Library may be closed; see [Hours page](#) for current status.
- All floors open to browse shelves for books & other items -or- [Request items](#) for quick pick up
- [Mask wearing](#) and [social distancing](#) are required
- Expanded [home shipping of library items](#)
- [Online resources](#) available 24/7
- Online [research help](#) available 24/7

Red: Campus Closed

- Memorial Library building and the Music Library are closed
- Curbside pickup, scanning, and printing are available during limited weekday hours. [Request items](#) for curbside pick up
- Expanded [home shipping of library items](#)
- [Online resources](#) available 24/7
- Online [research help](#) available 24/7

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SelectedWorks lets you partner with Library Services to build an online scholarly presence that is free, reputable, sustainable, and comprehensive.

- SelectedWorks connects to Cornerstone to share and promote your scholarship. Your scholarly and creative works can be collected in one place including images, PowerPoint presentations, white papers, and data sets.
- The “About” section, lets you highlight your areas of expertise, achievements, list your awards and honors and even post your CV.
- Updates to your page are easy to do and require no special software or expertise in webpage development. Plus, you do not have to do this work alone! Library Services can help you create and update your online profile.
- And once you have created a SelectedWorks page, your individual profile is uploaded to the **Experts Gallery**. Designed to promote Minnesota State University, Mankato, the Experts Gallery highlights the rich expertise of our faculty and researchers.

To learn more about how you can get started with SelectedWorks, contact Heidi Southworth, Digital Initiatives Librarian, at heidi.southworth@mnsu.edu.

ELECTION DAY 2020 WEBINAR AVAILABLE ONLINE

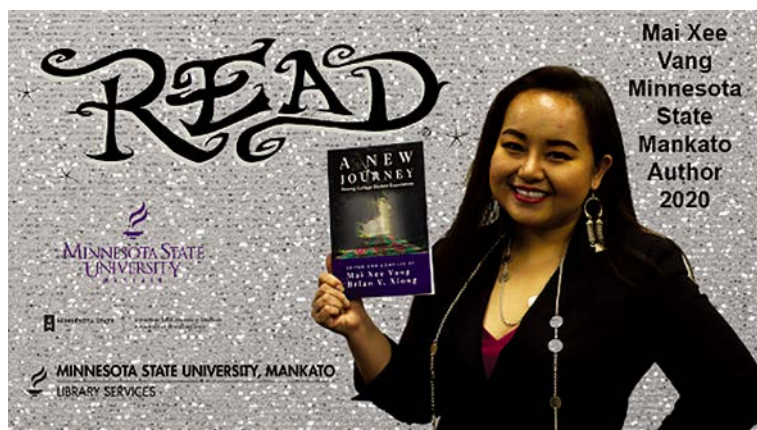
During September and October 2020, an alliance of Minnesota State University, Mankato students, faculty, and local community members worked together to plan an educational program to explore what may happen on Election Day, November 3, 2020. The result was an online Zoom webinar titled, *Election Day 2020: What Can You Expect?* The program was held on October 27, 2020, and can be [streamed online](#).

Speakers for the event were faculty members from the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at Minnesota State Mankato. Dr. Kevin Parsneau and Dr. Kevin Slocum both teach Political Science in the Department of Government, and Dr. Fred Slocum also serves as director of the Political Science program.

The campus event was organized by Library Services with participation from Campus Election Engagement Project; Community Engagement; Maverick Involvement Team; Maverick Speech and Debate; MSU College Democrats; MSU College Republicans; St. Peter League of Women Voters; Student Government; and the Student Events Team.



Anatomy models continue to be available for student use. Models can be found on the lower level of Memorial Library. Students can take these items for study to any table located in the Educational Resource Center.



In this READ poster, Minnesota State Mankato author, Mai Xee Vang, shows off her recently published book, *A New Journey: Hmong College Student Experiences*. The book features a collection of 24 stories written by Hmong undergraduate, graduate, and doctoral students reflecting the joys, challenges, struggles, and sacrifices of being Hmong students in the college educational system.

TEACHING & LEARNING COMMONS: A TEACHING MATERIALS RESPOSITORY

The Teaching and Learning Commons is an online collection of teaching materials created by faculty and staff at Minnesota State University, Mankato for educators to share and reuse to support teaching and spark new ideas. This growing repository includes assignments, curricular planning documents, teaching best practices and more. Search the collections or browse by pedagogical focus categories:

- [Advising](#)
- [Assessment](#)
- [Curriculum Planning](#)
- [Culturally Responsive Teaching](#)
- [Digital and Information Literacy](#)
- [Experiential Learning](#)
- [Labs](#)
- [Open Educational Resources](#)
- [Professional Development](#)
- [Research Methods](#)
- [Service Learning](#)
- [Teaching Tool and Technique](#)
- [Writing Across the Curriculum](#)

The Teaching and Learning Commons is supported by [CETL](#) and [Library Services](#) at Minnesota State Mankato. Faculty and staff across the University have added material to the Commons, including contributions by [Instructional Design Services](#).

Consider contributing your own teaching materials to the Teaching and Learning Commons to grow our resources and share great ideas! Contact Heidi Southworth, at heidi.southworth@mnsu.edu, to learn more.

MINNESOTA STATE MANKATO BUILDING AND MONUMENTS REPORT

In the wake of the death of George Floyd, protesters across the world called for the removal, relocation, or replacement of public monuments and statues, representing constant reminders of state-sponsored symbols of institutional racism. Local governments and protesters acted by removing or replacing these symbols in response to the public outcry. Colleges and universities across the United States have set out to rename buildings and remove monuments that fail to reflect the mission and values of their institutions. These changes are usually a response to building names and monuments that diverge from ideas of diversity and inclusion.

Over the summer President Richard Davenport and Interim Provost Matthew Cecil charged a university committee, led by University Archivist Daardi Mixon, to conduct a review of building names and landmarks at Minnesota State University, Mankato. The committee proposed to assess and evaluate building names and monuments in accordance with Minnesota State University, Mankato's ideas and values of diversity and inclusion. These include understanding, accepting, and valuing differences between individuals including those of difference races, ethnicities, sexual orientations, genders, ages, and religions, and challenging prejudicial and discriminatory behaviors and policies as well. The report to the University President and Interim Provost is expected to be submitted by the end of Fall Semester 2020.

TEXTBOOK AFFORDABILITY UPDATE: OER LEARNING CIRCLE

Join us this spring for an Open Educational Resources (OER) Learning Circle. In this professional development opportunity, faculty will learn about the topics of textbook affordability and using OER to help reduce or eliminate textbook costs for students. Participants will have the option to develop their own OER materials, adopt an OER textbook for their course, or develop a an OER research project. In addition to virtual weekly meetings, OER



Learning Circles will utilize a D2L Brightspace course to support faculty and will take place over a ten-week period starting on January 29th, 2021. Learning circle staff are available to assist you in your project. The learning circle will meet on Fridays on Zoom between 1:00 and 2:00 PM. The equivalent of \$1000 in duty days is available to participating faculty. The OER Learning Circle is sponsored by CETL, IT Solutions, and Library Services.

Please complete the program [application](#) below by January 8th and you will be contacted by one of the program staff.

If you have questions about this program, please contact Josh Berkenpas at josh.berkenpas@mnsu.edu or 507-389-1971.

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