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1984

Following the January presidential inauguration, readers may have noticed that dystopian classics suddenly resurfaced as best sellers at Amazon.com. On Wednesday, March 29, Library Services and the Kessel Peace Institute will offer a campus book discussion of George Orwell’s 1984. The free event will be held from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. in the southeast corner of Memorial Library’s 1st Floor. Light refreshments will be provided. Numerous copies of the book are currently available for check out. For more information, contact Monika Antonelli, Outreach Librarian at monika.antonelli@mnsu.edu or 507-389-2507.

NEW REFWORKS IS COMING!

ProQuest has launched a new and improved version of its reference management tool, RefWorks. New RefWorks features an improved interface and collaboration functions. Minnesota State University, Mankato will migrate to the new version beginning in April 2017. Watch for announcements on how you can move your research from legacy RefWorks to the new version.

SELECDWORKS IS HERE!

SelectedWorks (http://cornerstone.lib.mnsu.edu/sw_gallery.html), a new product from Library Services, allows you to create your own researcher profile page that is directly connected with Cornerstone, the University’s institutional repository. With SelectedWorks, you can quickly and easily create a profile page that showcases you and your research. You can add a profile picture or image and introductory text describing your and your works to the front page. You can also upload your CV, list your positions and education, select your research interests and so much more. If you are interested in setting up your SelectedWorks profile, please contact Heidi Southworth at heidi.southworth@mnsu.edu or 507-389-5066 for details on how to get started.