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## 15<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL NORTHEASTERN MINNESOTA BOOK AWARDS

### *Lorna Landvik to Speak at May 21 Celebration*

Bestselling author Lorna Landvik will be the featured speaker at this year's Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards (NEMBA) celebration, which will begin at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 21, 2003, at the UMD Library.

The 15<sup>th</sup> annual NEMBA celebration is a free community event co-hosted by the UMD Library and Friends of the Duluth Public Library. It honors books about northeastern Minnesota published in the year 2002 that substantially reflect its history, culture, heritage, or lifestyle.

Participants will be greeted by the music of a local flute ensemble and will have the opportunity to meet authors and publishers, browse the book fair tables lining the UMD Library concourse, and enter a drawing sponsored by Barnes & Noble Booksellers to win one of the nominated titles.

Guest speaker Lorna Landvik has a background as an actor and a comedian. She has appeared at the Comedy Store and at the Improv in Los Angeles as well as in several plays in the Twin Cities. Selected by popular vote as favorite female author in the Minnesota People's Choice Awards, she has written several bestsellers, including her most recent novel, *Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons*, which was released in March by Ballantine Books. *The Tall Pine Polka*, set in a fictional northern Minnesota resort town, was nominated for a NEMBA and received a Loft McKnight Award of Distinction in 1999.

Refreshments will be served following the program. Free parking will be available in the general and pay lots at UMD. For more information, visit the NEMBA Web site at <http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/nemba/home.html> or call 218-726-7889 or 726-6843.



Lorna Landvik

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### *Book Awards to Be Twice as Nice*

The Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards, presented by the UMD Library and Friends of the Duluth Public Library, will include twice as many winners this year, as the honors will be split into two categories: (1) Fiction, Poetry, Drama and (2) Nonfiction, Art, Scholarship.

The author of the winning book in each category will receive a plaque and a cash prize of \$300. In addition, titles will be chosen for honorary mention in each division, with the authors receiving a \$100 honorarium.

Authors included in the Fiction, Poetry, Drama nominations list include Jeff Humphries / Betsy Bowen, Earl Fleck, Thomas J. Sullivan, Jan Neubert Schultz, Connie Wanek, Dean Hovey, Kim Mattson, Mike Savage, Mark Munger, Lloyd Rice, and Pat McGauley. Nominated in the Nonfiction, Art, Scholarship category were Jerry Stelmok / Deborah Sussex, the Fond du Lac Headstart Program, Clara Bingham / Laura Leedy Gansler, Dr. Roger MacDonald, Ladona Tornabene / Melanie Morgan / Lisa Vogelsang, Peter M. Leschak, Thomas Peacock / Marlene Wisuri, Lyz Jaakola / Karen Savage-Blue, Mark Munger, David R. Benson, F. Keith Hunt, and Tony Dierckins / Kerry Elliott.

## New Research Tools

by Tom Connell, Reference Librarian

### Academic Search Premier:

Earlier this year, the UMD Library acquired Academic Search Premier, an electronic database providing access to articles from over 3,800 periodicals, 2,800 of which are peer reviewed. This purchase provides the campus with three years of unlimited access.

Academic Search Premier (ASP) is billed as the “world’s largest academic multi-disciplinary database” by its provider, EBSCO. Whether this claim is true or not, ASP is a multidisciplinary information source that will be useful to students and faculty from all schools and departments on campus.

ASP offers several different search options. Besides the conventional key word search, users can access an alphabetical list of subjects that will quickly link to all articles covering that subject. ASP also contains a linkable list of indexed publications that will, in seconds, direct searchers to all the articles available from a particular publication. In addition, ASP allows users to access search histories – a very useful feature during extended search sessions. Searches can be saved and stored by setting up a personal account with EBSCO (free). This spares users from remembering the exact key words used in prior sessions. EBSCO will also alert registered users to new articles added to ASP daily.

One of the less known features of ASP is its image search. ASP contains a printable image collection including photos of people, natural science subjects, and maps. How is this helpful? A population density map of the U.S. could, for example, be the perfect supplement to a research paper concerning shifts in U.S. population. An image search in ASP will retrieve this very map in seconds, sparing the researcher the more laborious process of searching for paper maps in the Library’s reference area.

ASP is accessible from library computers and from lab computers around campus. It can also be accessed from off campus locations. Students, staff, and faculty owning personal computers can search ASP and download full-text articles (and images) from their home. Unlike the UMD Library, ASP never closes. Night owls will be pleased to know that they can conduct library research, from home, at 3 a.m.

Early usage statistics indicate that ASP has registered nearly 6,000 searches per month from UMD in the past two months. While numbers of searches cannot alone signal the quality of an information source, it is a fairly good indicator that the Library’s decision to acquire ASP was a wise one.

### E-journal Locator:

<http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/reference/serials/search.html>

The number of e-journals available to UMD students and faculty has skyrocketed in recent years. Feedback received indicates that library users prefer the option of downloading journal articles from their desktop over coming to the library to photocopy articles from print journals.

Because of the rapid increase in the number of e-journals (UMD Library now has over 16,000), it has become difficult to maintain bibliographic control over all available titles. Although we have added catalog records for e-journals as a standard procedure, Library staff members were concerned that something more was needed to facilitate access to e-journals.

Our effort to improve e-journal access has just been made easier by the arrival of the E-journal Locator, developed and maintained by a company called Serials Solutions. This finding tool, accessible from the Library’s home page, allows patrons to browse or search an alphabetical listing of available e-journals, and to find information relating to electronic coverage (indicating which issues are available online) and links to the electronic location of each title.

The E-journal Locator has dramatically improved the process of finding e-journals at the UMD Library. The response from students and faculty has been overwhelmingly positive. The E-journal Locator has also made the process of providing reference assistance easier, and I know six other Reference Librarians who are as grateful for that as I am.

### Did You Know?

*Academic Search Premier provides a printable image collection-- including photos of people, natural science subjects, and maps.*



E-Journal Locator

## NEW CATALOG TO GO ONLINE

UMD Library users can expect to see a new online catalog sometime this summer. Called Aleph, the new system will have a completely new look and new features. User training sessions will include customary college writing sessions as well as hands-on training for faculty and staff. The reference team will be ready to assist everyone in using Aleph. A handout will also be available, highlighting search options and navigation strategies.

The reason for the change to a new online catalog is to give UMD a common interface with all University of Minnesota campuses. According to UMD Library Director Bill Sozansky, "The benefits of having a common system will lead to greater cooperation and support among University libraries, which will greatly benefit our users."

The Twin Cities campus converted to the new catalog a year ago, and UMD staff members expect to learn from the experience and advice of their library counterparts there. In fact, 19 staff members embarked on a field trip for a day of training at Wilson and Walter libraries on March 18.

During the early stages of migration to the new system, library operations may be less efficient than usual, and library patrons may find that their requests will require more time and patience.

### Tips for Library Users:

- If you are a student, faculty member, or staff member without a U Card, please obtain one.
- If you are a courtesy card user, stop at the Circulation desk to update your card.
- If you have materials checked out that you currently do not need, please return them.

## COMPACT SHELVING SOLVES STORAGE PROBLEM

Compact shelving, installed in the lower level of the Library Annex, has solved the perennial problem of storing historical materials at the UMD Library. For many years, archival materials and the Northeastern Minnesota Historical Center collections have been tucked into nooks and crannies around campus in places such as the Planetarium, the Library Annex sub-basement, Kirby Plaza, and other odd spaces. Now, lockable shelving units house these important and rare collections within the Library complex.

## E-Books Update

For the last three years, UMD Library has been part of a statewide consortium organized by MINITEX to create an electronic book collection for the State of Minnesota. Our campus currently has access to over five thousand netLibrary eBooks for preview or checkout. These electronic versions of printed books present a versatile way to access book information 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Usage of eBooks at the UMD Library over the past three years has slowly risen—from 427 accesses in the first year to almost 2,000 accesses in 2002. The following titles received the most circulation: (1) *The New Renaissance: Computers and the Next Level of Civilization*, (2) *Perl 5 Complete*, (3) *Learning Perl: Nutshell Handbook*, (4) *The Foreign Policy of Russia: Changing Systems, Enduring Interests*, (5) *Mastering Regular Expressions: Powerful Techniques for Perl and Other Tools*, (6) *Handbook of Nutrition and Diet Food Science and Technology*, (7) *Mayo Clinic on High Blood Pressure*, (8) *Smart Guide to Yoga*, (9) *The Death Penalty: For and Against*, and (10) *Alcohol and Alcoholism: Effects on Brain Development*.

You may choose to preview an eBook online for 15 minutes or create a free account and check out the book for four hours. Over three thousand public domain eBooks have no expiration, and more than one user can access these titles at a time. You can create an account from a UMD Library computer, and then connect to the account from anywhere. For a demonstration of netLibrary, stop at the UMD Library Reference Desk.



*Compact shelving in the lower level of Library Annex*

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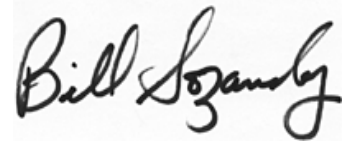
## A MEMO FROM THE DIRECTOR

There is a lot of discussion in the library world as to how libraries should change to meet future needs. One area that the UMD Library has been reviewing is reference service. While we will continue to provide reference service to patrons who come to the library, we recognize that many of our users access our services via the Internet. They may be students in a campus dormitory room or distance-learning students in International Falls who are accessing our services. In either case, one of our library’s goals is to make its services for remote users as comparable to those for in-building users as possible. When it comes to providing reference service, this is quite a challenge.

Up to now, our remote users have been able to telephone the Reference Desk, or they have been able to “Ask Reference” for help via e-mail. To improve remote reference service and make it more comparable with in-person assistance, our reference librarians have been exploring the possible implementation of a “virtual” reference service.

Over the last few years, a number of virtual reference software products have become available. These products allow a reference librarian to interact with a remote user in real time. There are many options available to the reference librarian. He or she may interview the remote user via online text, audio, or video to determine the user’s information needs. The librarian may show online sources, scanned print resources, or searching techniques to remote users via their computers. The remote user would temporarily turn control of his or her remote computer over to the librarian.

Another side benefit of implementing a virtual reference service is that it may allow the UMD Library to extend its reference service beyond normal library operating hours. Regional and national consortia of libraries are in the process of developing cooperative arrangements to provide virtual reference services. By participating in these consortia, UMD Library may eventually be able to offer virtual reference services on a 24/7 basis.



### *The Library Thanks Its Student Employees*

The UMD Library participated in National Student Employment Week, April 14-18, 2003. This annual event recognizes the significant contributions of student employees on college and university campuses across the nation in conjunction with the Midwest Association of Student Employment Administrators (MASEA).

UMD Library relies heavily on student employees to provide basic services and keep the Library operating smoothly. Currently, 66 part-time students are employed in the Library. They work an average of 1,260 hours per pay period—equivalent to 15.5 full-time employees.

To honor student workers, the UMD Library sponsored drawings for UMD Stores gift certificates and hosted a Brown Bag Lunch Day with lunches specially prepared by the students’ supervisors. “Thank you!” signs were posted throughout the facility, and an exhibit on the Library’s first floor showcased the work of student employees.

We would like to thank our student employees for their substantial contribution to the Library’s success, for their unique insights, and for giving us the opportunity to work with such a dedicated, energetic, and hardworking group of individuals.

## MEMORIAL PLAQUE INSTALLED

A campaign to raise funds for the UMD Library Endowment for Information Excellence gives friends a chance to participate in naming opportunities in the Library. For a gift of as little as \$600, payable over three years, you can designate the name of someone you wish to honor or memorialize, or have your own name displayed on a permanent plaque in the Library's main foyer.

Recently, the first names were inscribed on the plaque, and it was installed to the left of the Library's main stairway on the first floor.

We hope that you will decide to make your own mark on the UMD Library and help us reach a new level of information excellence.

To make your contribution, contact the Office of University Relations and Development at 218-726-7110 (toll free 866-726-7110), or call Library Director Bill Sozansky at 218-726-8102 to discuss your gift.



*A view of the memorial plaque for the UMD Library Endowment for Information Excellence*

## UMD Hosts ARLD Day

The UMD Library hosted a one-day conference of the Academic and Research Libraries Division of the Minnesota Library Association on Friday, April 25, 2003.

The theme of the day was "Academic Libraries, Visions and Nightmares." Wendy Pradt Lougee, University Librarian, University of Minnesota Twin Cities, delivered the keynote address, entitled "Whither Libraries? Wither Libraries?"

Other speakers and panelists discussed a variety of topics, including faculty/librarian relationships, multi-generational workplaces, changing library organizational structures, and librarians and information technology professionals working together.

## UMD Library Development Needs

Inside this issue of *Library Connection*, you will find a remittance envelope addressed to the UMD Library Development Fund. If you would like to make a donation to meet development needs of the Library, we ask that you take a moment to send your contribution today. The following are examples of items now needed in the UMD Library:

- \$135 Custom Imprinted Banner for Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards
- \$175 Oak Presentation Easel for Student Message Board
- \$995 *Dictionary of American History*, third edition. 10 volumes
- \$1,100 Electronic Moving Message Sign to announce events or policies
- \$2,260 *Enchantment of the World*, a 62-book collection of children's books about other countries
- \$2,925 Stainless Steel Outdoor Book Return
- \$7,100 Complete set of the 2003 *ASTM Standards*

### Staff Profile

## MEET KAY WESTERGREN OF BINDERY PREP

Joining UMD Library's Technical Services Team on January 13, 2003, to operate the bindery, Kay Westergren comes to us from the Twin Cities campus. Over the last eleven years, Kay has worked in both Wilson and Walter libraries in several departments: circulation, stacks, special projects, and for the last one-and-one-half years, in the Walter Library bindery.

Kay has a bachelor of Fine Arts degree from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, with a specialty in ceramics. She is an active ceramics artist.

Among her hobbies are bicycling and camping (which she likes to combine), plus gardening. She has taken coursework in the statewide Master Gardener program. Among her adventures was piloting a Cessna for a short time while on a flying trip to North Dakota with a pilot friend. Kay's favorite reading interests are fantasy and science fiction, plus the classics.



Kay Westergren

Kay is happy to be living in Duluth, where her brother's family also lives. She says, "I feel so fortunate to be here in Duluth, more specifically the Library at UMD. Everyone has been so great. Many thanks to those who made this possible."

### STAFF NEWS

**Pam Enrici, Reference Librarian**, has been giving presentations called VARK! VARK! (Visual, Auditory, Read/Write, Kinesthetic) about how people learn. The first was a poster session at the Minnesota ARLD conference. The second will be an hour-long presentation at LOEX (Library Orientation Exchange)--again on VARK.

**Kathryn Wagnild Fuller** has been appointed to the position of **Coordinator for Reference Services** at the UMD Library, having served as acting Coordinator for the past year. In addition, Kathryn had the following articles accepted for publication in the *Encyclopedia of the Gilded Age and Progressive Era* to be published by M. E. Sharpe in spring 2003: "Institutional Economics," "Sociological Jurisprudence," and "Daniel Coit Gilman."

**Fine Arts & Humanities Librarian Marilyn Russell-Bogle** left the UMD Library on February 14, 2003, to accept a position at the Institute of American Indian Arts located in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Her new post will allow her to lead the library, teach, and continue her artistic career.

**Tom Zogg, Reference Librarian** in the area of Geography and Pure Sciences, has been appointed to the Best Reference Work Committee and to the Collection Development Issues Committee of the Geoscience Information Society, a national association of geoscience librarians. His latest *Choice* book review is of *Geo-Data: The World Geographical Encyclopedia*.

### STAFF MEMBERS TAKE ONLINE CLASSES

Several Library staff members have recently completed online Web design classes through the HTML Writers Guild. Darlene Morris, Kyle Harriss, Doreen Hansen, Gail Trygstad, and Martha Eberhart have participated in courses such as Introduction to HTML, Introduction to SQL, Introduction to Programming Concepts, Adobe Illustrator Level 1, Accessible Web Design, and Introduction to Cascading Style Sheets.

These valuable courses include weekly lectures, reading assignments, and homework. Classes extend six to eight weeks in length. Participants have found that taking online courses offers the advantage of allowing the staff members to tailor the time spent on readings and assignments around their individual schedules. For more information on the HTML Writers Guild design courses, visit <http://www.hwg.org/>.

Staff News

## RECOMMENDED READING

The U of M Twin Cities College of Continuing Education has launched U Reads, promoting a list of influential books recommended by “some of the U’s leading minds.” The program includes posters, bookmarks, and a Web site listing the selections and commentary about the impact they had on U of M faculty, staff, and students: <http://www.cce.umn.edu/ureads>.

In conjunction with U Reads 2003, the UMD Library will create a summer display focusing on good reading and books recommended for college preparation. Reference Coordinator Kathryn Fuller has created a Web page with links to a variety of reading lists at <http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/reference/goodreading.html>.

The following are a sampling of books included in the U Reads list:

### Recommended by:

Shirley L. Baugher Dean, College of Human Ecology	<i>The Dark Is Rising Series</i> by Susan Cooper
Deb Brown Professor and Extension Horticulturist	<i>Prodigal Summer</i> by Barbara Kingsolver
Robert Bruininks President, University of Minnesota	<i>Man’s Search for Meaning</i> by Viktor E. Frankl
Bianca Conti-Fine Professor of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, and Biophysics	<i>In Praise of Imperfection</i> by Rita Levi-Montalcini
Robert Gehrz Professor of Astronomy	<i>The Guns of August</i> by Barbara Tuchman
Wendy Pradt Lougee University Librarian	<i>The Most Wonderful Books: Writers on Discovering the Pleasures of Reading</i> edited by Michael Dorris & Emilie Buchwald
Mary Nichols Dean, College of Continuing Education	<i>Essence of Decision: Explaining the Cuban Missile Crisis</i> By Graham T. Allison & Philip Zelikow
Rob Silberman Professor of Art History	<i>The Necessity for Ruins and Other Topics</i> by J. B. Jackson
David Taylor Dean, General College	<i>The Souls of Black Folk</i> by W. E. B. DuBois

### Save May 16 for the Minnesota Book Awards

The Minnesota Humanities Commission will sponsor the 15th Annual Minnesota Book Awards at 7 p.m. on Friday, May 16, 2003, at the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul. This event is part of a weeklong celebration, May 14-21, 2003, recognizing Minnesota’s books and book community.

Related events include the Midwest Independent Publishers Association (MIPA) Book Awards on Wednesday, May 14; a Children’s Literature Festival hosted by The Loft Friday-Saturday, May 16-17; and the Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards on Wednesday, May 21, at UMD (see page 1). All events are free and open to the public. For more information about the Minnesota Book Awards, visit <http://www.minnesotahumanities.org> or call Robin James at (651) 772-4241.





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***Finals Week Hours (May 9-16)***

Friday, May 9	7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.
Saturday, May 10	7:30 a.m.-midnight
Sunday, May 11	7:30 a.m.-midnight
Mon.-Thurs., May 12-15	7:30 a.m.-midnight
Friday, May 16	7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

***Summer Hours (Beginning May 19)***

Monday – Thursday	7:30 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday	7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday	9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday	noon-5 p.m.

***ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER***

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