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LIBRARY SERVICES WELCOMES THREE NEW STAFF MEMBERS



Annalis Pitts started her new position as Late Night Library Technician for the Public Access Team on Monday, October 27. Annalis earned a BS in Music Education from Minnesota State Mankato in 2013. Annalis was a student lead worker for several years at the Music Library and at the main Circulation Desk. She is excited to be back in the Memorial Library in this new position. Annalis enjoys spending time with

her fiancé, Michael, and looks forward to a wedding in the next year. In her free time, she enjoys reading a wide range of books, especially mystery novels. She also enjoys playing her flute and is particularly fond of W.A. Mozart's compositions.



Mee Xiong will start her new position as Library Technician in Archives on Monday, November 17. Mee is a native of St Paul and has degrees from University of Wisconsin-Madison and Saint Catherine University. She has worked at the Hmong Archives, the Wisconsin Historical Society and the University of Wisconsin-Madison Library.



Jamie Dalbey started her new position as Library Technician for Preservation/Government Documents on Monday, November 3rd. Jamie was a student worker for Mary Nere in

Government Documents from 2009 to 2013. She is glad to be back! Jamie studied Psychology at Minnesota State University, Mankato and graduated in May 2013. After this, Jamie worked part time as a Direct Support Professional for the Harry Meyering Center and full time as a Costume Buyer at Fun.com in North Mankato. Halloween is now one of her favorite holidays. Jamie is an active volunteer for many non-profits in the area and serves as Vice Chair for Project GEM-an organization that provides art classes for at-risk youth. Outside of work and volunteering, Jamie enjoys biking, reading, travelling, snowboarding, going to sporting events and concerts, and spending time with friends and family.

Did you know that Minnesota State Mankato provides you with access to online lessons for learning or brushing up on different languages? Check out Mango Languages at <http://libguides.mnsu.edu/mango> Mango is a language learning program teaching practical conversation and cultural awareness for the world's most popular languages including English. Click "Quick Start" if you would like to learn anonymously, or create a profile to track your progress!

CREATED EQUAL FILM SHOWINGS

Many thanks to all who attended the Created Equal film showings, *Freedom Riders* and *The Loving Story*, this fall. Your participation resulted in stimulating discussions following presentations by Dr. Angela Jill Cooley, Minnesota State Mankato History Professor, and clips from the films.



Event attendees engage in guided discussions following *The Loving Story*.

Did you miss the events? All four Created Equal films are available through the library.

Visit http://libguides.mnsu.edu/created_equal for more information.

12,000 DOWNLOADS IN FIVE MONTHS!

Cornerstone: A Collection of Scholarly and Creative Works made its debut on June 17, 2014 with a collection of theses, dissertations and capstone projects. Since that day, Cornerstone has quickly expanded to include the Journal of Undergraduate Research and six faculty publication collections. Our newest collection, the Undergraduate Research Symposium, highlights and showcases student posters and oral presentations.

Items added to Cornerstone have been receiving attention in the form of monthly downloads. In August, a report by Library Services faculty member Justine Martin entitled *Learning from Recent British Information Literacy Models: A Report to ACRL's Information Literacy Competency Standards for Higher Education Task Force* received so many downloads that our University received the number one popular ranking in the Information Literacy Commons, beating out the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Massachusetts Boston and the University of Maine. You can view Justine's report at:



http://cornerstone.lib.mnsu.edu/lib_services_fac_pubs/1.

In October, an article entitled *Herd Immunity and the Necessity of Vaccinations: Modeling the Effects of MMR Vaccinations* by students Caitlyn Cardetti, Katie Groskreutz, and Melissa Zins in the *Journal of Undergraduate Research* was the second most popular paper in the Maternal and Child Health Commons, which (boosted by downloads of other

Minnesota State Mankato articles) made us the number one institution in that commons. This article is found in the *Journal of Undergraduate Research* at:

<http://cornerstone.lib.mnsu.edu/jur/vol10/iss1/2/>. In November, items in Cornerstone had been downloaded over 12,000 times and that number is growing each day! If you or your department is interested in contributing to Cornerstone, please contact Heidi Southworth, Digital Initiatives Librarian at 507-389-5066 or heidi.southworth@mnsu.edu. Cornerstone can be found at: <http://cornerstone.lib.mnsu.edu>

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