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Statewide Collaboration Presented at Library Conference

Minnesota State Mankato Digital Initiatives Librarian, Heidi Southworth presented a program with three other researchers at the October 2023 Minnesota Library Association conference in St. Paul. The conference presentation focused on a pilot project utilizing Wikimedia Commons and materials from the Minnesota Digital Library. Southworth was joined by Theresa Berger, Head of Digital Library Services at the University of Minnesota Library; Bri Krumwiede, Archives Assistant, Blue Earth County Historical Society; Greta Bahnemann, Metadata Coordinator, Minitex; and Sara Ring, Continuing Education Librarian, Minitex.

The presentation concentrated on a cooperative investigation the researchers had conducted on how to add images from the Minnesota Digital Library to Wikimedia Commons, how to link those images to Wikipedia, and also how to add link data to images in Wikimedia Commons. The four investigators wanted to not only explore new ways to showcase and share locally digitized materials, but also wanted to see if traffic and statistics for the digital collections increased

during the pilot. (Slides of the presentation are available in Cornerstone)

During the pilot project, the group used a template they had created containing guidelines for adding media to Wikimedia Commons. They tested the template by loading twenty-five images from targeted digital collections. They then created a data template which was used during the pilot for adding linked data to the Wikimedia Commons items.

The results from the pilot project showed that images linked to Wikipedia pages tended to have more views depending on the popularity of the article and were easily discovered through both Google and Wikipedia. Heidi Southworth and her research collaborators hope that more Minnesota Digital Library contributors will take on pilot projects to expand on this work and to also join the larger Digital Public Library of America's Wikimedia Commons project. Going forward, the research team has been invited to present their findings at the Minnesota Digital Library Governance Committee meeting on November 27, 2023.

Library Services Events Round Up

- **An Anime Signing Scholarship Fundraiser** was held on Friday, October 6 in Memorial Library. Librarian, Monika Antonelli, who voiced the characters Chiaotzu and Puar on the nationally syndicated animated series Dragon Ball and Dragon Ball Z, was available to sign items for fans as part of a Library Services fundraising campaign. Professor Antonelli worked with Tom Richardson from Anime Autographs Australia to set up the event. The MSU Anime Club and Pulp Comics and Games, a local Mankato business, participated in this successful fundraising effort. The initial signing event raised over \$1700 for Library Services scholarships. Additional donations continue to be received.
- **On October 18th, alum Anthony Scott** visited the Minnesota State University, Mankato campus to engage with students and faculty. Mr. Scott is a prominent Minnesota editor and author of two books, *The Scott Collection: Minnesota's Black Community in the '50s, '60s, and '70s* and *Minnesota's Black Community in the 21st Century*. In 2021 he was awarded the prestigious R. Wayne Pace

Human Resource Development Book of the Year Award. During the day Library Services hosted an invited luncheon in his honor. After the luncheon, Mr. Scott spoke to Dr. Jill Cooley's History in Black and White class. Closing out the visit, the Office of African American Affairs Director BalenciaSariah Cosby arranged a student meet and greet for Mr. Scott.

- **The 2023 legislative session in Minnesota** brought a host of new laws that impacted voting in the state. On October 24, 2023, Minnesota Secretary of State, Steve Simon, presented a free presentation and dialog program at Minnesota State Mankato in the Memorial Library. This event was sponsored by the Department of Public Affairs, MSU Student Government, and Library Services. Secretary Simon discussed the new voting law changes and how they would impact college students. He also took questions on the restoration of voting rights to individuals convicted of a felony upon completion of their incarceration, and the judicial challenges to individuals on parole having the right to vote.



Newcomers to Library Services



Name: Cami Kottke

Work Title: Administrative Assistant

Where do you work in the library? Administration Office

Hometown: Lake Crystal, MN

What is one thing students should know about Memorial Library?

“The Marilyn J. Lass Center for Minnesota Studies has really good fiction books! I just finished reading all of the books by American romance novelist and founder of Nadia Cakes, Abby Jimenez. It was cool to being able to recognize a few of the places she referenced!”

Name: Darcy Strode

Work Title: Public Access and Engagement Technician

Where do you work in the library? Circulation Office

Hometown: “I grew up on a farm in St. James, MN.”

What is one thing students should know about Memorial Library?

“I wish students knew about the many cool resources we have.”



Name: Leah Zacate

Work Title: Archives Technician

Where do you work in the library? Archives

Hometown: New Ulm, MN

What is one thing students should know about Memorial Library?

“The library has technology and equipment for checkout.”



Name: Sabina Allakulova

Work Title: Outreach Graduate Assistant

Major: Social Work

Where do you work in the library? Outreach

Hometown: “I was born in a small town called Vavozh in Udmurt Republic, Russia, but for a long time I lived in Saint Petersburg - one of the most beautiful and historical cities in my home country.”

Plans after graduation:

“I would like to continue my career as a social worker, and at the same time I really want to get a PhD in social science. Also, I believe that it is important to devote enough time to hobbies, so I am going to advance my skills as a photographer and travel around the world!”

Name: Andy Metcalf

Title: Archives Graduate Assistant

Major: Sport, Exercise and Performance Psychology

Where do you work in the library? Archives

Hometown: La Crosse, WI

Plans after graduation:

“I hope to find a job teaching/coaching mental skills to collegiate athletes.”



Name: Jean-Richard Ametepe

Work Title: Graduate Assistant

Major: Data Science

Where do you work in the library? Technical Services

Hometown: “I am from Abidjan, Côte d’Ivoire in West Africa.”

Plans after graduation:

“I am going to become a data scientist and work in the healthcare industry. I would like to work on scientific research to improve people’s lives who are dealing with blood diseases.”

Physical Collection Reduction Project – AY2023-AY2025

In February 2023, Library Services announced the Physical Collection Reduction Project through the Meet and Confer process. We are now ready to implement the reduction plan in collaboration with academic departments.

What is the Physical Collection Reduction Project?

Library Services is carefully and systematically reducing its physical collection to create additional student learning spaces and to address upcoming changes to the campus landscape (Armstrong Hall replacement). Librarians have adopted a 20/10 threshold for this project. That means we have identified materials that have not been checked out in the past 20 years (this includes not pulled off the shelf, scanned, or reshelved), as well as those that have never been circulated and have been in the collection for 10 or more years for reduction.

We will continue to acquire new print and electronic materials to maintain relevant, responsive, and accessible collections. Students, faculty, staff and the community will continue to have access to resources that

support the curriculum and research needs of the University. Our accelerated reduction plan follows appropriate professional protocols and meets Library & Learning and University goals.

How can academic programs participate?

Library Faculty will work with their [liaison departments](#) to communicate about the project. Departments will have scheduled opportunities to review and provide input on the titles identified for withdrawal. The review schedule will be posted on the project website.

Library Services will provide regular updates about the project via the project website and campus newsletters.

Questions about the project can be sent to:

Libraryproject@mnsu.libanswers.com
or Library Administration, 507-389-5952

link.mnsu.edu/libreductionproject





Are you a Minnesota State Mankato Author?

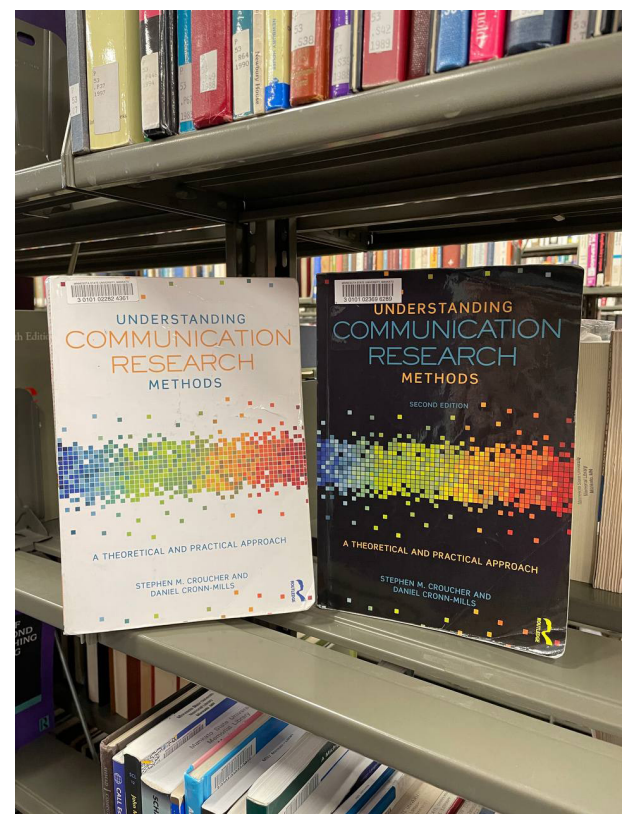
The MSU Authors Collection is a special collection within the library that highlights the intellectual heritage of the university and the contributions of Minnesota State Mankato faculty, staff, students, and alumni to contemporary scholarship. We collect books, scores, etc. that were authored, co-authored, compiled, edited/co-edited, translated, or illustrated by MSU faculty, staff, students, and alumni.

In addition to adding materials to this collection, we also honor faculty and staff publications at the MSU Authors Reception. The next reception will be on April 2, 2024. If

you have published (authored and/or edited) books, scores, etc. since March 2022 we would like to hear from you. Please contact the University Archives so we can add you to our list of honorees. (507) 389-1029 or archives@mnsu.edu

Bibliographic information regarding other types of works (articles, scholarly papers, book chapters, etc.) may be submitted to the University Archives. This information 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](#).





Connect to Articles Quicker with LibKey

LibKey Nomad is a browser extension that helps connect users to library-provided journal articles and eBooks found on non-library websites, including Wikipedia, Google Scholar, and even Amazon.com.

Once you have installed the browser extension and associated it with Minnesota State University, Mankato, you will see the Libkey Nomad icon button when you encounter eBooks and articles available through the library. This icon provides one-click access to these materials. The extension is available for Chrome, Edge, Firefox, Brave, Vivaldi, and Safari browsers.

To get started, download the extension via your preferred browser’s extension service or from the [Third Iron website](#). For more information about LibKey and other Third Iron products visit the Third Iron Products [Library Guide](#).

New Online Resources

This fall Library Services added access to several notable databases in response to faculty requests and in support of teaching and learning on campus. The recent additions include:

- New access to Oxford Bibliographies Online in the subject areas of [Chinese Studies](#) and [Cinema and Media Studies](#). The Oxford Bibliographies contain peer-reviewed, annotated bibliographies and short encyclopedia entries selected by an Oxford editorial team.
- Upgraded access to [CINAHL Ultimate](#). The Cumulative Index to Nursing and Allied Health Literature provides full-text access to nursing and allied health journals, as well as citations and abstracts to articles, across a broad range of specializations. The “Ultimate” version incorporates additional content beyond what had previously been available through CINAHL’s base subscription.
- New access to [VisualDX](#), an image library and information resource focused on clinical decision-making, used in medical education and training.

For more database options visit the [alphabetical list](#) of the 246 online resources currently available at Minnesota State University, Mankato.



Research Appointments Available

Engaging in research may be intimidating to anyone, including students. The library and its physical and digital resources can be difficult to navigate, analyze, and use regardless of how technically savvy they may be. Faculty librarians are experts in conducting research and knowing their collections, and they love to help researchers. Librarians know how to ask helpful questions to get at what a researcher wants to know more about, which research tools to use, how to uncover useful sources, all while teaching students how to do this at the same time!

Last year librarians at Minnesota State University, Mankato met with over 400 students in scheduled research appointments. This does not include the

over 6000 thousand individuals who dropped by and worked with librarians at the reference desk or who worked with librarians during classroom sessions.

Anyone (student, staff, faculty, and community members) can schedule a research appointment with a librarian. Appointments are available for individuals or groups. To set up an appointment visit the [Appointment With a Librarian](#) scheduler and select from a variety of meeting options. Faculty are encouraged to link to the appointment scheduler on their D2L course pages. Faculty can also arrange to link in D2L to a specific subject librarian.

Library Liaisons Are Here to Help

Did you know Librarian Liaisons have been assigned to your department or college and are committed to working with you and your students? Library Liaisons are available to assist with research interest and curriculum support through collection development purchases,

assisting students and faculty with locating needed research materials, teaching library and information navigation skills, and support information literacy development. You can discover who your assigned Library Liaison is by visiting the [Subject Librarian webpage](#).

Start Your Free New York Times Subscription Today

Looking for ways to bring current events into your classroom? Expand your curriculum with content from the New York Times. Library Services at Minnesota State University, Mankato now provides online access through the New York Times website and app. And as a member of the Minnesota State Mankato campus, you and your students can explore this respected news source at no cost.

[Activate your account](#) through the library's website. Be sure to use a mnsu.edu email account when creating your account.

The campus subscription includes many special features, including education tools, newsletters, podcasts, and more. (Campus subscription does not include: The Athletic, Cooking, or Games.)

For questions or more information about this resource contact Pat Lienemann, eAccess and Discovery Librarian at pat.lienemann@mnsu.edu.

Textbook Affordability

Did you know that Librarians and Instructional Designers can help you lower course materials costs through Library Materials, Open Educational Resources (OER), or low/no-cost instructional materials?

Whether it is through including textbooks in the [Library Course Reserves](#) program, creating your own open educational resources, or working with librarians to identify a custom selection of course readings or eBooks, we can help. You can also let your students know about the [Maverick Textbook Reserve Program](#). To learn more about how Library Services and IT Solutions can support your curriculum with Library and Open Resources, visit our [Course Materials Support webpage](#) or contact us through this [form](#).





Author Aruni Kashyap discusses plot structure with MSU students in Memorial Library at the October 26 Good Thunder Reading Series morning workshop.



Librarians Daardi Mixon and Lisa Baures cheerfully help out with the donations table at the Library's October 6 Anime Signing Scholarship Fundraiser.



On October 24, Secretary of State, Steve Simon, spoke in Memorial Library on the new Minnesota voter laws.



As a study break activity, students had the opportunity to create colorful handmade holiday cards in the Library the week of November 27.



MSU Alum Anthony Scott presents his books to Dean Chris Corley.

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