Meet the Author

Who We Are—What Is Ours: A Dialogue with Poet Denise Sweet

The UMD Library presents Anishinaabe poet Denise Sweet as a special “Meet the Author” guest on Monday, December 3, 6:30-8:30 p.m., in the Library’s fourth floor Rotunda room. This event is free, and all are welcome.

The title of Sweet’s talk will be “Who We Are—What Is Ours.” She will read from her work and create a dialogue with participants about the importance of the oral repositories of communities. Memories can be transformed into art forms to convey the survival knowledge of the past.

According to Sweet, the radical act of evoking the cultural beginnings and legacies of a people can be key to its integration and its survival. “In some indigenous languages, the words used to express the act of breathing are one in the same with the description of singing or expressing poetry. For many tribes, artful expression is as essential as breathing.” The telling of stories, journal writing, and poetry writing can all be sacred art forms.

Books by Sweet or containing her work include Songs for Discharming (1997 Greenfield Review Press), Days of Obsidian, Days of Grace (with Adrian Louis, Al Hunter, and Jim Northrup, 1994 Poetry Harbor Press), Know by Heart (1992 Rhiannon Press), and various anthologies.

This event is sponsored by the UMD Library, the UMD Commission on Women, the UMD American Indian Learning Resource Center, the Ruth A. Myers Endowed Chair in American Indian Education, the UMD Department of American Indian Studies, and the American Library Association’s “LIVE @ your library” program. “LIVE @ your library” is an initiative of the American Library Association, with major support from the Lila Wallace-Reader’s Digest Fund and additional support from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Please join us in welcoming this inspiring poet. A book signing reception will follow Sweet’s presentation. For more information, call 726-8539.

Library Hosts Novelist Mark Munger

Judge Mark Munger, author of The Legacy, visited the Library on the evening of October 11. Publishing a first novel can be a daunting experience, and Munger disclosed his own trials and tribulations as he read from his work and spoke about the world of publishing and how to market literary work.

A lifelong Duluthian and a 1978 graduate of UMD, Munger described The Legacy as a story of 1942 wartime Yugoslavia as well as a modern-day murder mystery infused with love, adventure, and suspense.

Beyond pursuing his budding career as a novelist, Munger also serves as a Minnesota District Court Judge. He is hard at work writing his second novel, Pigs, which will introduce a hard-working, family-oriented trial attorney on a collision course with age forty and career burnout.
Q: I’m not finding anything on my topic in the online catalog. What should I do?

A: Reference librarians are available at the Reference desk (second floor) to help you with your research, but here are some search tips:

- Try using key words only, not verbs or pronouns. If you are searching for “The Civil War History in Minnesota,” use “Civil War” and “Minnesota” as your search terms.
- Type in your search term(s) and click on [Search Everything]. This allows you to search all fields, which is a good strategy since the subject headings used in cataloging may not be the term(s) you are using.
- Find a good record and click on [View] to see the subject headings used for that citation.
- Click on the blue subject heading to retrieve all records with that heading.
- Some subject headings have subheadings (e.g., “Abused women—Mental health”), which may narrow your subject too much. Redo your search using “Abused women” and click on [Subject].

Q: I’m having problems because I always seem to pull up too many records. Is there a fast way to sort them out?

A: Instead of selecting a “Keyword” search, click for a “Browse” search.

- Type in your subject and click on [Search Everything]. This displays a list of subject headings starting with the first word(s) entered.
- Look at the choices available. Use the [Forward] and [Backward] buttons to see additional choices.

If you are still locating too many records, find a good record and click on [View] to see the subject headings used for that citation. You can also use [Complex Search] to combine search terms such as author and title.

Q: How can I limit my search?

A: Click on [Complex Search] (to the right of the "Search the Library Catalog" heading). At the bottom of the page is the option “Search Limits,” which provides the following choices:

- “pubyear” to limit by the year of publication--you can type in just one year or search a range of years, such as 1989-1998 or >1990 (for items published after 1990).
- “language” retrieves materials written or translated in the language you specify. Use the pull-down menu to see your choices.
- “itemtype” retrieves items by type of material (e.g., “videocass”). Use the pull-down menu to see your choices.
- “location” retrieves items by collection location in the library (e.g., “multimedia”). Use the pull-down menu to see the locations.

If you want to see everything under a search limit, choose the type and click on [Search Catalog]. This will retrieve everything having that limit. You can further limit your search by searching any of the following choices: “words or phrase,” “author,” “title,” “subject,” “series,” “periodical title,” or “medical subject.”

Predefined searches of popular items can be accessed using the pull-down menu under “Library Information” on the Library’s home page. Click on the list you want to search.

The following choices are available: audio books, best sellers, current viewpoints periodicals, electronic books, feature films, new books, and videocassettes.

Answers provided by Martha Eberhart,
Education and Human Services Reference Librarian
INTRODUCING THE REFERENCE TEAM

The UMD Library Reference Team consists of nine librarians. Each has earned a master’s degree in Library Science, several have a second master’s degree, and two have Ph.D.’s. They are a diverse group of people with many interests.

The Reference Team is made up of Tom Connell, Medicine/Life Science and Electronic Resources; Martha Eberhart, Education and Human Services; Pam Enrici, Applied Sciences/Technology and Library Instruction; Kathryn Fuller, Government Documents and Social Sciences; Tom Malefatto, Archives/Special Collections; Debbie Paulson, Communication and Reference Coordinator; Marilyn Russell-Bogle, Fine Arts and Humanities; James Vileta, Business and Economics; and Tom Zogg, Geography and Pure Sciences.

One common goal of the UMD Librarians is to provide excellent service. They are available to assist students, faculty, staff members, and the general public to make effective use of the library catalog; retrieve information for research, study, or personal use; formulate research strategies; refine research topics; find the answers to specific informational questions; and search the internet. These professionals also serve as subject specialists, tour guides, and library classroom instructors when needed.

WHAT’S NEW @ YOUR LIBRARY

The UMD Library recently acquired the following electronic resources:

Criminal Justice Abstracts, which contains comprehensive coverage of international journals, books, reports, dissertations, and unpublished papers on criminology and related disciplines.

The DIPPR database of physical and thermodynamic properties of pure chemicals.

Encyclopedia Britannica, which contains the full text of the 32-volume Encyclopedia Britannica; the annual Britannica Book of the Year; and Merriam-Webster's Collegiate Dictionary.

AIP/APS expanded coverage that now provides access to the AIP archive, including full-text articles form 1991. In addition, access to the American Physical Society's PROLA (Physical Review of Online Archive) 1985-1996.

RIA Tax Alerts, which includes law, regulations, cases, rulings, and explanations. Includes Citaror, Tax Court, Memo decisions, and IRS letter rulings and memoranda.

IEEE/IEE Electronic Library, which includes IEEE and IEE periodicals, conference proceedings, and IEEE Standards.

Data from Census 2000 is beginning to be available. Check out the U.S. Census Bureau's American FactFinder to see the most recent releases and the Census Bureau Web site for upcoming release dates.

The online version of The New Grove Dictionary of Music and Musicians has access to over 29,000 scholarly articles covering music and musicians.

In the area of print Reference resources, the UMD Library has recently added:

Encyclopedia of Ethics
Oxford Dictionary of Dance
James Joyce: A Documentary Volume
Directory of American Firms Operating in Foreign Countries
St. James Encyclopedia of Popular Culture
The Artists of the World
Encyclopedia of Biodiversity
A Dictionary of Earth Sciences
Wall Street Words
Encyclopedia of Prehistory
A MEMO FROM THE DIRECTOR

We at the UMD Library, like everyone else, have been struggling with the tragic events of September 11. Our new library had been open for a little more than a year, and it had been rated a resounding success. Suddenly, we were facing a much different world.

Immediately after the attack, Library staff placed a television in the fourth-floor rotunda reading room. For the next few days, students filled the room. We also noticed our users seeking understanding about this tragedy via our print and electronic collections.

As we emerged from the initial shock, President George W. Bush urged all of us to try to return to normal activity. For us in the Library, this means continuing to build collections, assisting people in finding accurate information, and providing a safe, inviting environment for study and research. While these activities will not resolve this crisis, they may help in some measure to help us deal with it.

CELEBRATING THE BIBLE KIOSK

The recently completed Ramseyer-Northern Bible Society Museum Collection Kiosk was officially unveiled to friends and board members of the Northern Bible Society on the evening of Thursday, September 27.

The kiosk, located on the second floor of the UMD Library, provides an interactive presentation of images, sound, and video to assist in the display and interpretation of this important special collection.

Produced by UMD Library staff, and made financially possible by a grant from the Willis E. and Emma E. O’Connor Foundation and support from the Northern Bible Society, the kiosk is now fully functional. This project is an excellent example of the exciting progress that can be made when the Library partners with its friends and supporters in the community.

The Bible Kiosk encourages scholarly inquiry into biblical and bibliographic research, and stimulates interest in the collection among the general public as well as among faculty, staff, and students at UMD.

For more information on the Ramseyer-Northern Bible Society Museum Collection, visit http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/bible on the Web.
Online Services for Community Users

Online services that were formerly available only to faculty, staff, and students of UMD are now being extended to community users of the UMD Library. These services include online renewals, user status checks that provide details about one’s circulation records, and the ability to place online requests on items that are checked out.

To access these services, come to the Library Circulation desk and present a photo ID. You will be asked to choose a four-digit Personal Identification Number (PIN). Once entered into the Circulation system (within 24 hours of your request), your PIN will be activated.

For more information, call the Circulation desk at 726-6120.

New Interlibrary Loan Procedures

Here is an update on Interlibrary Loan Services, which are available to UMD students, faculty, and staff, for the 2001-2002 academic year:

Media from other libraries, such as videocassettes, CD’s, and audiocassettes, can now be requested through Interlibrary Loan. A new media request form can be found on the ILL home page at www.d.umn.edu/lib/ill/home.html. The lending library determines whether an item can be lent and the length of the loan.

An ILL renewal request form can also be found on the ILL home page. Patrons need to request a renewal before the item becomes overdue. A renewal is granted at the discretion of the lending library, so it may be denied.

ILL status checks can also be done online now. Please wait ten days before inquiring about the status of your ILL request. All status checks will receive a prompt response.

Some UMD Library-owned materials are stored at the Minnesota Library Access Center (MLAC). To request something from this remote storage facility, fill out the MLAC form found on the ILL home page.

Electronic delivery of ILL materials is not new, but the process has improved. Documents delivered to UMD electronically can now be viewed using your Web browser.

Automatic Recalls

When a user cannot locate an item owned by the UMD Library, the person can fill out a green search/save request form at the Circulation desk or place an electronic request on the item through the online catalog, specifying a date when the item will no longer be needed. Our procedure in the past was to search the collections and to make sure that an electronic hold had been placed on the item if it was checked out. Eventually, when the item was returned or found, we would notify the person waiting that the item was now available and being held for him or her. Our new process immediately converts the search/save request into a recall if the item is charged out. Staff members contact the current user and ask him or her to return the needed materials within one week. If the item is still not returned, we will then convert the request into an Interlibrary Loan order.

Pay UMD Library Fines with Your U-Card

The Library has made it even more convenient for patrons to pay their library fines. By using the U-Card or Debitek card, patrons can pay their fines quickly and easily. Sufficient funds must be available on the card, since partial payment cannot be processed in this fashion. Patrons can add value to their cards by going to the Cash-to-Card machines located on the Library’s first floor and in the computer lab at 165 Kirby Plaza.
NOMINATIONS SOUGHT

Nominations are invited for the 14th annual Northeastern Minnesota Book Award (NEMBA). Sponsored by the UMD Library and Friends of the Duluth Public Library, the award recognizes books that best represent northeastern Minnesota’s history, culture, heritage, or lifestyle.

To be eligible for this year’s award, nominated books must have been published in the year 2001. The winner will receive a cash prize of $250, with $100 going to the author of the book chosen for honorable mention.

To nominate a book, contact Anne Hovde at 218-726-7887, or visit the NEMBA Web page at www.d.umn.edu/lib/nemba/home.html. Nominations must be postmarked by March 1, 2002.

WEB TEAM UNVEILS NEW PAGES

The Web Team made some design changes to the Library’s home page in the fall of 2001 and completely redesigned several other pages, including Electronic Resources, Circulation Services, What’s New, and Interlibrary Loan.

Check them out, and let us know what you think. You can E-mail your comments to libweb@d.umn.edu.

- Electronic Resources: www.d.umn.edu/lib/reference/home.html
- Circulation Services: www.d.umn.edu/lib/circ/home.html
- Interlibrary Loan: www.d.umn.edu/lib/ill/home.html
- What’s New & Events: www.d.umn.edu/lib/whatsnew/home.html

EDUCATIONAL DATA & DOCUMENTS

Have you noticed the high-tech-looking “EDD” computers installed near the Reference desk? These machines are designed to provide access to information stored on CD-ROMs but not available to be offered over the Web. Currently, the Library has three “EDD” designated computers, one providing access to general reference information, one devoted to geography and science materials, and a third featuring Census materials and statistics.

We like to call the general information machine “Big EDD.” It contains the following titles: ASTM Standards; ALAN: A Guide to Young Adult Literature; Bacon’s Magazine Directory; Chaucer: Life and Times; Computer Glossary; Cross-Cultural CD; Disclosure; GRE Powerprep; Handbook of Industrial Robotics; Krause Curriculum Library; New Bible Library; Scribner Writers Series; and Sybex PC Tuning.

The geography and science EDD contains Climate Atlas of the United States; Geographic Names Information System; Illustrated Book of World Rankings; Planetary Sciences Encyclopedia; Encyclopedia of Global Population and Demographics; Multimedia Methods in Molecular Biology; and 3-D Topo Quad Minnesota Maps.

Printing is available through Uniprint, and new titles will be added as needed.
STAFF PROFILE:

MEET WEB DESIGNER DOREEN HANSEN

Doreen Hansen is a member of the Computer Systems Team. A Duluth native, she graduated from Duluth Central High School and the University of Minnesota Twin Cities, where she received her degree in Psychology. After returning to Duluth, she worked at UMD in the School of Business and Economics Dean’s Office, where her interest in computers began.

In 1992, she joined the UMD Library to work in Government Documents. Soon after, she bought her first computer and began to tinker with the mysterious world of DOS, Windows 3.1, Gopher, Lynx, Tin, and Telnet. When Mosaic and Netscape became better known, she created a Web site for Government Documents. Intrigued by this new stuff, computers quickly became her new hobby.

Doreen has many interests. She received her first amateur radio license in 1983 and worked up to the Extra Class license, where she received the callsign AA∅AJ. Her interest started when she picked up Morse code from ship-to-shore stations on a malfunctioning AM radio. Curiosity got the best of her, so she learned the code to decipher these transmissions. To this day, copying Morse code by ear is still one of her favorite means of communication. Doreen’s husband, Jonas, also enjoys ham radio as N∅MSK. They have been members of the Arrowhead Radio Amateur Club for many years.

When not doing technical things, Doreen enjoys artistic activities. She designs QSL cards for hams. "QSLs" are postcards that radio operators trade to confirm contacts with one another. She is a Photoshop “junkie” and likes to apply graphics to Macromedia Flash. She enjoys crafting kids and animals in baker’s clay and doing sculpture in papier mache. Her latest artistic endeavor is learning a type of decorative painting called “rosemaling.”

Doreen loves nature and animals—especially her three "barkless" African basenjis. This ancient breed of dog is very expressive and communicative. Basenjis use their feet to embellish their conversation. They cover their eyes when acting coy; they stand up and wave their forefeet around when excited; and they will "dig" on you when you aren’t getting the message. It was a challenge for Doreen to find this breed, but through the Internet, she found two basenjis in Ohio needing homes. She was determined to find “throwaways” rather than arranging with a breeder because there are so many unwanted animals out there.

Doreen’s other interests include playing music by ear on her synthesizer, drawing, taking digital photographs, listening to shortwave radio, collecting radio station stickers, landscaping, gardening, and reading. Also, Doreen has a special fondness for butterflies and moths. She was lucky to photograph a newly hatched Luna Moth perched on the library building this spring.

STAFF NEWS

Kathryn Wagnild Fuller, Government Documents and Social Sciences Librarian, earned a doctorate in History from Indiana University last May.

The following two library employees received UMD’s Award for Outstanding Service, which recognizes the contributions of civil service, AFSCME, and academic professional/administrative staff who do not hold faculty rank: Marilyn Barnstorf, Library Assistant 3; and Doreen Hansen, Information Technology Professional.

The Library Connection is published each semester by the Communication and Events Team of the UMD Library. The goal of the publication is to improve communication both within the University and externally. We hope that The Library Connection will help to strengthen and develop positive relationships between the UMD Library and its users and friends.

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