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## MEET THE AUTHOR . . .

*Sarah Stonich to Visit the UMD Library November 7*



Sarah Stonich

Photo by Dan Dennehy

The UMD Library will welcome novelist Sarah Stonich as its “Meet the Author” guest from 4-6 p.m. on Thursday, November 7, 2002, in the fourth floor Rotunda Reading Room. Stonich is a St. Paul resident and Proctor native whose debut novel, *These Granite Islands*, received honorable mention at last year’s Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards. Stonich won international acclaim for *These Granite Islands*, which sold in over half a dozen countries. The book was published by Back Bay Books of Little, Brown and Company (\$13.95). *These Granite Islands* is the tale of 99-year-old Isobel, who recalls the unforgettable summer of 1936, a summer that changed her life forever.

At Thursday’s event, Stonich will discuss past and present Minnesota writers, bringing to light some of the differences between a regional and a mass-market author. She will also discuss her own personal journey down the road to becoming a writer.

Stonich is the recipient of the Loft-McKnight Award for Fiction, a Jerome Foundation Grant, and a Minnesota State Arts Board Fellowship. She is currently at work on a second novel, *The Ice Chorus*.

This program, sponsored by the UMD Library and the UMD Spectrum Lecture Series, is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

## NEMBA EXPANDS

Nominations are invited for the Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards (NEMBA), sponsored by the UMD Library and now entering its fifteenth year of honoring authors of books about northeastern Minnesota.

**Categories:** This year, NEMBA will have expanded categories for prizes. Instead of offering one prize and an honorable mention, the Awards will have two categories, with a prize and honorable mention within each category. The categories will include “**Fiction, Poetry, Drama**” and “**Nonfiction, Art, Scholarship**.” Children’s books will be considered within the two broad categories.

**Eligibility Requirements:** Nominated books must have been published and copyrighted in the year 2002. A book may be nominated in only one of the two NEMBA categories. Should a book be nominated in both categories, the UMD Library Communication & Events Team will determine the appropriate category for entry.

Nominated books must be about northeastern Minnesota, substantially representing its history, culture, heritage, or lifestyle. For purposes of the Awards, northeastern Minnesota includes the following counties: Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Kanabec, Koochiching, Lake, Pine, and St. Louis. A nominated book must have been written in English and published in bound paper format. One copy of each nominated book must be submitted along with the entry form, which will be available on the Web at <http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/nemba/home.html> after December 1, 2002.

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## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

*Everything You Ever Wanted to Know about the SunRays*

**Q:** What's different about the SunRay computers this year?

**A:** Lots! The SunRays (located on the first, third, and fourth floors of the Library) are for student, faculty, and staff use only. Community users may use computers on the second floor of the Library or the "kiosk mode" SunRays near the Library entrance, which have basic Internet capability. The student SunRays have been a big win for UMD in terms of cost and stability, but feedback from surveys indicates that users want an experience more similar to the Windows operating system. This year, students can select the "KDE desktop," a unix desktop system that has the look and feel of Windows. If you are new to UMD, your account will default to this new desktop system the first time you log in to a SunRay. If you are a returning student, you can stick with the old CDE interface or migrate to KDE (choose "KDE Desktop" via the "Options" button on the login box).

To launch MS Office on a SunRay, click on the Microsoft Office icon on your SunRay toolbar at the bottom of the screen, and then log in to Tarantella with your user name and the first eight characters of your password. Click on the "Microsoft Apps" option in the upper left corner of your screen. Anything you print will go to all of the Library print stations. Don't forget to log out of the Windows session, then log out of Tarantella, and finally log out of your SunRay. First, click on the START button in the lower left corner of your Windows screen, and click on "Log Off." Then, click on the Webtop menu in the upper left corner of your Tarantella window, and choose "Log Out." Finally, click on the K icon in the lower left corner of your SunRay desktop and choose "Logout."

## UMD LIBRARY—MORE THAN JUST A PLACE

Our library is more than just a nice place to study, to use computers, or to work on class projects with friends. It is people--library service people who can make a difference in the quality of your academic or scholarly life. The group of people in the UMD Library who help you progress in your intellectual pursuits are your reference librarians!

From the Reference desk on the library's second floor, from their nearby offices, and via the "Ask a Librarian" link on the library home page, reference librarians provide the individual research service that will yield accurate and abundant information for your assignments or personal research, using a multitude of electronic, print, and media resources.

- Need information fast?
- Need a research strategy for a term paper?
- Need Web site or database recommendations for your research project?
- Need to find a scholarly article, a biography, an editorial, a review?
- Need help with any part of the library Web site?

Ask your reference librarian!

Our goal is to make you an effective library user. For new library users, students, faculty, and staff, we offer orientation to our facility and services. We offer library instruction in a classroom setting for UMD courses. We also assist faculty in acquiring a quality collection of library materials and access to databases that support UMD curricula.

Yes, the library is people as much as it is a place! Let UMD reference librarians help guide the way in your academic journey!

The Reference URL is <http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/reference/refservices.html>.

The Reference desk telephone number is 726-8100.

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### *Did You Know?*

*The UMD Library's Reference Team consists of eight librarians, all of whom have master's degrees in library science. Several have a second master's degree, and two have Ph.D.s.*

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## SAFEGUARDING PATRONS' PRIVACY

Librarians, institutional leaders, board members, friends of libraries, and others interested in free speech issues are invited to attend a teleconference on "Safeguarding Our Patrons' Privacy: What Every Librarian Needs to Know about the USA PATRIOT Act & Related Anti-Terrorism Measures." The teleconference will be presented at UMD from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. on December 11, in 173 Kirby Plaza, as well as at nine other reception sites in Minnesota. Attendance is free of charge. Please R.S.V.P. by December 4 to the UMD Library Administration Office, telephone: 726-8102 or FAX: 726-8019.

The teleconference will provide libraries and their governing institutions with an analysis of the implications of the recent anti-terrorism measures, including the USA PATRIOT Act, the Attorney General's Guidelines expanding the investigative powers of the FBI, and the Homeland Security Act. Panelists will address the key legal issues and policy implications for libraries as well as the impact of legislative and regulatory proposals on the privacy and First Amendment rights of library users. Panelists will also identify steps that institutions need to take to comply with proper search warrants, subpoenas, and wiretap requests from law enforcement personnel.

The panelists include Tracy Mitrano, Policy Advisor, Director of Computer Law and Policy, Office of the Vice President for Information Technology, Cornell University; James Neal, Vice President and University Librarian, Columbia University Libraries; Gary Strong, Director, Queens Borough Public Library; and Peter Swire, Professor of Law, Ohio State University.

Links to Web sites about the USA PATRIOT Act can be found at the IT/LDS Web page <http://cfl.state.mn.us/library/USANews.html>.

This telecast is one of a series provided by the Department of Children, Families, & Learning, Information Technologies/Library Development & Services, paid for with funds from the Library Services and Technology Act. Other sponsors include the American Library Association's Washington Office, the Association of Research Libraries, the American Association of Law Libraries, the Medical Library Association, and the Special Libraries Association.

### *New Resources @ Your Library*

The UMD Library announces access to **Safari Tech Books**, an online search engine offering approximately fifty selected full-text computer books from O'Reilly and other IT publishers, including Addison-Wesley, Cisco Press, New Riders, Peachpit, Prentice Hall, Prentice Hall Professional Technical Reference, Que, and Sams.

All of the Safari e-books are fully searchable and fully navigable. Users can browse titles and subject areas to get to relevant chapters or perform key word searches across multiple titles simultaneously.

For access to the subscribed titles, go to the UMD Library's page of indexes and databases <http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/reference/dbt.html> and find Safari in the alphabetical list. Safari is also listed under "What's New and Events" on the Library's "New Electronic Resources" page <http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/whatsnew/new.html>.

Extensive backfile volumes of core Literature journals are available at the UMD Library through its **JSTOR** site license. The JSTOR database combines high-resolution page images for display and printing with a linked text file for full-text searches of major scholarly journals.

The JSTOR database is unique because it makes available the complete backfiles of scholarly journals, starting with the very first issues, many of which reach back to the 1800s. New titles and fields are being added constantly. JSTOR is a not-for-profit organization that provides enhanced research possibilities while helping libraries to reduce long-term costs associated with storing materials.




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*To find a list of the UMD Library's newest electronic resources, look under "What's New and Events" on the Library's home page, and then select the "New Electronic Resources" link.*

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## A MEMO FROM THE DIRECTOR

UMD Library seeks partnerships with many different information providers to make available better services for UMD students and faculty. One of this library's key partnerships is with the MINITEX Library Information Network, which is funded by the Minnesota Legislature through the Minnesota Higher Education Services Office (MHESO). MINITEX is a state-funded activity, and like most state entities, it experienced a large budget cut this year. The ballpark figure for the cut was over \$800,000.

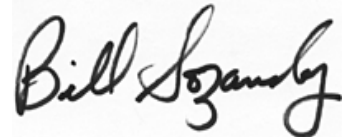
Because of this cut, the UMD Library lost access to Current Contents, National Newspapers (full-text access to the *Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, *Washington Post*, and *Minneapolis Star Tribune* from 1985 to date, and a 90-day rolling access to the *New York Times*), and the OCLC Electronic Collections Online (ECO). We were able to restore access to the National Newspapers by canceling other materials, but we were not able to restore Current Contents and the OCLC ECO.

MINITEX is also facing a large cut next year. This is of great concern to me because UMD will lose more resources and services.

For over thirty years, MINITEX has helped libraries throughout Minnesota share materials in both print and electronic formats. This has been very important to UMD students and faculty. For example, last year UMD Library received over 6,595 books and articles from MINITEX via interlibrary loan. Most of these materials requests were filled within one week. Over three thousand journal articles were delivered to the requestors' desktops.

MINITEX has also been instrumental in negotiating favorable statewide contracts for electronic databases that have greatly benefited this campus. As an example, a MINITEX contract provides UMD access to INFOTRAC, an academic index that offers full-image access to articles in over one thousand journals. INFOTRAC was consulted over 145,000 times last year on our campus. We also receive, due to MINITEX's help, online full-text access to Project MUSE, a collection of over two hundred scholarly journals, for less than half of what we would have to pay by ourselves. I could go on and on about the benefits that MINITEX has provided this campus.

MINITEX is a model of efficiency that has helped libraries throughout Minnesota save money by sharing resources. Any additional budget cuts to MINITEX will definitely hurt library services at the UMD Library. I will do everything I can to advocate on its behalf.



### *Congratulations!*

On October 28, 2002, UMD Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin announced the winners of this year's Outstanding Service Awards. Among the winners were Library Senior Office Supervisor Jane Bottoms and Associate Reference Librarian Martha Eberhart. They will be honored at a ceremony and reception on Wednesday, November 20, from 3 to 5 p.m. in Kirby Ballroom. Both were selected for Continuous Service awards.

Please join us in congratulating them for their outstanding service.

## STAFF MEMBERS WELCOME NEW UNIVERSITY LIBRARIAN: WENDY PRADT LOUGEE

On August 6, 2002, UMD Library staff and other members of our campus community attended a reception for the new University Librarian, Wendy Pradt Lougee. Lougee began her work as U of M University Librarian and as the McKnight Presidential Professor in Library Science on June 17, 2002, and spent the early months of her tenure touring and meeting broadly with colleagues within and outside of the University Libraries.

In her first written message to staff, Lougee thanked Assistant University Librarian Peggy Johnson for serving as Interim University Librarian after the retirement of Tom Shaughnessy at the end of 2001. She also said, "My first few weeks here in Minnesota have been tremendously rewarding. I have been impressed with what I am discovering almost daily about the University Libraries' rich collection resources, talented staff, and the high regard for our organization on campus. What a winning combination!"

Lougee came to Minnesota from the University of Michigan, where she served as Associate Director of the University Library with responsibility for digital library services. Prior to joining the library administration at Michigan in 1982, she held librarian positions at Brown University and Wheaton College (Massachusetts).

A native Midwesterner, Lougee holds a B.A. in English from Lawrence University (Wisconsin), an M.S. in Library Science from the University of Wisconsin, and an M.A. in Psychology from the University of Minnesota. Her professional, publishing, and research interests focus on scholarly communication, collection management models, the economics and use of electronic publications, and digital library development.



Wendy Pradt Lougee

## UMD to Roll Out MnLINK in Summer 2003

UMD Library is scheduled to go live with MnLINK beginning in the summer of 2003. MnLINK is a \$12 million legislative initiative that will tie together library catalogs throughout the state. MnLINK incorporates an integrated library system (ILS) that manages a library's inventory, circulation, and other functions, and it presents an interface that allows a user to search library catalogs throughout Minnesota and order materials through interlibrary loan.

The Twin Cities libraries launched MnLINK on July 1, 2002. To view their new online library catalog, MNCAT, check out [mncat.lib.umn.edu](http://mncat.lib.umn.edu). With the new MNCAT catalog, UMD users can search the Twin Cities campus libraries holdings, taking advantage of these new features: (1) Limit searches by material type, (2) Limit searches by library, and (3) Renew materials from Twin Cities campus libraries online.

Throughout the current year, UMD, Crookston, and Morris will be migrating their libraries' data to the new system, with final cutover scheduled for June 16, 2003. Beginning this winter, MnSCU (Minnesota State Colleges and Universities) and PALS (Project for Automated Library Systems) will begin phasing in their collections—a total of 80 institutions—for completion by 2007.

Undaunted by what could be a flood of ILL requests, UMD librarians see MnLINK participation as an opportunity to improve and expand services to UMD students, faculty, and staff as well as to serve the needs of users throughout the state.

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*The University of Minnesota Libraries are housed in five major facilities and eleven branch sites. Its collections include nearly 6 million print volumes, 45,000 serial subscriptions, 5.7 million microforms, 2.6 million government documents, and 400,000 maps, making it the 17<sup>th</sup> largest research library in North America.*

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## PEOPLES' CHOICE AWARD WINNERS

The UMD Library was one of a hundred voting sites around the state for the People's Choice Awards, a program sponsored by the Minnesota Center for the Book and the Minnesota Humanities Commission to celebrate America's stories and Minnesota's authors. Members of the public cast ballots for their favorite female and favorite male authors, with separate awards for favorite authors of young voters.

The People's Choice Awards were announced at the National Book Festival on Saturday, October 12. John Cole, Director of the National Center for the Book at the Library of Congress, and Stanley Romanstein, President of the Minnesota Humanities Commission, made the announcement at the State Pavilion in Washington, D.C. In Minnesota, the awards were announced at the Twin Cities Book Festival at International Market Square in Minneapolis.

"It is an honor to recognize such celebrated authors as winners of the People's Choice Awards," said Romanstein. "Readers young and old from throughout Minnesota have shown their support for celebrating books and authors by participating in this project."

Honored as favorite Minnesota male author of adult literature, **Jon Hassler** has written a number of popular titles, many of which are available at the UMD Library, including *The Dean's List*, *Rookery Blues*, *North of Hope*, *Grand Opening*, and most recently, *Staggerford*.

**Lorna Landvik**, favorite female author in the People's Choice Awards, set her first two novels, *Patty Jane's House of Curl* and *Your Oasis on Flame Lake* in a fictional Minnesota resort town. *The Tall Pine Polka*, Landvik's third novel, received a Loft McKnight Award of Distinction. Landvik published her fourth book, *Welcome to the Great Mysterious*, in 2000, and she will publish her fifth book, *Angry Housewives Eating Bon Bons*, in 2003.

Honored as Minnesota youth's favorite male author, **Gary Paulsen** has written numerous books, articles, and short stories. Three of his novels, *Hatchett*, *Dogsong*, and *The Winter Room*, were Newberry Honor Books.

**Kate DiCamillo**, named Minnesota youth's favorite female author in the People's Choice Awards, made her writing debut with *Because of Winn-Dixie*. The novel claimed a spot on the *New York Times* bestseller list and won several awards, including a Newberry Honor. DiCamillo's second novel, *The Tiger Rising*, was a National Book Award finalist.

The Center for the Book collaborated with the Upper Midwest Booksellers Association, Barnes & Noble Booksellers, Borders Bookstores, and libraries to coordinate voting efforts. The People's Choice Awards were made possible by a grant from the Library of Congress, and support from AT&T and the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

## NEMBA EXPANDS

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Send nomination forms and one copy of each nominated book to the UMD Library, Attention: Communication & Events Team, 416 Library Drive, Duluth, MN 55812. Nominations must be postmarked or received by February 1, 2003.

**Prizes:** The winning author in each category will receive a cash prize of \$300, and the honorable mention will receive \$100.

**Awards Presentation:** Winning and honored authors will be announced at a reception at the UMD Library the evening of May 21, 2003, as part of a weeklong celebration of publishing in Minnesota currently scheduled for May 14-21. The Minnesota Center for the Book is coordinating events throughout the state recognizing the literary achievements of authors as well as the contributions of publishers, designers, illustrators, editors, librarians, booksellers, and book collectors.



## MLA ELECTS BILL SOZANSKY AS ITS NEW VP

The Minnesota Library Association (MLA) elected UMD Library Director Bill Sozansky as its 2003 Vice-President and 2004 President-Elect. The election took place at the MLA Annual Conference September 25-27, 2002, in St. Paul, Minnesota.

MLA is a chapter of the American Library Association, working to promote general library service and librarianship within its geographic area. It is an association of library supporters, representing all types of libraries by helping them "to accomplish together what none can do alone." Its membership currently totals approximately 1,100 members.

The theme for this year's MLA conference was "Old Friends, New Partners @ your library™." Other UMD Library staff members who attended this year's MLA conference included Brenda Bonnema, Liz Benson Johnson, and Adele Krusz.

The Vice-President/President-Elect serves the first year after election as Vice-President, the second year as President, and the third year as Past President and as chair of the Conference Program Committee. Bill Sozansky's election as Vice-President/President-Elect is timely, given the fact that the MLA annual conference is scheduled to be held in Duluth in the year 2004.

## Experience Adds Up for Staff Members

Recently, several UMD Library staff members celebrated more than 25 years of service to University of Minnesota Libraries, and sixteen of the Library's full-time staff members have reached fifteen or more years of service.

Those who have become "silver bulldogs" (with 25 or more years of service) include Director **Bill Sozansky**, who started his career on the Twin Cities campus, and Circulation Services Coordinator **Adele Krusz**. Adele began her full-time employment in the UMD Library in July 1974 but also worked in the Library prior to that as a student employee.

Almost silver bulldogs are Technical Services employees **Ellen Hanson** and **Deb Johnson**, who will each reach the 25-year mark within six months. Ellen Hanson seriously thought, when she began working in the Library, that she would only be here for three or four years. Almost 25 years later, she is still here. She says, "The position I currently hold I have had for about 24 years. I have been very fortunate to have found work that it is a complement with me. I really like what I do in the Library. Being the union president for a number of years has been rewarding as well. I look forward to passing that baton and returning to the Library full time early next year."

Deb Johnson is another staffer who worked in the Library as a student employee and volunteer prior to her full-time employment. She comments, "I think long-term service brings continuity and consistency to the workplace, and knowing the history of why we did some things can make future changes a little easier."

Change is something that employees who have worked at the UMD Library for more than 15 years have definitely experienced. Reference Librarian **Tom Zogg**, who began working here in 1987, recalls the Marcus Aurelius Antonius quotation, "The universe is change; our life is what our thoughts make it." He notes that "new technologies, a new building, but also the new ideas and personalities of changing library personnel" have been significant factors of change at the UMD Library.

Computer Systems team member **Kyle Harriss** tends to become nostalgic when thinking back over his years at UMD. He started as a student employee, left briefly, and then returned to the Library full time in September 1979.

Other long-term Library staff members include **Jim Vileta** (1978), **Darlene Morris** (1978), **Anne Hovde** (1984), **Elizabeth Benson Johnson** (1984), **Martha Eberhart** (1986), **Heather McLean** (1986), and **Pamela Enrici** (1987). All of their years of service add up to a wealth of experience that UMD Library staff members bring to their jobs every day.



*Several UMD Library staff members have earned "silver bulldog" status, having completed at least 25 years of service.*



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### Library Hours

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

**Holiday closings:** Early closing November 27 at 7 p.m. and December 20 at 4 p.m.; closed all day November 28-29, December 21-25, December 28-29, January 1, January 4-5, January 11-12, and January 18-20.

**Semester Break, December 21, 2002-January 21, 2003**

Open Monday-Friday 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.

### ABOUT OUR NEWSLETTER

*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.

Contributors to this issue include Charlene Brown, Doreen Hansen, Darlene Morris, Marilyn Russell-Bogle, Bill Sozansky, and Tom Zogg.

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