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## MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

**National Library Week, April 15-21:** This year's theme encourages people across the country to Come Together @ your library. With extended hours that began after Spring Break, anyone who wants to come to Memorial Library now has two additional hours to visit from Sunday through Thursday. First floor is open until 2 a.m. for people to study, work on group projects, or do research. If someone needs materials from other floors, library workers will retrieve the items.

**Looking at Jazz series, April 16 and 23:** It's not too late to attend presentations in this viewing and discussion series held Mondays from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. in the E. J. Halling Recital Hall of the Performing Arts Center. Sessions are moderated by Dr. Gerard Aloisio of the Music Department. The series is free and open to everyone in the Mankato area. The **April 16** session will consider “**Jazz Innovators: from Bebop, to Hard Bop, to Cool, and More**” while the **April 23** presentation will feature “**Latin Jazz and Jazz as an**

**International Music.**” For more information: contact Barb Bergman, Media Services Librarian, at (507) 389-5945; [barbara.bergman@mnsu.edu](mailto:barbara.bergman@mnsu.edu) or visit the Library home page and follow the *Looking At: Jazz* link.

**Library materials due May 2:** Books checked out by faculty and staff members this academic year will be due May 2. Now's the time to start searching your shelves and desk for the materials you've checked out since August. Can't remember all those titles? It's a good idea to check your borrowing record online to verify what materials the system indicates you have checked out. If you haven't renewed books previously and you want to keep them during summer session, you can take care of that process online, in person, or by e-mail, paper mail or fax. Complete instructions for finding your borrowing record and renewing your materials are available from the Library's home page at [lib.mnsu.edu](http://lib.mnsu.edu) Just click the **Renew a Book** link in the center of the page to get started.

## New and Noteworthy Databases

Among the electronic resources added to the Memorial Library in recent months are three worth investigating in detail. If you have not had a chance to use these databases, be sure to check them out. They offer useful and important information not found in other online resources.

### ProQuest Dissertations and Theses

With 2.3 million titles in its collection ProQuest Dissertations and Theses database is one of the most comprehensive compilations of dissertations and theses in the world. An impressive 60,000 citations are added to the database annually, and researchers have access to dissertation citations back to 1861. Many items allow users free access to the full text online in PDF format as well as 24-page previews.

### Reference Universe

Reference Universe is a unique resource that gives students and faculty a simple way to locate print and electronic reference works that have relevant information on their topic. Reference Universe covers resources in all disciplines, and the database identifies which titles are held by Memorial Library. By searching indexes and article titles, in printed and electronic reference books, the database helps users locate information from varied and unexpected resources. For example, searching “Steinbeck John” as an index term identifies entries in *Encyclopedia of the Great Depression* and *Men and Masculinities: A Social, Cultural, and Historical Encyclopedia* as well as the more predictable *Encyclopedia of the Novel*.

## Testing & Education Reference Center

The Testing & Education Reference Center offers the MSU campus one stop shopping for information about colleges, graduate programs, careers, scholarships, and entrance exams. For easy access, the resource is divided into four components: College Search, Graduate Search, Specialty & Career Program Search and Test Preparation. For users pursuing careers this extensive resource provides information on how to prepare for civil service, military entrance, and citizenship exams, as

well as licensing tests for law enforcement, real estate and the postal service. International students may be interested in the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), as well as the U.S. Citizenship test. If you want to get a head start on admission exams, be sure to check out the electronic books on how to prepare for tests. This resource offers help preparing for college and graduate school admission exams including the SAT, LSAT, GMAT and the GRE.

## \* Informative Government Documents from 2006\*

As a depository for federal government documents, Memorial Library receives information on a wide variety of topics from many disciplines. The following are a few of the notable titles that arrived in 2006. Government documents are located on the first floor of the library and can be checked out for the same circulation period as books. Most are also available online with links from the record in the online catalog to the electronic version.

- Y 1.3: ST 7 **200 Notable Days; Senate Stories, 1787-2002.**  
One-page anecdotes trace highs and lows of Senate history. Includes many vintage illustrations, some in full color. (paper only)
- Y 3.P 31: 2 IR 1/3 **The Iraq Study Group Report.**  
Offers alternatives for U.S. policy, both “the external approach: building an international consensus [and] the internal approach: helping Iraqis help themselves.”
- D 114.19: R 64/2/2005 **The Role of Federal Military Forces in Domestic Disorders, 1945-1992.**  
Explains laws governing domestic use of troops and documents specific interventions such as Little Rock in 1957 and Chicago in 1968. Earlier volumes cover 1789-1878 and 1877-1945. (paper only)
- HS 1.2: K 15 **A Performance Review of FEMA’s Disaster Management Activities in Response to Hurricane Katrina.**  
Narrative overview plus statistics and charts.
- Y 1.1/8: H.RPT.109-615 **Al-Qaeda; the Many Faces of an Islamist Extremist Threat:** Report of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence. Includes quotations from Al-Qaeda leaders, photos of terrorist attacks, and maps of possible locations of terrorist cells.
- Y 1.1/2: S.DOC. 109-2 **United States Senate Catalogue of Graphic Art.**  
Oversize volume documents the Senate’s graphic art collection of items from 1830 to the early 20<sup>th</sup> century. Includes views of the Senate, portraits, and political cartoons.
- Y 4.C 73/8: 109-123 **Making the Internet Safe for Kids: the Role of ISP’s and Social Networking Sites.**  
Testimony from industry executives and federal officials before the House Committee on Energy and Commerce.
- ED 1.109: 2006 **The Condition of Education, 2006.**
- C 3.134:2006 **Statistical Abstract of the United States, 2006.**  
Latest editions of compendia of statistics.