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Library Budget Reductions

Like all other academic areas on campus, the Library has been planning for a 10% budget reduction for next fiscal year. To meet that target, librarians are reviewing current subscriptions to print and electronic resources to determine which ones will not be renewed. Our goal is to maintain as much access as possible to information we currently have, perhaps in a different format. So far we have reduced the number of library science publications and subscriptions to print reference sources and discontinued some collection management tools. We have also identified subscriptions to print or microform journals which are available online in one or more databases. The duplicate subscriptions will not be renewed.

Unfortunately, these measures alone will not be adequate to meet our budget reduction target. Consequently we are now analyzing use statistics and prices of journals, electronic resources, and databases to determine what subscriptions we can no longer afford. We are considering factors such as duplication among resources, interdisciplinary and subject-specific content, cost per use, the number of users who

can access a database simultaneously, and availability of document delivery.

What is making our task more difficult is the recent announcement that next year's university budget may not include the usual 8% increase that has allowed the Library materials budget to absorb the normal inflationary rise in the price of journals, databases, and books. That loss will reduce our purchasing power and require cuts above 10% to absorb projected increases

We are working with a short timeline because we must decide about reductions by the end of May in order to notify vendors and initiate cancellations before the next fiscal year begins. If departments or programs have specific journals or databases that the Library absolutely cannot cancel because of accreditation standards, please send a copy of the accrediting body's required list of resources to the Library no later than April 24. That information and questions, comments, and concerns can be sent to the librarian who works with your department or to **Kathy Piehl, Collection Development Librarian**, at kathy.piehl@mnsu.edu or 6777.



Spring Book Sale

On Saturday, May 2, during the Minnesota State Mankato Regional Science & Engineering Fair for elementary students, Library Services will be hosting a book sale featuring gently used children's books. Books will be sold for \$1 each, including picture books, easy fiction and non-fiction books, as well as young adult titles. The book sale will take place in the Myers Field House MF 129 from 8:00 A.M. to 3:00 P.M.



It's Never Too Early To Submit Course Reserves!

As you anticipate winding down for summer or perhaps an extended absence from the campus, do not forget to prepare course material for fall reserve at the Library. The Library's online reserve form is easily accessible from the Library's home page:

Go to <http://lib.mnsu.edu>

Select "Course Reserves."

Select "FOR PROFESSORS: Reserve Request Form Online."

After completing the online form, faculty have three submission options. The form can be sent to the Library electronically, printed and sent through intra-campus mail or printed and delivered to the Library along with the material to be placed on reserve.

Quick links

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Library Reserve Procedures

- **Electronic reserve for journal articles or book chapters:** Provide a pdf of the material or a photocopy to be scanned.
- **Hard-copy reserve for library-owned books, videos, and DVDs:** Record the call number on the Online Reserve Request form. Library staff will pull the material from the Library shelves and process it for the Reserve shelf.
- **Hard-copy reserve for a personal copy of a book, video or DVD:** Deliver the material to the Library or send it through campus mail. Be aware that the Library will place clear tape on all hard-copy reserves.

Because of the large number of requests received at the beginning of each semester it is best to plan ahead for reserve submissions. **Please submit your requests five working days prior to the date needed.**

Questions or comments about placing Reserves? If so, contact Circulation Technician **Steve Johnson** at **507-389-5065** or steven.johnson-2@mnsu.edu. Steve, also known as the "night guy" in the Library, can be reached from 1:30 P.M. until midnight, Sunday – Wednesday during fall and spring semesters.

Memorial Library Summer and Interim Hours

Memorial Library Interim Hours

Monday, May 12 – Sunday, May 17, 2009

May 12 - 15 7:15 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

May 16 - 17 (Saturday-Sunday) Closed

Memorial Library Summer Sessions Hours

Monday, May 18 – Friday, July 24, 2009

Monday - Thursday 7:15 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

Friday 7:15 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Saturday 10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.

Sunday 1:00 P.M. – 9:00 P.M.

Exceptions:

Closed (Memorial Day Weekend) Saturday, May 23 – Monday, May 25

Closed (July 4th Weekend) Friday, July 3 - Sunday, July 5

Memorial Library Interim Hours

Saturday, July 25 – Sunday, August 16, 2009

Monday - Friday 7:15 A.M. – 4:30 P.M.

Saturday -Sunday Closed

Music Library Summer and Interim Hours

Music Library Summer Hours

Monday, May 18 – Friday July 24

Monday - Friday 9:00 A.M. – 2:00 P.M.

Saturday - Sunday Closed

Exceptions:

Closed (Memorial Day Weekend) Monday, May 25

Closed (July 4th Weekend) Friday, July 3

Music Library Interim Hours

Tuesday, May 12 – Sunday, May 17 Closed

Saturday, July 25 – Sunday, August 9 Closed

Monday, August 10 – Friday, August 14 10:00 A.M. – 1:00 P.M.

Saturday, August 15 – Sunday, August 16 Closed

Summer Session Saturdays

**Library Hours:
10:00 A.M. – 5:00 P.M.**

In support of students and faculty who are on campus during summer weekends, the Library will again provide daytime Saturday hours from May 30th to July 18th, 2009, except for July 4th. The data we collect on usage patterns will help us determine library hours for next year's summer sessions. Sunday hours during the summer will continue unchanged from 1:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. For more information check the detailed schedules listed on the "Library Hours" Web page at <http://lib.mnsu.edu/about/hours.html>.



National Library Week 2009 Activities

- **Tuesday, April 14, 7:00 P.M.**
Author Talk at Bethany Lutheran College, Meyer Hall, Room 101
Julie Kramer, award-nominated mystery author of *Stalking Susan*, will be speaking about her writing and signing books. There is a \$5 per person admission charge, and tickets will be sold at the door. Sponsored by the Southern Minnesota Interlibrary Exchange.

- **Thursday, April 16, 2:00 P.M.**
Department of Music Student Recital in Halling Recital Hall followed by an Open House from 3:00 to 3:30 in the Kiyo Suyematsu Music Library, PA203.
The campus and public is cordially invited to attend.

- **Thursday, April 16, 5:00 – 9:00 P.M.**
Memorial Library Casual Computing Lab, ML 47
Fun & Games in the Library: Board games, card games, and Nintendo Wii in the Library. Stop by for a few minutes or stay all evening. Play a variety of games or a whole lot of your favorite ones.

- **Saturday, April 18, from 10:30 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.**
Chemists in the Library!, Memorial Library ERC.
The campus program Jumpstart and the student Chemistry Club will host a combined event demonstrating to kids that science can be fun. This free program is intended for elementary school students. Space is limited to 75 children. Please



RSVP by April 15 by calling 507-389-2141 or e-mail danae.quirk-dorr@mnsu.edu.

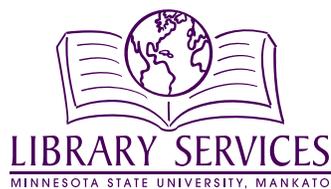
- **Sunday, April 19, 11:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.**
Library Services Table at the International Festival
Visit the Minnesota State Mankato Library Services table at International Festival at Mankato East High School. Sponsored by Minnesota State Mankato International Center, Minnesota State Mankato International Student Association, Mankato Area Schools/Colleges, and Mankato Area International Community. Free admission.
- **Monday, April 20**
Countdown to 2010 Lincoln exhibit arrival!

The Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History exhibit "Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, A Man for All Time" will be at this Library April 19, 2010, through May 20, 2010.

- **Friday, April 24, 10:00 A.M. to 12:00 P.M.**
Minnesota State Mankato Faculty Authors' Reception in the Lass Center for Minnesota Studies.
We will be celebrating books published from March, 2008 through March, 2009 that were written and/or edited by Minnesota State Mankato Faculty and Emeriti. Information about this collection and a list of this year's honorees can be found at <http://lib.mnsu.edu/archives/info/authors.html>.

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