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## NORTHEASTERN MINNESOTA BOOK AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are now being accepted for the 18<sup>th</sup> annual Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards. The awards recognize books about northeastern Minnesota that substantially represent its history, culture, heritage, or lifestyle. To be eligible, a book must have been originally released in the year 2005.

Anyone can nominate a book by submitting a nomination form along with one copy of the title (forms and entry requirements may be found on the Web at <http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/nemba/nemba-nom-form.htm>). The deadline for entries is **February 1, 2006**.

Prizes will once again be awarded to winners and honorable mentions in the categories of (1) Fiction, Poetry, Drama and (2) Nonfiction, Art, Scholarship.

Nominated authors will be honored at an evening event on **May 17, 2006**. The site of the festivities will be the first level of the UMD Library, beginning with a book fair at 6 p.m. in the library concourse followed by a program with a featured speaker, awards presentation, and dessert reception.

The NEMBA Celebration is a free community event presented each year by the UMD Library and Friends of the Duluth Public Library.



### *Last Year's NEMBA Winners*

The 17<sup>th</sup> annual Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards were presented at a public celebration on Wednesday evening, May 18, 2005, at the UMD Library. Sam Cook, local columnist and author, was the featured speaker, and many authors and publishers participated in a lively book fair.

Winners and honorable mentions chosen from among nominated titles released in 2004 included:

#### **Winner in Fiction, Poetry, Drama:**

*Ojibwe Tales: Stories of the Ojibwe People* by Art Przybilla with the aid of the late Randy Councillor, published by the Lake States Interpretive Association.

#### **Honorable Mention in Fiction, Poetry, Drama:**

*Sea Smoke: Prose Poems* by Louis Jenkins, published by Holy Cow! Press.

#### **Winner in Nonfiction, Art, Scholarship:**

*Minnesota's Iron Country: Rich Ore, Rich Lives* by Marvin G. Lamppa, published by Lake Superior Port Cities, Inc.

#### **Honorable Mention in Nonfiction, Art, Scholarship:**

*Pride of the Inland Seas: An Illustrated History of the Port of Duluth-Superior* by Bill Beck and C. Patrick Labadie, published by Afton Historical Society Press.

The winning author in each category received a plaque and a cash prize of \$300, and each honorable mention received a plaque and \$100.

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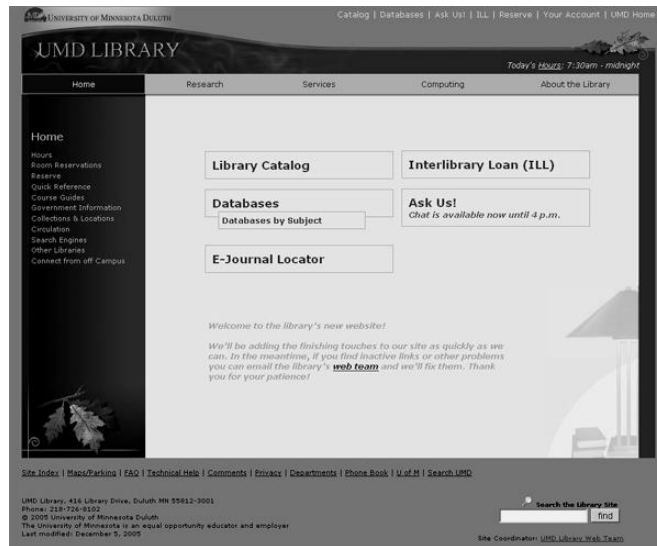
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## New UMD Library Web Site

### Web Team Unveils New Library Home Page <http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/index.htm>

The UMD Library Web site has a new look! Many hours worked by many staff members have made this new Web site such a success. Not only does it look different, but it offers new tools to help you navigate more efficiently.

The home page includes such links as “Quick Reference” for all of your reference questions, “Collections & Locations” for looking up collections such as audiobooks, bestsellers, and DVDs, and “Hours” with a list of our operating hours through the entire school year, including breaks.



We also have a “Comments Page,” accessed through the “About the Library” tab at the top of the page.

As mentioned, many staff members contributed long days on this project. The Web Team consists of Charlene Brown, Jodi Carlson, Mary Carlson, Pam Enrici, Doreen Hansen, and Gail Trygstad (chair).

Feedback on our new look has been gratifying, but we’d like your opinion as well. Please give us your thoughts and experiences with the site. Write to [libweb@d.umn.edu](mailto:libweb@d.umn.edu). Thanks for your input!

## GOOGLE SCHOLAR LINKS TO UMD

Computer Work Team and Technical Services Coordinator Darlene Morris is happy to report that Google Scholar will feature links to UMD Library holdings. If SFX (Find It) can determine that we have electronic access to a journal article, immediately following the first line of the Google Scholar citation you should see a link in large print to FindIt@UMD Library. If UMD Library does not have an electronic copy but might have the print journal or book, there will be a link in smaller print at the very end of the citation that points you to our SFX services menu listing the library catalog, e-journal locator, and ILL request form.

To see an example of this, go to Google Scholar at <http://scholar.google.com/> and type in “inflation.” You should see an example of both types of links on the results list.

On campus, these links should show up automatically. If you are using an off-campus IP address, you can set Google Scholar to check for UMD holdings using these instructions:

- Go to <http://scholar.google.com/>
- Click on “Scholar Preferences” to the right of the search button.
- Type “UMD” in the “Library Links” field. Click on “Find Library.”
- Put a check next to University of Minnesota Duluth.
- Click on “Save Preferences.”

## NEW RESOURCES @ YOUR LIBRARY

**AltPress Watch.** This interdisciplinary database includes full-text articles from 175 alternative and independent journals, magazines, and local news weeklies going back to 1990. These sources are valuable for providing alternative viewpoints to the mainstream media on current and controversial topics.

**CHEMLIBnetBASE** contains the full text of over 60 chemistry and chemical engineering books, and each book is searchable by any word in the book.

**ENVIRONetBASE** contains the full text of almost 200 books dealing with various facets of the environment. These resources are also searchable by any word in the content.

**The Chronical of Higher Education** covers all aspects of higher education, including news, opinion, advice, job listings, and other information of interest to university faculty and administrators. Faculty or staff of UMD who would like to receive a daily update from this online resource should contact Darlene Morris at 726-8129 or e-mail [dmorris@d.umn.edu](mailto:dmorris@d.umn.edu).

**The Curriculum Resource Center** provides printable teacher-handout materials. The Junior edition covers elementary curriculum, and the Curriculum Resource Center covers middle, high school, and junior college curriculum. Included are diagrams, maps, experiments, information, and timelines for history, science, geography, mathematics, and physical education and health.

**The Dictionary of Literary Biography** provides nearly 10,000 biographical and critical essays on the lives, works, and careers of the world's most influential literary figures from all eras and genres.

**The Oxford Dictionary of National Biography** is an online database featuring biographies of over 50,000 individuals who contributed to British history and culture from earliest times to 2001.

**Library Literature** indexes library and information science literature and provides full-text access to a portion of the entries.

**Literature Online (LION)** is an online resource for literary studies. With over one-third of a million works of poetry, prose, and drama and over 140 specialist full-text journals, it is the world's largest cross-searchable database of literature and criticism. Literature Online incorporates an extensive collection of criticism and reference works, including full-text literary journals and resources for over 14,000 authors.

**The MediaMark Reporter** (also known as the MediaMark Internet Reporter) provides comprehensive data on the uses of various consumer products. The studies include demographic information on the persons surveyed, their use of consumer products, and their use of various forms of advertising, including television, radio, and print media.

The UMD Library subscription to **Naxos Music Library** online music database has been expanded to allow unlimited simultaneous users. A new **Naxos Jazz** database component contains close to 20,000 tracks of jazz from over 1,850 albums, representing over 500 jazz artists. **Naxos Music Library Jazz** comprises Naxos Jazz and the 22 labels of Fantasy Jazz, and access is limited to ten concurrent users.

**Public Documents Masterfile** is a tool for locating public documents. It covers federal government documents from 1789 to date with SuDoc numbers and bibliographic records for all public documents held by the Library of Congress.

**Women's Studies International.** Over 2,000 periodicals are covered in the areas of sociology, history, political science, public policy, international relations, economy, business, education, arts, and humanities.

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### Tech Update

- **Video Relay Service (VRS)** is now available in the Library's Media Viewing area (first floor). VRS is a free service that allows anyone to conduct video relay calls through a certified American Sign Language interpreter.
  - Thanks to the efforts of UMD's ITSS Department, students, faculty, and staff of UMD can now access the **wireless network** throughout the Library.
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## A MEMO FROM THE DIRECTOR

Sometimes, the very act of sitting down and articulating the dreams of an organization can set in motion what were once considered to be unattainable goals.

In 1993, one of the main goals of the library's portion of the Vision 2000 planning document was to build a new campus library by the year 2000. With Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin's leadership and the support of faculty, students, and library staff, we achieved that goal. The conceptual planning for the present library was completed in 1996. At that time, it was evident that the campus needed a new physical facility; but the future of the library collections and services was not as clear. Thus, we asked for a building that could adapt with the changing needs of our users. We anticipated many trends, but we also had some surprises. For example, our planning document recognized the migration to digital information from print, but the pace of that change was more rapid than expected.

Right now, UMD Library staff members are working on a new strategic plan that will guide the development of the library for the next five years. We are in a much better position to plan now than we were ten years ago; but anticipating the future is just as difficult. We have a wonderful, flexible physical library facility. However, we must anticipate changes we need to make to keep our library services and collections relevant to the needs of students and faculty. To accomplish this, we have been surveying faculty and students as well as monitoring developments in the library and information world.

We have heard from students that they want longer library hours, more digital access, and more group study rooms. We are working on all of these requests. For example, we have just started construction on three group study rooms that will be available to students for the fall 2006 semester.

One of the developments that we have been following in the national library community is the concept of a campus "information/learning commons." A wide range of opinion exists about what an information commons should be. Some libraries have put in a room of computers and called it an information commons.

We envision the information/learning commons as a place with extended hours that would have a variety of technology along with knowledgeable librarians, technologists, and other campus service professionals available to give one-stop service for many different student information needs. Some people see a similar concept created in a virtual space. In our strategic plan, we are proposing to explore the possibility of creating an information/learning commons that would be tailored to the needs of our campus.

Whatever we decide about this and other elements of our strategic plan, we look forward to working with our campus community to make our library the best it possibly can be.



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### *UMD Library Sponsors a "Giving Tree"*

*During November and December, UMD Library sponsored a "Giving Tree" to provide much-needed hats, mittens, gloves, and scarves to area children for the winter season. Donors brought in items and hung them on the tree, creating a festive holiday sight for library visitors.*

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## TRY "ASK US!" CHAT SERVICE

Have you ever been doing library research at home, in a coffee house, or in a computer lab, and wished you could get an answer to a research question? As more of us do online research away from the library, we become physically removed from the familiar friendly help at the reference desk.

Now we extend that help to you online, wherever you are, with the new Ask Us! chat service.

Ask Us! is available on the UMD Library's home page (<http://www.d.umn.edu/lib>) and on all library pages sitewide from the top menu. Ask Us! recently expanded to include a new live chat service, enabling you to contact a librarian online in real time.

"Library patrons can use the service for help in tracking down information while doing research," said Jim Vileta, one of the reference librarians who regularly takes a turn staffing the live site. Patrons have also been using the chat feature for information about the library's hours and services.

While chatting, you can also "co-browse" with the librarian as he/she navigates Web sites in real time. With the power of co-browsing, you can actually see live how to work with more than 220 electronic databases--and then try it yourself. When your session ends, you are given the option to save or e-mail your transcript for later review.

Ask Us! continues to offer other ways to access research assistance, such as by telephone at 218-726-8161, or by e-mail, with answers provided by subject specialists. If your research requires in-depth discussion, you can arrange a personal meeting with a chosen subject specialist, too.

Questions coming in to the chat service range from requests for help in locating hard-to-find information to quick, factual inquiries. Perhaps you are having trouble with using one of our many online resources. Whatever your question, think of Ask Us!

Chat is free, and available to UMD students, faculty, and staff, from 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. We look forward to expanding these hours in the future.

## Webinar Instruction Room Supports Staff Training

A new Webinar Instruction room provides a new learning space for UMD Library staff—a place to receive online software demonstrations, to participate in forums and sharing sessions, and to take advantage of numerous professional development opportunities, without ever leaving the Library.

Now that all University of Minnesota campuses share an automated library system and many databases, keeping staff up to date with changes is a challenge. The Webinar Instruction room provides an alternative to making numerous trips to the Twin Cities for training and conferencing. The facility approximates a live training session in the Twin Cities without the travel.

Director Bill Sozansky commented, "A one and a half hour training session in the Twin Cities used to mean that a staff member from Duluth would need to be gone for the entire day. Besides being more convenient for our staff member, it has also been very cost beneficial for the Library."



*Circulation Services Coordinator Adele Krusz demonstrates how the Webinar Instruction room supports staff training and conferencing.*



## Welcome, New Staff Member!



*Sunshine Carter*

The Library's newest librarian, Sunshine Carter, doesn't do anything by halves. This is true even though her current job description lists her half time as a General Reference Librarian and half time as UMD's Electronic Resources Librarian.

Sunshine performs general reference duties, provides library instruction, helps with general collection development, and maintains the Gay/Lesbian/Bi-sexual/Transgender and the Hispanic/Latino/Chicana (coming soon!) research guides.

As Electronic Resources Librarian, she leads the library's Electronic Resources team, manages electronic resources, previews license agreements, and serves as a point of contact for vendors, among other duties.

She brings to UMD an educational background that includes an M.L.I.S. from the University of California at Los Angeles, an M.S. in Interdisciplinary Studies from Iowa State University, and a B.S. in Animal Science (with a focus on cattle) from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

She previously served internships in the Reference departments at California State University Los Angeles and at UC Riverside Science Library. She has also worked as a Library Assistant in Binding at Iowa State University, a Graduate Student Assistant in Reformatting and Cataloging at Iowa State University, and as a Library Assistant in Cataloging at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo.

Sunshine is a native Californian, but she loves Duluth and the Midwest. She enjoys curling and has just joined the Newcomers' League of the Duluth Curling Club. Other favorite activities include swimming, reading, and keeping up with blogs (35 feeds on personal time, and 15 work-related feeds).

Sunshine and her husband, Clay, who works in the UMD Biology Department, also share their home with a dog named Bates J. Carter, a Tibetan Terrier, which Sunshine claims is "quite possibly the cutest dog."

## Staff News

**Doreen Hansen and Gail Trygstad**, of the Computer Work team, attended the Next Generation Library Web Sites workshop at the School of Library & Information Studies at the University of Wisconsin Madison, on May 6, 2005.

**Rory Litwin**, Reference Librarian, was elected to a seat on the American Library Association Council as a "member at large" for a three-year term.

**Dawn Moran**, Administrative Support employee, has moved from a three-quarter-time appointment to a full-time appointment as of October 3, 2005.

**Darlene Morris**, Computer Work Team Coordinator, has assumed the duties of interim Technical Services Coordinator as of September 24, 2005. She is replacing **Joe Holtermann**, who has left UMD to become Head of Serials Acquisitions at Notre Dame.

**Tom Zogg**, Reference Librarian, attended the Geological Society of America (GSA) annual conference in Salt Lake City in October. Within GSA is an associate society called the Geoscience Information Society (GSIS), which is a group of mostly academic geoscience librarians. Tom is a member of this society and serves on two committees: a committee that explores collection development issues and one responsible for selecting the Ansari Best Reference Book Award.

## BOOK REVIEWS

By Tess Anderson Linval

### ***Complications: A Surgeon's Notes on an Imperfect Science* by Atul Gawande**

**Bestseller Collection: WZ 100 G286c 2002** [2 week loan]

Every once in a while, I force myself to read a nonfiction book. It's not that reading it has been assigned to me, and I've not been asked to read the book as required reading for any of my jobs--it's just something I feel driven to do every so often. A lot of times, I pick up a nonfiction book with the best of intentions, only to discover it to be even drier than my old pre-calculus books from high school. Only once in a blue moon do I actually find something that interests me to the very last of its pages.

This was true with the nonfiction book *Complications: A Surgeon's Notes on an Imperfect Science*. This book is a collection of true stories compiled by the very talented surgeon Atul Gawande. Each story has its own merit and could quite possibly stand as a short story all on its own. He tells of things that the medical profession hardly ever reveals: mistakes made by his colleagues and himself, "burn out" within the profession, and questions concerning the daily decisions arrived at by his fellow doctors. He throws in a few funny stories along with a few "gruesome" discoveries. I found myself writing down the names of the ailments he talked about, just so that I could look them up for further information.

The author presents the material in such a way that anyone could understand it, yet the reader doesn't feel as though she/he is being talked down to. This is a great find for anyone who is interested in the medical field, as well as for those of us who only stand on the sidelines in awe.

### ***Honeymoon* by James Patterson**

**Bestseller Collection: PS 3566 .A822 H66 2005** [2 week loan]

On the fiction side, after I had indulged my inner child and finished the newest Harry Potter novel in record time, I couldn't decide what to read. I literally picked up five books in as many days trying to find something that was even remotely as good as Rowling's masterpiece, all in vain. "Will I ever read again?" I wondered aloud to my cat Dave (of course, he was of no help). Then I spotted a book I borrowed a few months back sitting in my too-high pile of books by the couch. I opened it, started reading, and that's how I discovered James Patterson for the very first time.

*Honeymoon* took me out of my reading slump instantly. In this novel, the reader gets into the wicked mind of Nora Sinclair, a young and successful woman who "appears" to have bad luck with men. Her personality, motivation, and sheer determination are cleverly crafted and presented slowly to the other characters as well as the reader.

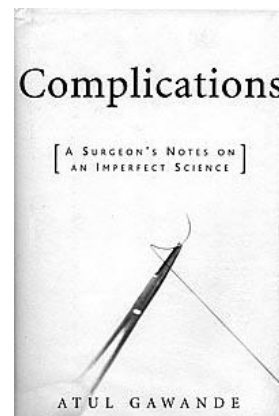
I thought this novel was overflowing with suspense. The entertaining part of it is that somehow you find yourself almost rooting for the villain before you realize what you're doing. Patterson definitely has a good thing going in *Honeymoon*. This book is perfect for a relaxing read over the holiday break on a snowy afternoon.

### ***"Try Choice Reviews for Book Reviews!"***

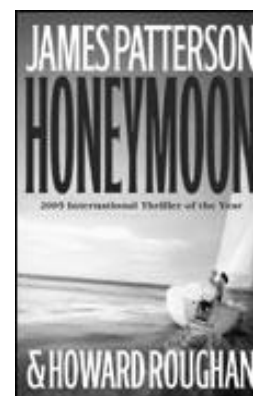
... says Tom Zogg, UMD Reference Librarian and a *Choice* reviewer since 1990.

Do you enjoy the book prices offered at Amazon.com, BarnesandNoble.com, etc., but are you unsure about the book reviews written by the anonymous people in the listings? Do you want a high quality book review to aid in your purchase decisions?

Try *ChoiceReviews*, a database accessed from the UMD Library homepage. The reviews are written by faculty and librarians and cover academic books (fiction books are academic, too!), plus media and Web sites. If the site is busy, try again later.



*Complications*  
By Atul Gawande



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### *Finals Week Hours (December 16-23)*

Friday-Wednesday, December 16-21  
Thursday, December 22  
Friday, December 23

#### **Building**

7:30 a.m.-midnight  
7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
Closed

#### **Late hours (1<sup>st</sup> floor only)**

Midnight-2 a.m.

### *Winter Break Hours (December 23-January 16)*

Friday-Tuesday, December 23-27  
Wednesday-Friday, December 28-30  
Saturday-Monday, Dec.31-Jan. 2  
Tuesday-Friday, January 3-6  
Saturday-Sunday, January 7-8  
Monday-Friday, January 9-13  
Saturday-Monday, January 14-16

Closed  
7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.  
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