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INTRODUCING MAVSCHOLAR

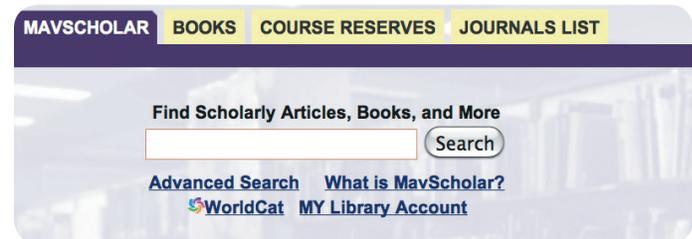
MavScholar is a new web-scale tool that provides users with a "Google-like" search experience. MavScholar searches an immense range of local resources physically held in the Library as well as remote-access content. Users may also opt to include non-proprietary content outside the Library's resources in the search results and make ILL requests to obtain those resources.

While experienced researchers may prefer searching subject-specific databases, MavScholar's integrated search has three special features; it 1) encourages new student researchers to explore academic literature, 2) aids researchers with cross-disciplinary topics, and 3) helps users quickly discover the availability of citations.

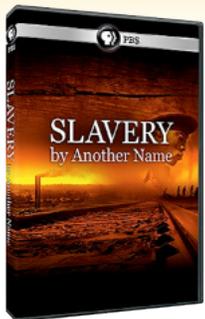
Minnesota State Mankato Librarians hope you will incorporate MavScholar as one of several tools used to gather relevant literature. While MavScholar is the default search engine on the Library's home page, access to your favorite library

databases remains unchanged via the Library's Class & Subject Guides and Article Databases A-Z List. You can also access the Library's catalog directly by clicking on the purple BOOKS tab located above the MavScholar search box.

Your feedback and questions are essential to the integration and improvement of MavScholar. Please contact Library Services with questions or comments about this new tool. For more information about MavScholar, visit the online guide at <http://libguides.mnsu.edu/mavscholar>.



UPCOMING CREATED EQUAL FILM SHOWINGS



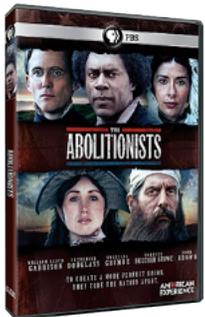
Slavery by Another Name

Date: Tuesday, February 25, 2014

Time: 4:00 P.M. to 5:45 P.M.

Location: Ostrander Auditorium, Centennial Student Union, Minnesota State Mankato

Cost: Free



The Abolitionists

Date: March 6, 2014

Time: 4:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.

Location: Ostrander Auditorium, Centennial Student Union, Minnesota State Mankato

Cost: Free

In celebration of Black History Month, the Library invites the University campus and the greater Mankato community to attend two free film programs focusing on civil rights issues in the United States. The films, *Slavery by Another Name* and *The Abolitionists*, are part of the "Created Equal: America's Civil Rights Struggle" grant that the Library received in 2013. The programs are sponsored by Library Services, Kessel Institute for Peace and Change, History Department, and Dr. Michael T. Fagin Pan African Student Leadership Conference. Each film showing will be followed by a discussion. Funding for the events is provided by the Gilder Lehrman Institute of American History and the National Endowment for the Humanities. For more information about the films, visit the Library's Created Equal Library Guide at http://libguides.mnsu.edu/created_equal. For questions about the programs, contact Daardi Sizemore, Archivist, at 507-389-5949 or daardi.sizemore@mnsu.edu.

MSU AUTHORS RECEPTION – TUESDAY, APRIL 8, 2014

The Minnesota State Mankato Library is planning our next campus event to honor Minnesota State Mankato Faculty and Staff who have written and/or edited books and other academic products from March 2012-March 2014. Books, films, and other works by the honorees are routinely included in the MSU Authors Collection housed in the University Archives.

The **MSU Faculty and Staff Authors Reception will be Tuesday, April 8, 2014 from 2:00 P.M. -3:30 P.M. in the Lass Center for Minnesota Studies on the second floor of the library.** There will be a short program beginning at 2:15 P.M. and refreshments.

For more information about the collection and a list of this year's honorees, visit the MSU Authors Collection webpage: <http://lib.mnsu.edu/archives/authors/events.html>

If you have published (authored and/or edited) books, scores, etc. since March 2012, we would like to hear from you. Please contact the University Archives, so we can add you to our list of honorees. 507-389-1029 or archives@mnsu.edu

According to a recent survey from the Office of New Student and Family Programs at Minnesota State Mankato, 89% of learning community students ranked the Library as #1 in supporting their success at Minnesota State Mankato.

ENERGY-SAVING REVOLVING DOORS

As winter continues to bring freezing temperatures, it is a good time to remind all library visitors to use the two sets of energy-saving revolving doors at the main entrance to Memorial Library. Revolving doors save energy because these doors are always open and always closed: the four wing sections of the Library's revolving doors prevent air exchange between inside and out—two of the four sections are touching the curved side panels or walls at all times.

For readers curious about revolving door etiquette, Minnesota State Mankato librarians present these carefully crafted and researched opinions on the following questions.

- Q. Is it appropriate for two strangers to share a single space between two wings in the revolving door?
- A. In the context of prevailing conventions of personal space in America, it is usually not appropriate to share a single space.
- Q. Is "ladies first" the correct course of action when a man and a woman together approach a revolving door?
- A. The stronger individual should lead the way, since the person who enters a manually powered revolving door first is responsible for the weight of the push.



Minnesota State Mankato student and Library Circulation Desk assistant, Sam Drummer, demonstrates the energy efficiency of the Library's revolving doors.



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