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LIBRARY RESOURCES AND SERVICES AVAILABLE TO STAFF

Minnesota State University, Mankato staff members have many of the same borrowing privileges at Memorial Library as faculty and students. Just bring your MavCARD with you to the Library, because your MavCARD is your library card. Items that can be checked out include books, audio books, Best Sellers, DVDs, laptop computers, and even puppets (aka Supplemental Educational Materials). To see an extensive list of items that can be borrowed go to http://lib.mnsu.edu/services/circ/externalreport/facultystaff.html . For questions about finding books or information on a topic, contact the Reference Desk in Memorial Library at 507-389-5958 or chat with us online at http://lib.mnsu.edu/services/msu_intermediate.html. Questions about checking out any items should be directed to the Circulation Desk at the main entrance or at 507-389-5931.

While thousands of books, journals and other materials are available through Memorial Library, sometimes staff members, as well as faculty and students, may want to use resources from other libraries. You can do so by requesting items through Interlibrary Loan (ILL). All materials obtained through ILL are provided to staff, faculty and students at no charge. Memorial Library absorbs the cost when other libraries charge a lending fee or when an article requires payment for copyright permissions. For more information contact the ILL Office at msuill@mnsu.edu or by phone at 507-389-1473 or 507-389-5959.

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY MANKATO

LIBRARY SERVICES FOR ONLINE AND DISTANCE STUDENTS

As Minnesota State Mankato continues to add more online classes and programs, it is important to provide off campus students the same level of service as they would receive on campus. The Memorial Library is dedicated to making sure students at a distance have access to the materials and services they need to complete their course work successfully. Described below are a variety of resources and services available to Minnesota State University, Mankato's online students.

DISTANCE LEARNING WEB PAGE AND CHATTING WITH A LIBRARIAN

Paul Wyss, the Distance Learning Librarian, has created a web page just for students at a distance: http://lib.mnsu.edu/distlearn/index.html . Paul is also available to answer students' questions or provide assistance with Library resources. He can be reached by telephone at 507-389-2258 or by e-mail at paul.wyss@mnsu.edu. If students need immediate help, they can converse online with a librarian 24/7 through our Ask a Librarian service: http://lib.mnsu.edu/services/msu_intermediate.html .

DOCUMENT DELIVERY AND THE EXTENDED LEARNING MAVCARD

If you are teaching an online course, remember to tell your students about the Library's Document Delivery service. Students living more than 30 miles from Mankato are eligible to have books and articles sent to them. There is no charge, but students do need to sign up for the service: http://lib.mnsu.edu/services/ill/docdel.html . For more information about Document Delivery, contact the Interlibrary Loan Office at msuill@mnsu.edu or by phone at 507-389-1473 or 507-389-5959.

Students will use their 14-digit library barcode number as their user name to complete the Document Delivery service request form. The library barcode can be found on the back of a student's MavCARD, or students taking only distance courses may receive their barcode ID in their program acceptance letter. Students at a distance do not automatically receive MavCARDs but can request an Extended Learning MavCARD (which will include their library barcode) at https://www.mnsu.edu/mavcard/extlearning . The Library encourages students to request a MavCARD at least a week in advance of when they will need to use inter-library loan and Document Delivery services.
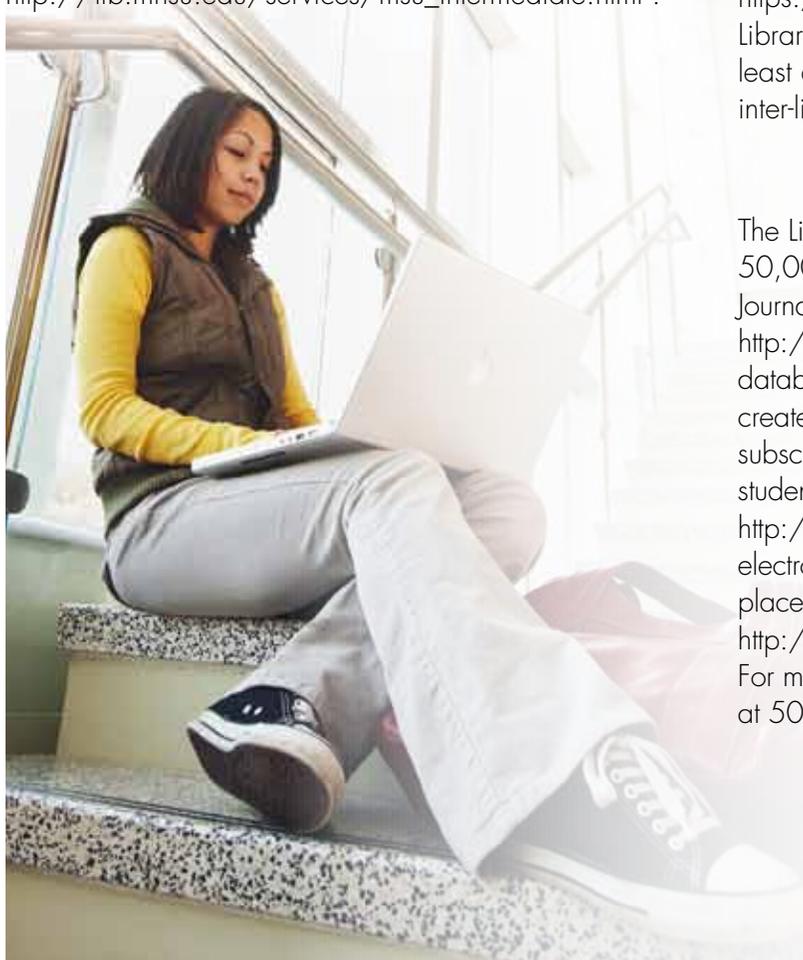
ONLINE CLASS READINGS

The Library provides electronic access to approximately 50,000 journals, magazines, and newspapers. Check the Journals List to find full-text access: http://lib.mnsu.edu/research/journals/intro.html . Many databases allow users to generate a persistent link, which creates a direct link to an article found in one of the subscription databases, making it easy for faculty to give students access to an assigned article: http://lib.mnsu.edu/distlearn/persist/persistent.html . If electronic full-text is not available, a print article can be placed on e-reserve at: http://lib.mnsu.edu/services/reservrequest/index.php . For more information contact the Circulation Office at 507-389-5759.

CHEMISTS IN THE LIBRARY

If you were in the Educational Resource Center in the Memorial Library on October 23, you would have found 30 enthusiastic children having fun conducting science experiments. The fourth annual Chemists in the Library program provided local elementary students with an opportunity to discover the joy of science with Minnesota State University, Mankato chemistry students. The event was facilitated by Dr. Danae Quirk Dorr, Dr. Mary Hadley, and Dr. Trent Vorlicek of the Chemistry & Geology Department, along with the Minnesota State Mankato American Chemical Society student club. To get a glimpse into the scientific experiments that took place and the students and faculty that made it happen, see the photographs that follow below.

MEMORIAL LIBRARY INTERIM AND HOLIDAY HOURS

During the upcoming holidays and semester break, the Library will be offering reduced hours. The Library's holiday hours can be found at http://lib.mnsu.edu/about/hours.html or by calling the Library Hours Hotline at 507- 389-6201.

DATABASE SPOTLIGHT: AGELINE

Produced by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), the Ageline database provides bibliographic coverage on the topic of social gerontology from 1978 to the present. As of July 2010 this subscription database included over 113,221 records. Ageline is updated monthly, and approximately 6,000 new records are added each year. Examples of subject coverage include the following: demographics of an aging population; economics, financial planning, and pensions; employment of older workers, health care services and costs; psychology of aging, Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid; theories of aging. Access the Ageline database through the Minnesota State Mankato Library web page at http://lib.mnsu.edu . If you have any problems using this resource, contact the Reference Desk in Memorial Library at 507-389-5958 or visit the Ask A Librarian web page http://lib.mnsu.edu/services/msu_intermediate.html .