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Final Phase of the Library's Print Periodical Survey

In Spring 2008, Library Services initiated a systematic review of print journal holdings available at Minnesota State Mankato. Faculty members in the College of Arts & Humanities and the College of Science, Engineering & Technology are currently being surveyed to seek input on what kind of access to journal information works best for their discipline. For example, programs with a strong online component may prefer electronic access. For journals with art reproductions, photographs or charts, paper might be a better alternative. In some instances, paying for document delivery might be a better choice than subscribing to a high-cost, specialized journal that receives little use on campus.

In the past decade the number of resources, especially online, has increased dramatically. At the same time, courses and programs offered by departments and programs have gone through significant changes. Additionally, during the recent 10% budget reduction, the Library saw an approximate \$250,000 reduction in the base budget for materials, which had an impact on journal subscriptions. Consequently, it is important for the Library to complete the journals analysis to determine their relationship to the curriculum.

The Library is grateful to the faculty members from the Colleges of Education, Business, Allied Health & Nursing and Social & Behavioral Sciences who responded to the survey in 2008 and 2009. The review project is slated to conclude this spring with the review of the journal titles that support the College of Arts & Humanities and the College of Science, Engineering & Technology. Journal subscription changes made as a result of the completed surveys and budget reductions can be viewed at the following site: <http://lib.mnsu.edu/collections/cd/serialreview/cancellationspreadsheet2009.htm>

Our goal is to make sure that we spend university funds most effectively to provide print and online resources that support Minnesota State's academic programs. Please contact your department liaison librarian or Becky Schwartzkopf, at becky.schwartzkopf@mnsu.edu or 507-389-5956, if you have questions.

MSU Authors Reception Save The Date!

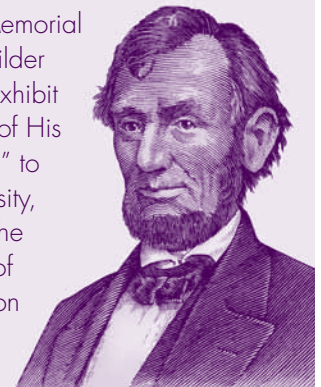
Thursday, April 1, 2010
2:00 – 4:00 P.M.

<http://lib.mnsu.edu/archives/authors/events.html>

If you have published a book, score, etc. since March 2009, please contact the University Archives at 507-389-1029 or archives@mnsu.edu. The Library would like to add your book to the Library's MSU Authors Collection. To find out more go to <http://lib.mnsu.edu/archives/authors/intro.html>.

The Lincoln Exhibit

On April 19, 2010, the Memorial Library will welcome the Gilder Lehrman Institute traveling exhibit "Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, A Man For All Times," to the Minnesota State University, Mankato campus. Watch the Library's web site for a list of upcoming events focusing on Abraham Lincoln.



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Multimedia Check Out Extended

The checkout period for DVDs, videotapes, and music CDs has been extended to one week with no renewals. This change is being made in response to the high number of requests for extensions and renewals on the former 3-day checkout. The Library hopes that the 7-day loans will be more convenient for users.

As always, the Library recommends that instructors book videos in advance to ensure availability on the day needed for showing in the classroom. An online Video Booking Request Form is now available for your convenience: <http://lib.mnsu.edu/services/faculty/>

DVDs and videos can also be reserved for in-library viewing by using the Reserve Request form found on the same page.

Spring Database Trials

During the month of February the Library will be offering several database trials. The trial databases will be listed in the Library News section on the Library's web site. The URL for the web page is http://eresources.lib.mnsu.edu/page.phtml?page_id=22. Input from faculty, staff, and student is greatly appreciated. If you would like to give us your feedback concerning databases, please fill out the survey that follows the description of the database or e-mail casey.duevel@mnsu.edu or your faculty liaison. Most of the database trials will end on March 1, 2010.

Due to vendor permissions and product availability, this list may be subject to change. If you have any questions about database trials, contact Casey Duevel, Electronic Resources Librarian, at 507-389-5150 or casey.duevel@mnsu.edu

Trials:

- American West
- Biological Abstracts
- Early American Newspapers: for Minnesota
- Energy, Environment and Technology News
- International Index to Music Periodicals
- ProQuest's Parliamentary Papers Archive
- Roper Center – Public Opinion Archives
- Sabin Americana
- Safari Books Online
- Slavery and Anti-Slavery
- 20th Century North American Drama
- Times Digital Archive
- Travel Writing, Spectacle and World History

Minnesota State Mankato Library Services Used Book Sales

The following book sales will take place in ML2057 on the second floor of the Memorial Library.

Saturday, March 20, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Friday, April 16, from 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Saturday, April 17, from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Questions? Interested in volunteering?

Please contact Leslie Peterson by e-mail at l.peterson@mnsu.edu or by phone at 507-389-2290.