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## New Instructions for Adding Article Links to Web Pages

With more and more Minnesota State Mankato professors teaching online, the need for students to access information over the Internet continues to grow. Faculty can easily connect their students to online articles using **persistent links** and a **persistent link converter**.

The instructions below, referring to the Academic Search Premier database, will work for any EBSCOhost database and many other library databases. To connect students at a distance or students who are off-campus or who may even be trying to access the article link from a residence hall, instructors will need to run the URL through the **Persistent Link converter**. The converter sets up the URL so that all off-campus students will go through the EZ Proxy server in order to access the University's subscribed databases. The username and password for the EZ Proxy server are the same username and password that a student uses for logging into MavMail and D2L.

### Step One: Capture a persistent link using Academic Search Premier:

1. Locate the article you want in the database.
2. Click on the article title to open it. The title is a link to the article's citation.
3. From the open article citation scroll down to the heading that reads: Persistent link to this record (Permalink).

<b>Accession Number:</b>	34308285
<b>Persistent link to this record (Permalink):</b>	<input type="text" value="http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?dir"/> <input type="button" value="BOOKMARK"/> <input type="button" value="Print"/> <input type="button" value="Share"/>
<b>Database:</b>	Academic Search Premier

4. Copy the persistent link URL (i.e. <https://ezproxy.mnsu.edu/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&db=aph&AN=34308285&site=ehost-live> )

### Step Two:

1. Go to the Persistent Link converter at <http://lib.mnsu.edu/distlearn/persist/linksconverter.html>
2. Paste the copied Academic Search Premier persistent link URL into the Persistent Link Converter box.
3. Click on the "Convert" button.
4. Copy the "Converted Link" and paste it onto the web page for your course.

Persistent Links Converter	
Persistent Article Links must be modified to enable off-campus access by MSU users. This resource automatically adds the necessary prefix to the Persistent Link you provide.	
Paste (or type) the article's Persistent Link	<input type="text" value="http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&amp;db=aph&amp;AN=34308285&amp;site="/> <input type="button" value="Convert"/> <input type="button" value="Reset"/>
Converted Link	<input type="text" value="https://ezproxy.mnsu.edu/login?url=http://search.ebscohost.com/login.aspx?direct=true&amp;db=aph&amp;AN=34308"/>

Electronic Resources staff members are always willing to help you figure out how to use this feature for a specific database. If you have any problems creating converted persistent links, contact **Casey Duevel, Electronic Resources / Reference Librarian**, at 507-389-5150 or [casey.duevel@mnsu.edu](mailto:casey.duevel@mnsu.edu).

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April 24th, 2009  
MSU Authors Reception  
<http://lib.mnsu.edu/archives/info/authors.html>

## History Day Researchers at the Memorial Library

During the fall and spring semesters for more than five years, Library Services has welcomed students from area high schools and middle schools for a day of research. Some of the schools that have visited the library for History Day research include Cedar Mountain Middle School, Mankato East High School, Mankato West High School, Madelia Junior and Senior High and Dakota Meadows Middle School. These research days offer area students a chance to utilize the vast resources available at Minnesota State Mankato and to get research help from Reference Librarians. The visits also allow students an opportunity to become familiar with the Minnesota State Mankato campus.

History Day is a local, statewide, and national event that engages students, grades 6 through 12, in historical research. It is also the fastest growing social studies enrichment program in Minnesota, with over 25,000 students participating statewide last year. For more information visit the History Day in Minnesota Web site: <http://www.mnhs.org/school/historyday/index.htm>

To learn more about History Day at Minnesota State Mankato, visit the Archives website <http://lib.mnsu.edu/archives/hday/intro.html> or contact **Daardi Sizemore, Department Chair of Library Services** at 507-389-5949 or [daardi.sizemore@mnsu.edu](mailto:daardi.sizemore@mnsu.edu).



## Full Spectrum Lighting Available in the Memorial Library

Is your mood affected by the lack of sunlight in the winter? Research studies have shown that people need at least two hours of light exposure each day to function normally. Some people suffer from more than just the "winter blues", but a more intense condition known as Seasonal Affective Disorder, a mood disorder that is affected by seasonal changes. Even if you do not suffer from seasonal depression, the quality and quantity of light exposure can impact your health.

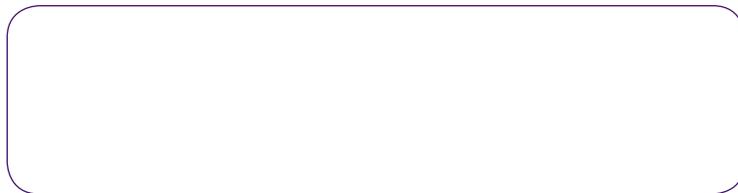


The good news is that full spectrum lights, which simulate the colors found in natural light, can help lift winter depression and improve mood. Having a natural lighting source is important in a setting where artificial lighting and long hours at a computer can compromise a person's health.

This year, full spectrum lights were installed on the second floor of the Memorial Library, past the Lass Center for Minnesota Studies. The Library is open more than 90 hours a week, so students, staff and faculty should be able to find time in their schedules to use these new lights. For more information, contact **Lori Marti, Student Health Services** at 507-389-5689 or [lori.marti@mnsu.edu](mailto:lori.marti@mnsu.edu).



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