Spring 2021
MSUB Library News

Introducing Distance Learning Librarian, Victoria Contreraz

Library staff are excited to announce the hiring of Victoria Contreraz, Distance Learning Librarian. Victoria has been on board since November 10, 2020.

Victoria is a Billings, Montana native. She earned her Master of Library & Information Science (MLIS) degree from the University of Washington in 2019. Victoria’s library experience includes working in the Circulation Department at the University of Washington Library and completing a six-month combined internship/volunteer stint at the Seattle Art Museum’s Bullitt Library. Victoria’s research interests include equal access to information for all users. She is looking forward to meeting and serving the university community this semester.

Victoria’s contact information is: victoria.contreraz@msubillings.edu or (406) 657-1691

Physical Item Reserves

Access to our print reserves will remain suspended for the spring semester. If you currently have print materials on reserve you want removed and returned to you or our collections, please contact Chandra Shaw.

We recommend assigning course materials that are available to students online. Some helpful strategies to support these efforts include:

- Share permalinks to any of the e-books, articles, streaming media, or other resources we have in PowerSearch or our e-journals or databases.
- Students can also order items (physical or electronic) via our InterLibrary Loan service, by searching over 1 billion items in more than 80,000 libraries worldwide in WorldCat. Shipping delays can occur – plan accordingly.
- Adopt, Adapt, or Create an Open Educational Resource (OER). We have a Research Guide with suggestions for finding OERs. A useful place to start is our video titled Why Open Education Matters.
- Explore the MSUB Copyright and Fair Use Research Guide.
- Seek the advice of your liaison librarian.

Library Instruction

For the Spring 2021 semester the Library will offer Library Instruction sessions virtually. Due to the inability to adequately social distance in our classroom we cannot safely offer library instruction in-person. We will be happy to set up a WebEx during one of your regular class meeting times, or we have an Introductory Library Research video you can use in your classroom or embed in D2L. You can schedule a WebEx through the Library Instruction Request form. You can also contact your Library Liaison (also listed below) to schedule a virtual session.

The Library has developed several video tutorials that you might find useful in your teaching this fall semester.

Complete Introduction to Library Research
Navigating the MSUB Library Homepage
Introduction to Academic Search Complete & Opposing Viewpoints in Context
Introduction to Research Guides

Library Liaisons

Victoria Contreraz CLASS: Communication, History; ASMSUB; eLearning
Linda Garcia CLASS: Art, Environmental Studies, Math, Music, Social Sciences & Cultural Studies
TyRee Jenks CHPS; CLASS: Psychology
Megan Thomas COB; CLASS: English, Philosophy & Modern Languages
Eileen Wright COE; City College; Native American Studies
TumbleBookLibrary is a curated database of children’s e-books, including over 1100 titles for grades K-6, animated talking picture books, read-along chapter books, National Geographic videos, non-fiction books, playlists, as well as books in Spanish and French. Plus, the collection features Graphic Novels.

New Database

Record & Go Studio
If you want to record parts/all of your lectures or other information for your classes, the Record and Go Studio in the Library is available to use. Please use the online booking system to reserve the room. If you have any questions about using the room please contact Victoria Contreraz.

Record & Go Studio
Monday—Thursday 8 am—8 pm
Friday 8 am—5 pm
Saturday Closed
Sunday 4 pm—8 pm

Holiday Closures
Monday, January 18, 2021
Monday, February 15
Sunday, April 4

You can find more information at our MSUB Library Hours page.

Library Hours

Interlibrary Loan

- Request items that we do not own from libraries all over the world (Books, book chapters, articles, DVDs)
- FREE for students, faculty, & staff
- Email ill@msubillings.edu with any questions

OER

AVON Videos

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