LIBRARY NEWS SPRING 2023

LIBRARY LECTURE SERIES

The library will be hosting the Library Lecture Series, *Voices of Billings*, in March and April from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. in Petro Theatre. For further information check the Library’s website.

**Dates:**
- March 14th
- March 23rd
- March 28th
- April 4th

LIBRARY HOURS

- **Monday - Thursday**
  8:00 am - 10:00 pm
- **Friday**
  8:00 am - 5:00 pm
- **Saturday**
  Closed
- **Sunday**
  4:00 pm - 10:00 pm

**Holiday Closures**
- Monday, February 20
- Sunday, March 5
- Sunday, April 9

MORE HOURS
Our Electronic Resources and Assessment Librarian, Megan Thomas, left MSUB to take a new job at the Billings Public Library in early January 2023. We will miss her warmth and energy but are happy for the opportunities this change will bring her. We hope you join us in wishing her the best in her new endeavors.

EMPLOYEE NEWS

After a nearly 40-year career with the MSUB Library, Director Darlene Hert retired at the end of December 2022. She accomplished many things during her storied career and leaves behind a legacy of hard work and dedication to the Library itself and the students of MSUB. Darlene has a lot planned for her retirement and will remain just as busy as when she came to campus every day. She will still be around, and we may see her from time to time. She will be greatly missed, but we are excited for what her next chapter will bring.

Welcome back! We are excited for this new semester, and spring is always a time for renewal. The library is seeing exciting changes this semester. I am stepping into the role of Interim Library Director to take over for Darlene. My fellow colleagues are shifting some existing responsibilities around, like Victoria taking on Megan’s duties. We are beginning the search for some new team members, too. We hope to hire a Student Success Librarian and a part-time Special Collections and Archives Assistant. Here at the library, we are used to change – adaptability is the name of the game in libraries! We are all here for you and to support your classes this semester as usual. We’re sending out good vibes for a positive semester ahead!
FACULTY PUBLICATION DISPLAY

The library organized a display of faculty publications for the Board of Regents meeting that happened in September. The display included more than a hundred publications from faculty throughout the five colleges. The library will also be implementing a permanent rotating display of faculty publications later this semester. If you have any faculty works you would like to be considered for the display, email them to the Library's Administrative Associate, Nicole Bernard.

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NEW CHAT SERVICE

Beginning with Spring Semester 2023, the MSUB Library will be switching to a new chat service provider. Our new chat module, accessible on the library homepage and throughout the website, will connect users directly to library staff on campus. You can find the link to access the library’s chat anywhere you see the blue Ask Us! Button. Library staff will monitor the chat between 8am - 5pm during the upcoming semester, and will be available for staff, faculty and students.
The Library has recently purchased a subscription to 10,000 streaming videos on Kanopy. These videos cover a wide array of topics and are easy for Faculty to embed into D2L content.

The Library has also purchased LibKey. This software which enables researchers to seamlessly get direct access to articles through Power Search rather than having to click through multiple pages to get to the article link. This also allows the ability to search for articles by DOI which is available on the Library's Get Articles page.

**WEBSITE UPDATES**

We have refreshed the look of the Get Articles, Get Books, and Get Streaming Videos web pages. If you have any questions, please contact your liaison librarian.
At the end of fall 2022 semester, students in instructor Robin Earles' Visual Language-Drawing class created two-dimensional "silhouette art" to display in the Library and the outside hallway. The Library is proud to showcase student creativity through this collaboration with the Art Department.
Beginning in Fall 2022, the library staff chose to expand the list of Literary Awards we collect in efforts to broaden the scope of authors and subject matter we highlight. We’ve selected several awards to begin incorporating into the collection that represent a diverse range of author backgrounds, subject matter and reading level. Some of these awards include the Lambda Literary Awards, the Anisfield-Wolf Book Awards, the Indigenous Voices Awards and many others. If you have any questions about these new awards, or would like a complete list, please contact our Library DEI Liaison Victoria at victoria.contreraz@msubillings.edu.
SPRING EVENTS

Power of 1 Week Display
- Wednesday, January 18th
- Check out the display of new DEI books in the Library and enjoy bagels in the hallway!

Diversity Jeopardy!
- Wednesday, January 18th at 7:00 pm

Progressive Painting
- Tuesday, February 28th

St. Patrick's Clover Hunt
- Tuesday, March 17th

Pop into the Library!
- Free popcorn on random days

HOC Ceramic Display
- Date TBD

TUTORING
Tutors will be available in the library Sunday and Wednesday evenings during Spring 2023.

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