

*Kathryn A. Martin*

# LIBRARY CONNECTION

*A Newsletter for Friends of the Library at UMD*

## Cathy Wurzer to Speak at 26<sup>th</sup> Annual NEMBA

The 26th annual Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards (NEMBA) will be presented at an evening celebration on Thursday, May 22, in the Kirby Ballroom at UMD, with award-winning journalist Cathy Wurzer as guest speaker.

Wurzer is the host of Morning Edition for MPR News. She is also the co-host of Almanac, a weekly television public affairs program for which she has won four Emmy Awards.

Her 2008 book *Tales of the Road: Highway 61* takes readers on a journey from the Canadian border to the southeastern corner of Minnesota. Along the way, Wurzer explores some of our state's most fascinating history and stunning terrain, much of it located in northeastern Minnesota.



This year's NEMBA awards will honor books published in 2013. Thirty-six titles have been nominated, vying for prizes in five categories. The winning author in each category will receive a cash prize of \$200. The winning author and the honorable mention in each category will receive a glass plaque and 100 book seals.

UMD's Kathryn A. Martin Library, Friends of the Duluth Public Library,

and Lake Superior Writers are collaborating to present the 26<sup>th</sup> annual NEMBAs.

The program and awards presentation, along with a book fair, are free and open to the public, with parking available in lots after 5:30 p.m. and at meters after 6:30 p.m. Call 218-726-7889 for more information.

**Thursday, May 22, 2014**  
**Kirby Ballroom, UMD Campus**

5:00 - 6:30 Book Fair / Refreshments  
6:30 - 8:00 Speaker Cathy Wurzer / Awards Presentation  
8:00 - 9:00 Extension of the Book Fair

*See list of nominated titles on page 2.*



*Cathy Wurzer is the host of Morning Edition on MPR News and the co-host of Almanac, a weekly public affairs television program. On May 22, she'll be the featured speaker for the Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards.*

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## NEMBA BOOK AWARD NOMINEES

### Poetry

*Bound Together: Like the Grasses*, Deborah Cooper, Candace Ginsberg, Ann Floreen Niedringhaus, Ellie Schoenfeld, Anne Simpson, Clover Valley Press

*Farm Girls: Reflections and Impressions*, Candace Simar and Angela F. Foster, RiverPlace Press

*Memoirs from Down in the Boondocks*, Kate Ingrid Paul, CreateSpace

*Slip*, Cullen Bailey Burns, New Issues Poetry and Prose

*Tin Flag: New and Selected Prose Poems*, Louis Jenkins, Will o' the Wisp Books

### Nonfiction

*Champions of Minnesota's Arrowhead: Boys Basketball State Tournament Teams*, Melody Swenson, W. A. Fisher Printing and Advertising

*Cornets & Pickaxes: Finnish Brass on the Iron Range*, Paul Niemisto, Amerikan Poijat, Finnish American Music Publishing

*Driven Snow*, Andy Mattern, self-published

*Esko's Corner: An Illustrated History of Esko and Thomson Township*, Esko Historical Society, X-presso Books

*Original Local: Indigenous Foods, Stories, and Recipes from the Upper Midwest*, Heid E. Erdrich, Minnesota Historical Society Press

*Paddling to Winter*, Julie Buckles, photography by Charly Ray, Raven Productions, Inc.

*The Pie Place Café: Food & Stories Seasoned by the North Shore*, Kathy Rice, Lake Superior Port Cities Inc.

*Tall Ships in the Zenith City*, Tony Dierckins, photography by Dennis O'Hara, Zenith City Press

### Fiction

*Beneath the Palisade: Courage*, Joel Skelton, Dreamspinner Press

*Fugitives from Northwoods*, Chris Bostic, Krill Press

*Jackpine Savages: A Carter Brown Novel*, T. K. O'Neill, Bluestone Press

*The Land of Dreams*, Vidar Sundstøl, translated by Tiina

Nunnally, University of Minnesota Press

*The Last Dance*, A. L. Sanderson, Haven Publishing

*Seven Graves, Two Harbors*, Dennis Herschbach, North Star Press of St. Cloud, Inc.

*The Sons of Marella Windsong*, Pat McGauley, PJM Publishing

*Tamarack County*, William Kent Krueger, Atria Books

*Timber: Fire in the Pines*, A. L. Sanderson, Haven Publishing

*Walking the Rez Road*, Jim Northrup, Fulcrum Publishing

*Whistling Sousa: A Whistling Pines Mystery*, Dean L Hovey, CreateSpace

*Wolves*, Cary J. Griffith, Adventure Publications

### Memoir, Creative Nonfiction

*Following the Voyageurs: A First Boundary Waters Expedition*, Gerald Strom, CreateSpace

*The Girl Who Sang to the Buffalo: A Child, an Elder, and the Light from an Ancient Sky*, Kent Nerburn, New World Library

*Threads of Hope: Caring for Babies Across Three Continents*, Martha Andrea Aas, M.D., Lakeberry Press

*The Whole Forest for a Backyard*, Timothy McDonnell, North Star Press of St. Cloud, Inc.

### Children's Literature

*The Best Part of a Sauna*, Sheryl Peterson, illustrated by Kelly Dupre, Raven Productions, Inc.

*Finding Hope*, Michelle Myers Lackner, Adventure Publications

*Game Face*, Andy Kantar, illustrated by Fran Keleher, Whiskey Creek Press

*One-Dog Sleigh*, Mary Casanova, illustrated by Ard Hoyt, Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers

*The Story of Manoomin*, Fond du Lac Head Start Program, photography by Diane Robinson, Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

*Tina Christina Sestina: A Northwoods Adventure*, Susan Hawkinson, illustrated by Anna Cain, Bluewaters Press

*Vent*, Gina Marie Bernard, Vulpes Press

## Speaker Addresses Chernobyl Disaster Effects on Swedish Sámi

Dr. Hugh Beach, a cultural anthropologist and Swedish Sámi researcher, will speak in the rotunda reading room, Kathryn A. Martin Library, at 7 p.m., on Monday, April 28.



*Hugh Beach will speak at the library on Monday, April 28.*

His topic will be the "Long-Term Effects of the Chernobyl Nuclear Disaster on the Swedish Sámi."

Beach was raised in a Swedish-American family in the United States, and then took his B.A. in anthropology at Harvard College and his Ph.D. at Uppsala University, Sweden, where he has resided for the past forty years.

He has lived among Sámi reindeer herders for many years in Sweden, Norway, and the Kola Peninsula of Russia. He has also worked as a reindeer herder in Alaska with the Inuit NANA Regional Corporation herd, and in general is specialized in the study of indigenous circumpolar peoples.

An early spokesperson for the recognition of human-influenced

climate impacts, he has studied changes in reindeer herding practices and also the effects of the Chernobyl nuclear disaster.

Since 2001, he has held the Professor's Chair in Cultural Anthropology at the Department of Cultural Anthropology and Ethnology, Uppsala University, Sweden.

UMD partners who have made this program possible include the Kathryn A. Martin Library, the American Indian Learning Resource Center, and the Royal D. Alworth, Jr. Institute for International Studies. Community support comes from *Báiki: the International Sami Journal* and the Sámi Cultural Center of North America.

Refreshments will be served.

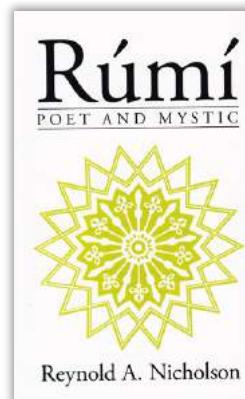
## Final Muslim Journeys Book Discussion: "Rumi: Poet & Mystic"

UMD's Kathryn A. Martin Library presents the final event in its reading and discussion series called Muslim Journeys on Tuesday, April 8, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the rotunda reading room.

This fifth and final "Let's Talk About It" program will focus on *Rumi: Poet & Mystic* by Reynold A. Nicholson.

Jalal al-Din Rúmí (1207-73), popularly known simply as Rúmí, was the greatest Sufi mystic and poet in the Persian language, famous for his lyrics and for his didactic epic *Masnavi-yi Ma'navi* [spiritual couplets], which influenced mystical thought and literature throughout the Muslim world. Rúmí's poetry is widely popular with American readers, and collections of his poetry are available in a variety of editions. The compiler of the poems in this edition, Reynold A. Nicholson, translated them directly from the Persian language. They are among the most authentic versions of these poems available to English-language readers.

Let's Talk About It: Muslim Journeys has been made possible through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities in cooperation with the American Library Association. For more information, call 218-726-8539.



*Muslim Journeys Book #5  
will be discussed on  
Tuesday, April 8, 6:30 p.m.  
in the library rotunda.*



*Spring in Duluth* is a defined state of existence that provides distinctly disparate experiences: we are within the calendar boundaries of spring, yet we are shoveling snow and scraping windshields one day while jogging the lakewalk or setting out hoop houses the next.

*Spring in the Library:* The library is a defined state—the big, beautiful building beloved for its architecture and design, its collections, and the services provided inside. Yet some of the feedback received via the information-gathering phase of our new [Strategic Plan](#) is distinctly dissonant. Many people want to see the physical collection increased, while many others see electronic resources as the only direction for growth. Many library users advocate for the preservation of quiet, contemplative study spaces, while many others call for a coffee shop or for collaborative, open, flexible group workspaces.

One thing that is clear about the future is that we in the library are no longer gatekeepers of information—a trend in popular media is to refer to those of us who work in the library as “navigators” rather than gatekeepers. You’ll see UMD’s information navigators hard at work teaching research skills, locating materials, and improving our systems to better retrieve virtual or physical resources—but you might not see all the hard work that goes into navigating the shifting landscape of information and libraries.

One thing that is clear from the Strategic Planning feedback: the library staff are valued by the campus community. Time and time again, staff members were identified as a key strength of the library. Whether they serve as your guide through information ubiquity or whether they strive behind the scenes to preserve service excellence in the evolving modern library, they are as valuable as the sun-soaked days that melt snow-covered sidewalks.

*Matt Rosendahl*

## Math Learning Lab Moves into the Library

*We Call It the Extreme Makeover...*

*From Andrea Schokker, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, and Matt Rosendahl, Director of the Kathryn A. Martin Library*

We are excited to announce that the Mathematics Learning Lab (aka, the Math Emporium) will be moving from its current location in Solon Campus Center to the library. The move began with construction of new offices in the library over spring break and is scheduled to be completed by June 2, 2014.

The Math Learning Lab (MLL) will be located in L215 in the space that has housed the library's Technical Services Department.

In order to facilitate the move, several new offices are under construction behind the circulation desk. Circulation staff and functions will shift to these new office locations, Technical Services staff and functions will shift from L215 to L110, and remodeling of L215 will occur to accommodate the new Math Learning Lab.

The new location will allow the MLL to gain about

15 seats (bringing the total to 75) with a potential to expand to 120 seats, pending funding for further construction.

Teaching developmental mathematics courses in a lab setting, which offers both web-based materials and instructor support, has been a national trend for several years. This method caters to the needs of each student, allowing students to move more quickly through topics that are not as difficult for them and then focus more time on topics with which they are struggling. Instructors can more effectively provide students with the assistance they need to be successful with the course.

The UMD Department of Mathematics and Statistics established the Mathematics Learning Lab with 60 seats in fall 2013. In its first year, all sections of Math1005: College Algebra (520+ students) were moved into this format. The department plans to teach all of its developmental mathematics courses in the MLL, including Math1005, Math1250, and SSP103. About 1,200-1,300 students each year at UMD take these courses.

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## Office Delivery Starts April 15!

@ Your Service

A new service for UMD faculty and staff should make retrieving a physical information resource from the library a whole lot more convenient. We'll deliver it!

Through a partnership with the campus post office, the Kathryn A. Martin Library will provide delivery of physical materials to faculty offices and mailboxes. This service will include local items as well as those materials requested via Get It from other University of Minnesota campus libraries.

To request the service, just choose "Office Delivery" as the pickup location when placing your request in the MNCat Discovery Duluth catalog. For more information, call the Circulation desk at 218-726-6120.

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## Stress-less Week @ the Library May 5–9

**Stress-less Week**, the library's popular series of events designed to help students relieve stress before finals week, will return this May. Events will take place the week of May 5–9 and are **free** for all UMD students!

This semester's lineup includes:

**Monday, May 5**, 8:30–10 a.m., Library entrance: **Coffee with Champ**. Get an early start on your studies by joining Champ for free coffee!

**Tuesday, May 6**, 1–3 p.m., Library second floor: **Chair massages**. Unwind with a free chair massage provided by Recreational Sports Outdoor Program's Nancy Schwerdt.

**Wednesday, May 7**, 11 a.m.–1 p.m. Kirby Terrace: **Pet Away Stress**. Stop by and stress less with some lovable canines! Representatives from Humane Education and

Animal Allies Humane Society will be on campus with dogs to play with, hold, and pet! Sponsored by UMD Health Services.

**Thursday, May 8**, 1–3 p.m., Library entrance: **Zoomobile**. The hedgehog returns. Some of the zoo's smallest and cutest animals will provide a welcome distraction from studying.

**Friday, May 9**, 8:30–10 a.m., Library entrance: **Coffee with Champ**. Find that second wind after your week of dedicated studying. Champ will return to the library entrance to help distribute free coffee.

**All week** on the library first floor:

- **Board games**
- **Coloring and arts & crafts**
- **Coffee bean counting contest**: Winner gets a coffee shop gift card!

## WORLDQUEST 2014

“Bücherwurm” – For those of us not fluent in German, *bücherwurm* means “bookworm,” and it was the name of the Kathryn A. Martin Library’s team at **WorldQuest 2014: UMD’s Sixth Annual International Trivia Competition** sponsored by the Royal D. Alworth, Jr. Institute for International Studies. Held at UMD on Thursday, February 27, this year’s WorldQuest featured the country of Mexico.

According to the Alworth Institute, WorldQuest is a quiz game that is played in teams of eight. Teams compete against one another on subjects with an international flavor: flags and capitals; geographical features and international borders; people and events in the news.

The game is played over the course of an evening that includes dinner, snacks, and a slew of door prizes.

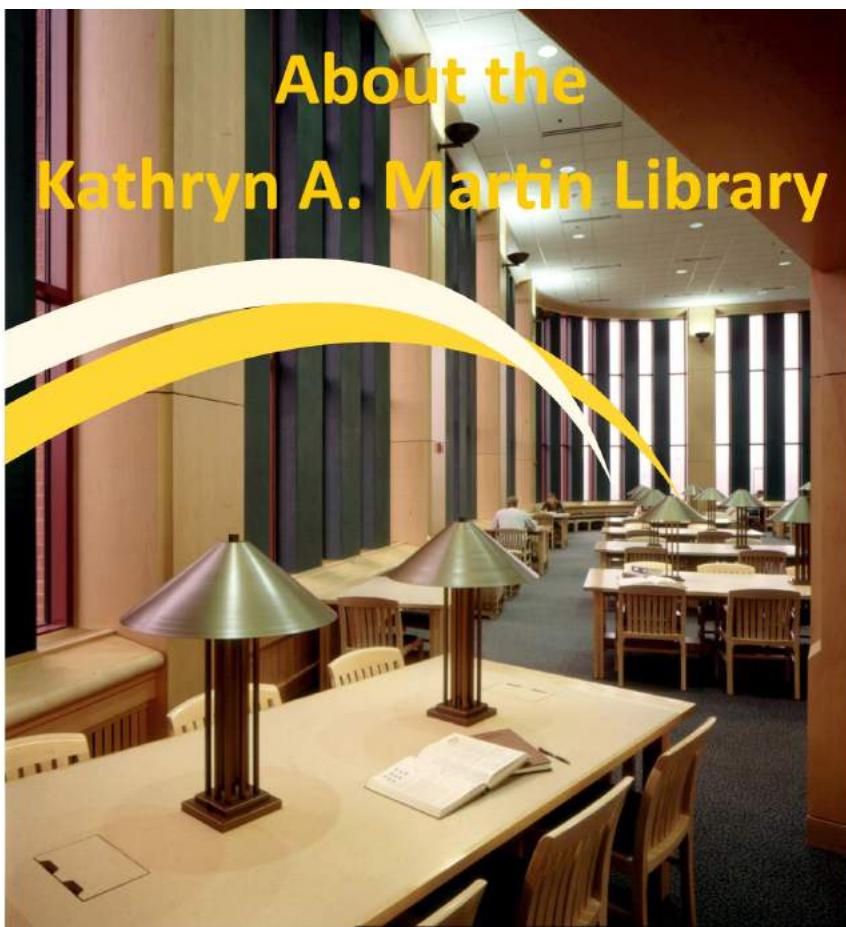


*The library's WorldQuest team name, Bücherwurm, means "bookworm" in German.*

First, second, and third place teams, as well as the teams with the Best Team Spirit and Best Costumes, are awarded prizes.

So, after some fantastic Mexican cuisine, many challenging questions, and the ensuing race to beat the timer with the right answer, Bücherwurm—comprised of library staff, family, and friends—tied for sixth out of 22 teams! And not only was the trivia great fun, but there were also some terrific door prizes supplied by UMD and the Duluth community. This is the second year that a library team has competed at WorldQuest, and they are certainly looking forward to the event next year!

*Libby Berg, Freshman  
Library Communications Student Representative*



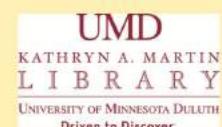
**The Library** supports student learning and success by providing outstanding print, multimedia, and electronic resources. One of the most popular gathering places on campus, the 136,000-square-foot facility provides seating for more than 1400 users through a combination of tables, carrels, group study rooms, classrooms, and computer labs.

**Library professionals** help students, faculty, and other researchers to obtain the most accurate and complete information for their academic projects. The library's collections include more than 786,250 physical items as well as extensive electronic holdings, including 318 e-serial subscriptions, 84,682 e-serial items, 283,256 e-books, and 267 databases. Students and faculty also have access to all of the holdings of the University of Minnesota system libraries through the Get It paging service.

In addition to reference services, staff members assist library users with media projects, writing assignments, as well as computing. Information technology services housed in the library include the Multimedia Hub, adaptive equipment, and basic and full-access computer labs and stations.

The Kathryn A. Martin Library's mission is to enhance learning and research by providing information resources and services, up-to-date technologies, and knowledgeable staff in a welcoming environment.

**The Learning Commons**, located on the second floor of the library, features Reference Services, the Tutoring Center, the Writers' Workshop and the Multimedia Hub, and is open to serve the entire campus community.



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## Library Earns Student Services Funding

The Library Communication & Events Team has been recommended for an allocation of the Student Services Fee (SSF) budget. This team has been actively working to put on programs that support UMD students in academic and personal pursuits.

Currently, the team hosts a variety of events, including Bulldog Welcome Week activities such as Get Crafty at the Library and a variety of offerings during Stress-less Week, which is held the week before finals week (see events for this spring on page 6).

The Student Services Fee Committee commented, "Last year, the Committee recommended that students become involved with the planning process for events and that LCE demonstrate specifically how their programs appeal to a more broad audience of students. The Committee was quite impressed with LCE's commitment to this recommendation and appreciates the programs and events that were supported this year without SSF funding. The Committee recommends full funding this year and asks that the good work be continued."

If you have any suggestions or comments regarding the student events currently hosted by the Library, please send your thoughts to [kpittman@d.umn.edu](mailto:kpittman@d.umn.edu).

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