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Message from the Department Chair

Greetings!

We're nearing the end of another busy semester here in Library Services. We've met with thousands of students [in classes](#) and through [research appointments](#). We've worked with faculty across campus to investigate and implement new resources to support the curriculum—check out our [Databases A-Z list](#) to see the new databases we've acquired or are trialing! Over the past year, we've moved the Kiyō Suyematsu Music Library from the Performing Arts building into Memorial Library and enjoy seeing students explore the refreshed space. This was a huge undertaking and not possible without support across the university community.

Over the past two-and-a-half years, Library Services has developed and implemented a strategic plan focused on student success, workplace culture, and assessment. In each strategic plan area, our department continues to explore ways to better support the academic success of Minnesota State University students, while developing our capacity to do so through professional development and assessment. We are working within our new unit, Library & Learning, to create a cohesive set of services and resources to support student achievement. If you haven't already had the opportunity, please read the 2021-22 Library & Learning Annual Review for some of the highlights of our achievements last year.

As we prepare for the Spring 2023 scholarship award season, I would like to take a moment to once again celebrate our Library Services Scholarship Recipients from Spring 2022.

- Alison Crandell received our ENG 101 Library Research Scholarship for her ENG 101 project's exemplary use of library services and resources.
- Jaxon Karline received our Equity and Inclusion Library Research Scholarship, which celebrates excellent use of library services and resources by students from underrepresented students.
- Jasmyn Fisher received Library Services' Dorothy Van Norman Scholarship for her excellent service as a Library Services student employee.
- Madeline Duffield, Carter Logan, Alesha Sorenson, and Tyler Studer received Library Services Student Worker scholarships to acknowledge their service to our department.

If you know any of these students, please take a moment to congratulate them.

As is the case across the university community, Library Services faculty and staff feel busier than ever. May the upcoming semester break offer you opportunities for relaxation, reflection, and restoration.

Sincerely,

Jenny Turner

Professor & Department Chair, Library Services

Behind the Scenes of Course Reserves

Minnesota State University,
Mankato Circulation Technician
Steve Johnson shares insights
into his work behind the scenes in
Memorial Library

**Steve
Johnson**

Circulation Technician



Memorial Library has grown and changed significantly in the last 20-plus years, and Circulation Technician Steve Johnson has grown alongside it.

After graduating from MNSU Mankato in 1997, Johnson eventually returned to Memorial Library, where he now supervises student workers, oversees collections maintenance, and works on the the Library’s Course Reserves program. Reserves include books, e-books, and media from Library collections, faculty-owned resources, and MavTextbooks to support current courses.

“It used to be just Library-owned and faculty-owned course materials” Johnson said about titles on reserve in the textbook collection. The Maverick Textbook Reserve Program is a lending initiative championed by Student Government and fulfilled by the Library. Today, Student Government, Library Services, and Barnes and Noble cooperatively administer the program. Course Reserves and MavTextbooks are part of the University’s ongoing initiatives to promote textbook affordability.

“Back in the day, it was a lot slower in the Library,” said Johnson of when he was a student at Mankato. Memorial Library at the time was primarily focused around study spaces, with few computers available in the building. “But once the computer ball got rolling, usage picked up a ton.”

MavText transformed along with the Library in this period—more courses than ever are part of the program, and many materials are available as e-books.

Though much of Johnson's work occurs behind-the-scenes, it is of critical importance to students, staff, and faculty. Weeks before a given semester begins, Johnson receives a list of books requested for MavText from Barnes and Noble; he retrieves the materials

questions, check with a Reference Librarian or staffperson. "Because there's a ton of stuff we have here that students and faculty don't know about and could be extremely helpful."

The people in Memorial Library also happen to be Johnson's favorite aspect of his job. "The people I work with are fantastic," he added. "The aim is to help students and patrons and we do a darn good job of it."

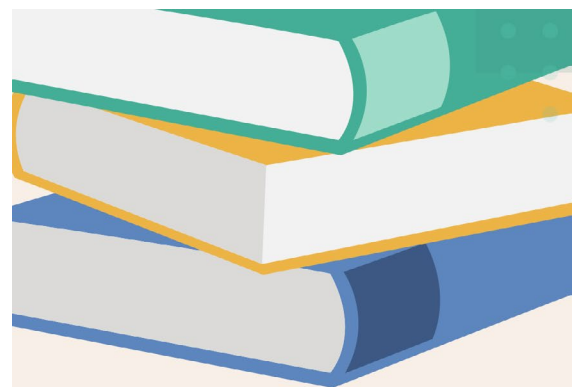
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from library shelves, and works with library colleagues to order items not already in the collection. These books then receive special processing and labeling before they are made available for checkout. Johnson maintains an online database where patrons can see which subjects, courses, or instructors have materials available through course reserves.

This work must be completed in a short time-frame in order for textbooks to be available to students. Requests for new textbooks should be directed by faculty to the Campus Bookstore manager "as early as possible," Johnson said.

"It's been a good collaboration [with the Bookstore]", Johnson continued. "They've been very helpful in choosing books and keeping track of items."

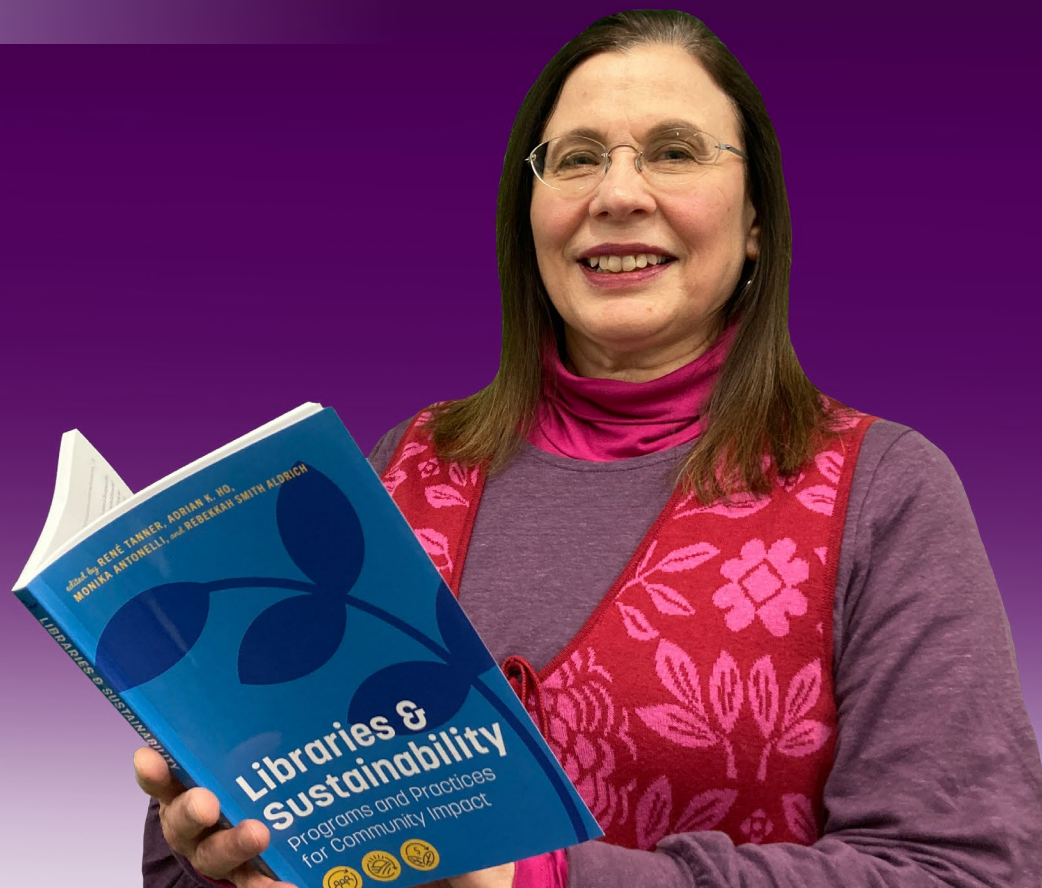
Beyond course reserves, Johnson emphasized that the most overlooked resource in the Library is its people. Said Johnson, "If you have



Browse new books

New books are constantly being added to the Library collection. Find these titles on the First Floor New Books or Best Sellers shelves, or browse online for a live feed of titles ranging from academic text to popular fiction, all brand new to Memorial Library.

[Click here](#)



American Library Association Bookclub Features Monika Antonelli

Minnesota State Mankato professor and Outreach Librarian Monika Antonelli recently co-hosted an American Library Association (ALA) book club event on the final chapter of the book *Libraries & Sustainability: Programs and Practices for Community Impact*. ALA is a 55,000+ member professional library association. Antonelli, along with the other book editors, René Tanner, Adrian K. Ho, and Rebekkah Smith Aldrich, co-wrote the chapter “Libraries in the Donut

Economy,” which focused on tenets of sustainability for libraries, and how equity, community, and disaster preparedness are crucial to creating a new economic vision for the planet. All participants who registered for the event received a free copy of the book.

Antonelli and her co-hosts presented on their research—particularly on sustainable economic theory by economist Kate Raworth—and fielded questions on how libraries

can become leaders in sustainability in their community. Finally, the hosts moderated a group activity where over 170 librarians and library staff collaborated to envision sustainable Earth Day library programming. Two additional ALA programs featuring book chapter discussions from her book *Libraries & Sustainability* will be held in December 2022.

Libraries and Sustainability is available now through [ALAEditions](https://www.ala.org/ALAEditions).



Relocated Kiyo Suyematsu Music Library

Memorial Library faculty and staff celebrated the completion of the relocating of the Kiyo Suyematsu Music Library this November, and a change in collections brings about new opportunities for space usage; patrons can now find new open and enclosed spaces to study on the 1st Floor by the Music Library, complete with whiteboards and new furniture.



Minnesota Heritage Response Training

It's good to be prepared! This September, University Archivist and Special Collections Librarian Daardi Mixon and Archives Technician Adam Smith participated in the 2022 MN Heritage Response Training. There, they heard from experts on salvage techniques and participated in tabletop exercises simulating disaster scenarios. The Minnesota Alliance for Heritage Response is a “statewide network of museums, archives, libraries, performing arts organizations, historic preservation groups, and emergency responders dedicated to preparing for and responding to disasters affecting collections and historic properties” with a goal of “sharing resources and creating an environment of cooperation and preparedness in order to reduce the impact of emergency situations on Minnesota collections and historic properties.”

Obituary and Scrapbook Index

University Archives and the Southern Minnesota Historical Center have been working hard with IT Solutions on an exciting new initiative.

Thanks to IT Solutions' technical work behind the scenes and Archives student workers' labor entering obituary information, the [Mankato Free Press Obituary Index](#) and [Minnesota Historical Society Scrapbook Index](#) have been migrated from their old pages to a brand new database available for patrons to use.



The updated interface will allow for easier access to research such as genealogy and family history and transform this important community resource into a more engaging and educational tool.

Library Services Highlights

There's more to the Library! Discover our events, collections, and spaces in these highlights.

Maverick Pop-Up Library

This November, Library Services found a new way to reach patrons in its first ever Maverick Pop-Up Library. Faculty and Graduate Assistants brought books popular on Tiktok to the University Dining Center where students, faculty, and

staff could browse and borrow titles just like in Memorial Library itself. This program was designed to break down barriers between patrons and Library staff, promote the Library's diverse collection, and form partnerships around campus. Keep a look-out for future Pop-Up Libraries!

Study Room Booking Available Online

Memorial Library faculty and staff responded to the Student Government request for more agency in booking in-demand study rooms by designing a brand-new self-booking virtual tool. Study rooms in the Library can now be booked online in addition to in-person at the Circulation Desk; navigate to the tool on the Library website homepage or click [here](#), reserve a date and time, and book your room. Please call 507-389-5931 for questions on this service.

University Archives Book Sale

University Archives is offering several books and DVDs for sale. If you're looking for ways to deepen your connection to Minnesota State University, Mankato or to gain a better understanding of the University's history – or if you have a Maverick on your gift list – consider a title available from the Archives Store!

To place an order, visit the [Archives order page](#). For questions, please call 507-389-1029 or email archives@mnsu.edu.



Inauguration Exhibit

Just in time for President Inch's inauguration, University Archives Graduate Assistant Kayla Brinkman created an exhibit titled "Celebrating the Presidents: Minnesota State University, Mankato" as part of her Exhibits Internship. The exhibit profiles the past inaugurations at the University, along with some inaugural traditions.

Brinkman noted that the "The research that went into this project was fascinating; if there were no limitations to this exhibit, I would have eagerly shared even more about our inaugural history. I appreciated the opportunity to produce something representative of an important University ceremony while also improving my own skill set. If this display sparks curiosity in anyone, I would urge them to stop by the University Archives



to see what else they might learn."

"Celebrating the Presidents" can be found at the Marilyn J. Lass Center for Minnesota Studies all hours that Memorial Library is open.

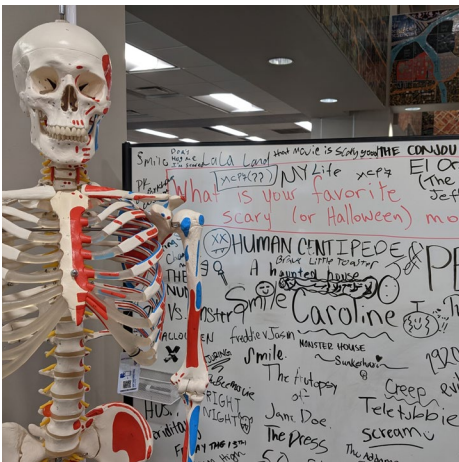
A Return to Homecoming

Library Services returned to the Homecoming Parade in August to march in the Bookcart Drill Team. Pictured on the cover, Faculty, staff, graduate assistants, and student workers brought the power of information and fun to parade-goers.

Keep up to date by following us on social media!



Pictured from social media: students participate in Pick-a-Duck Welcome Week 2022 activity outside Memorial Library. The Library Shovel on the first snow of the winter. New books added to the collection for Asian American Pacific Islander Month. ERC Anatomy Room skeleton in front of student Halloween movie whiteboard questionnaire. Archives student worker rehouses donated photos from the Department of Theatre and Dance.



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