ARTIST CHENG-KHEE CHEE TO KEYNOTE NORTHEASTERN MINNESOTA BOOK AWARDS

A record-breaking 42 books have been nominated for the 18th annual Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards (NEMBA), honoring books published in 2005 that best represent the history, culture, heritage, or lifestyle of northeastern Minnesota. Authors will be recognized at an evening celebration on Wednesday, May 17, 2006, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at the UMD Library.

This year’s NEMBA event will include a book fair, artist Cheng-Khee Chee as featured speaker, the awards presentation, and a pie and coffee reception.


Chee’s ties to NEMBA and to the UMD Library go back a long way. Prior to 1994, he pursued a career as a Librarian and as an Associate Professor of Art at UMD. With the help and support of his wife Sing-Bee, he developed his skills in watercolor at night and on weekends.

“I am delighted and deeply honored to be a part of the NEMBA event,” said Chee. “It has been over 10 years since I left UMD and the Library. What a great sense of reconnection!”

NEMBA is a free community event co-hosted by the UMD Library and Friends of the Duluth Public Library, with additional financial support provided by Northern Lights Books & Gifts.

Barnes & Noble Booksellers will donate copies of the nominated titles to be given away in a free drawing.

For more information, visit the NEMBA Web site at http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/nemba/index.htm or call 218-726-7889.
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**NEMBA Nominations**

*Fiction, Poetry, Drama*

*North Country Sampler* by multiple authors, edited by Liz Minette

*Poems and Reflections on Life and Love* by Rudy Pakiz

*Recollections of East Dhu: In My Own Words* by Edwin J. Takala

*Song of the Water Boatman & Other Pond Poems* by Joyce Sidman; illustrated by Beckie Prange

*Zoe’s Goodbye* by Mary Schlangen

**Nonfiction, Art, Scholarship**

*39 Years in First Grade* by Lora Lee Curtiss

*Adventures of an Iron Ranger* by Thomas Jeremiah Sullivan

*Beyond the Goalcrease* by Robb Stauber with Ross Bernstein

*Cascade Lodge: The History of a North Shore Landmark* by Eugene A. Glader

*The Co-op Label* by Jim Johnson (poems) and Marlene Wisuri (images)

*Damselflies of the North Woods* by Bob DuBois

*Dear Auntie, Why Me?* By “Peggy” Margaret A. Anderson

*Duluth, Missabe & Iron Range Railway* by John Leopard

*Duluth: Then and Now* presented by the Duluth News Tribune

*Exploring the Boundary Waters: A Trip Planner and Guide to the BWCAW* by Daniel Pauly

*Fitger’s: The Brewery and Its People* by Clarence “Coopen” Johnson

*Good Night, Everybody…and Be Kind* by Dennis Anderson

*A History of Mahtowa* by S. Hjalmar Swanson with additional material by Willie Newman

*Impressions of Embarrass, 1905-2005* by the Embarrass Centennial History Book Committee

*Leave Only Ripples: A Canoe Country Sketchbook* by Consie Powell

*More Poachers Caught! Further Adventures of a Northwoods Game Warden* by Tom Chapin

*North Shore Vision* by Paul Sundberg

*Rudy! The People’s Governor* by Betty Wilson

*Salmela: Architect* by Thomas Fisher; photographs by Peter Bastianelli-Kerze

*Sawbill: History and Tales* by Mary Alice Hansen


*Stories of Old Ely and the Lake Country* by Mike Hillman

*The Taming of Wild Rice* by Harold Kosbau

*A Taste of the Gunflint Trail: Recipes & Stories from the Lodges* by the Women of the Gunflint

*Voices of Pokegama: A History of the Place Around a Lake* by Ann K. Ryan

*Wild Minnesota* by Shawn Perich; photography by Gary Alan Nelson

*Winton: The Town that Lumber Built* by Margaret Sweet

*A Wonderful Country: The Quetico-Superior Stories of Bill Magie* by Dave Olesen
Be Our Buddy …Wherever You Are

Instant messaging (IM)--communicating online in real time via text typing--is the latest innovation to the UMD Library’s Ask Us! reference services. The instant messaging service, which was first offered in early April, has already proved to be very popular. Students and other library users are contacting the library as much through IM as they do by telephone.

A Chat/Co-Browse collaborative web service was offered in the fall, but the library added IM as another option because it is more familiar to users and will likely encourage more students and researchers to seek help from library professionals when they need it.

UMD is one of the earliest academic libraries to launch IM, according to reference librarian Jim Vileta. “We’re on the cutting edge with this. The Twin Cities campus isn’t doing it yet, but they will be soon because the next generation is using instant messaging more and more.”

A July 2005 study conducted by the Pew Research group found that 75 percent of teens and 42 percent of adults prefer to use instant messaging instead of e-mail. It is much like having a regular face-to-face conversation. Plus, it is very easy to use, both for the patron and for the librarian.

To use the library’s IM Ask Us! service, register a screen name with one of the IM networks shown on the right side of this page. Open your Instant Messaging client, add our buddy name, double-click on it, and start typing your message.

A librarian on duty will receive the message and can respond instantly to your questions and/or send a direct URL to the information you are seeking. Instant messaging is available during regular reference hours:

- Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.
- Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Saturday, 12:30-4:30 p.m.
- Sunday, 2-5 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.

At times, there may be exceptions to these hours; find updated information at www.d.umn.edu/lib/askus/hours-ref.htm.

IM is intended to offer brief reference assistance. If you would like to have a librarian demonstrate how to browse for information, try the Chat/Co-Browse service using Internet Explorer with the pop-up blockers turned off. This web-based collaborative software allows patrons and reference staff to see the same web page at the same time, use a shared arrow to point to places inside web pages, and type text back and forth. A transcript of the session is automatically sent to you when an e-mail address is specified. Chat/Co-Browse is available Monday through Friday, 1-4 p.m.

Ask Us! is available on the UMD Library’s home page (http://www.d.umn.edu/lib) and on all library pages site-wide from the top menu.

UMD Library users now have a wide variety of ways to communicate with reference librarians—by IM, chat/co-browse, e-mail, telephone, impromptu visit to the reference desk, or specialized consultation with a subject matter specialist.

Take advantage of this free service and receive help from a librarian without having to leave your computer or the comfort of your home or office. If you still favor telephone assistance, the number to call is 726-8000.
From Birmingham, England

For the past four months, my wife, Marty, and I have been teaching in UMD’s Study in England Program. It has been a wonderful experience for both of us. We have taken many interesting field trips in England with our students and a number by ourselves. One certainly does gain a much better insight into a foreign culture when you are able to live there for an extended period of time. As you can imagine, we have seen many museums, cathedrals, and historic sites, but I have been able to visit many great libraries as well.

On our trip to Oxford, we were able to tour the Bodleian Library. It was quite fascinating to learn how the library recovered from the serious damage to its collections incurred during the 16th Century.

It was also interesting to see how this library managed its resources. For example, during the tour, the guide showed us how books were shelved in the 17th Century. The individual books were chained to the stack, and the spines of the books were facing inward rather than toward the reader. A number was written on the outer edge of the pages that faced the library user. This meant that the library user could not discern what book it was unless he or she bought the printed catalogue that linked the titles to the numbers. This was one of the ways that Bodleian library officials raised money for the library. Don’t worry! We won’t emulate this practice at UMD.

I cannot believe how quickly the time has passed since our arrival in England. We have greatly enjoyed working with our students, the UMD faculty, and the Study in England Program staff both in Birmingham and Duluth.

I want to thank Liz Benson Johnson and the entire library staff for the great job they have done this semester keeping the UMD Library running smoothly, which has allowed me this wonderful opportunity. My one disappointment is that I will miss this year’s NEMBA celebration and Cheng-Khee Chee’s talk. We are proud to say that besides being a world-class artist and an emeritus UMD faculty member, Mr. Chee is an emeritus professional librarian from the UMD Library. I do hope that you will attend NEMBA, and I hope to see you all soon.

Cheerio!
BUILDING UPDATE

Three group study rooms were built on the fourth floor of the Library during the break between fall and spring semesters. This increases the number of group study rooms in the library complex to 25. Each of the 18 study rooms in the newer building is equipped with one or more conference tables, chairs, white boards, and live internet connections. Different sizes of groups can be accommodated. While the majority of the rooms are designed for groups of six, a few rooms can accommodate groups of twelve, and one room accommodates sixteen. Five of the seven study rooms in the Library Annex are designed for individual study, but can accommodate two students comfortably. Two larger rooms in the Annex can accommodate six to eight students.

In January, the UMD Facilities Management Electric Shop staff replaced all fluorescent bulbs in the Library’s public areas with new bulbs that have a lower wattage but put out more light than the old bulbs.

Fire protection systems in the Annex were updated during the first part of spring semester. The fire alarm system was upgraded with all new wiring, a new control box, and new horn and strobe alarms throughout the building. Fire sprinklers were added to the restrooms on the first floor, the concourse on the first floor outside the Annex elevator, the second floor, the skylight area, and a portion of the link between the Annex and the newer library building.

The next improvement planned for the Library is the addition of wireless access to the Library Annex. The Library Computer Work Team and UMD Information Technology Systems and Services staff started work on this project in March. The goal is to have wireless access throughout the Annex when classes resume next fall.

UMD Hosts Minnesota-South Dakota Government Publications Forum


Evan J. Rusch presented “Congressional Research Service Reports for Hot Topics” and Steve Harsin shared information about the collections and activities of the Iron Range Research Center. The meeting also featured reports from the Depository Library Council meeting in Seattle and updates from the Minnesota Association of Federal Depository Libraries (MAFDPL), including reports on the state plan.

Forum participants toured the EPA Mid-Continent Ecology Division lab. The Duluth laboratory is a research facility for EPA’s National Health and Environmental Effects Research Laboratory under the Office of Research and Development. It conducts research to determine the ecological effects of water pollutants on fish, wildlife, and ecosystems.

Another highlight of the two-day conference was the presentation of a signed “NOAA Coast Pilot 6” issue to Ann Jenkins in honor of her retirement from the Duluth Public Library. Ann used “United States Coast Pilot 6, Great Lakes and Their Connecting Waterways 2003” (C 55.422:6/2003) as her favorite government document during the MLA/GODORT Read (Docs!) Campaign.

READ (Docs!) was created by Minnesota government publications librarians as a new take on the American Library Association’s celebrity READ campaign featuring real people using real documents. READ (Docs!) posters can be viewed at the following Web site: http://govpubs.lib.umn.edu/forum/read2003.phtml.
BOOK REVIEW

By Tess Anderson Linval

Book: The Lincoln Lawyer: a novel / by Michael Connelly
PS 3553.O51165 L56 2005 (Bestseller)

Sometimes you just need a good mystery. If you’re in that kind of mood, this is definitely the book for you. The Lincoln Lawyer by Michael Connelly catches you at the very beginning and doesn’t let go until the very last page. Mickey Haller is a defense lawyer in L.A. who gets caught up in a whole mess of trouble with his client, Louis Roulet, a very rich and prominent man-about-town. Throw in a dab—but not too much—of Mickey’s personal life with his ex-wives and his only daughter, a couple of biker gang members, and a man jailed for something he didn’t do (honest!), and you get this terrific novel. Granted, it’s a fast read, but who wants a slow one when it comes to mystery? This is a perfect read for at the beach, lazy Sundays on the couch with the cat purring at your side, or those seemingly too-short lunch breaks. I’ve been recommending this book to people who like James Patterson, John Grisham, Sue Grafton… the list goes on and on! Michael Connelly has close to 20 titles out there, and you can bet I’ll be one of those fans awaiting his newest creations, as well as catching up on his old ones. Everybody needs a little mystery in their lives, and this is the perfect yet safe way to get it!

Hot Off the Shelves

The following are the most widely circulated books from the UMD Library collection, as recorded since the library acquired its online system:


In the arena of leisure reading, the following bestsellers were most popular this year:

8. At first sight / Nicholas Sparks. Bestseller PS3569.P363 A89 2005
9. He’s just not that into you: the no-excuses truth to understanding guys / Greg Behrendt and Liz Tuccillo. Bestseller HQ801 .B37 2004
Our academic library has a number of dedicated community users. Perhaps you are one of them. We thought our readers might be interested in learning more about a frequent user of the UMD Library who visits at least a couple of times every week.

Alan H. Hartley holds geology degrees from Carleton College (B.A.) and the University of Washington (M.S.), and his career has included minerals exploration, commercial fishing, working as a National Park Service Ranger on Isle Royale, as a stevedoring superintendent in Duluth for over twenty years, and finally, pursuing his idea of a dream job as a “lexicographer” immersed in the world of words.

When Alan was working on the waterfront in Duluth, his familiarity with nautical terminology in modern Greek and other languages used aboard ships led him to study the history of nautical language throughout the Mediterranean. Those studies produced some materials of interest for English etymology, so he sent the information off to the staff of the *Oxford English Dictionary* (OED), published by Oxford University Press. Soon, he received an e-mail from one of the editors asking him to work as a freelance reader of historical texts to provide materials for the revision of the OED. He recently submitted his 50,000th “slip” to the OED. The slips contain quotations and bibliographical information used as the dictionary’s building blocks.

The third edition of the OED is being updated quarterly at [OED Online](http://OEDOnline), a resource available at the UMD Library. The library also owns the printed second edition in 20 volumes (REF PE1625 .087 1989).

Alan is now an employee of the Oxford University Press, working mainly in the areas of maritime history, American history (17th to 19th centuries), and North American native peoples and languages. He also works as a proofreader and copy editor for the U.S. Dictionaries group of the OUP in New York, and he was a consulting editor on the second edition of the *New Oxford American Dictionary*.

Alan says of his experience at the UMD Library, “My use of the library is pretty unusual in its specifics, but I’m sure there are many other people who could benefit from its resources. It’s a real jewel, and I’d love to see more people using it, from the campus and from the community.”

**IN MEMORIAM: JOANNE LARSEN LINE**

Joanne Larsen Line, former UMD Library Senior Administrative Director, passed away on January 13, 2006, after a ten-year battle with melanoma. Joanne served in the Administrative office of the library for almost 25 years. She finished her Bachelor of Arts degree in Urban Studies at UMD and also completed a Master of Arts in Business Administration here.

Joanne served on numerous campus committees and task forces during her tenure, including the Commission on Disabilities, Commission on Women, Sexual Harassment Board, Campus Budget Group, Long-Range Physical Facilities Planning Committee, Campus Planning Committee, Campus Staff Development Advisory Board, Campus Assembly Board, ADA Task Force, and many others.

Her generous community activism included co-chairing the United Way Panel; serving as board president of the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District and as a member of the Duluth Public Library board (12 years); and being a member of the American Association of University Women, the North Country Quilters, and the North Shore Basket Guild.

She was co-author of *Quilts from the Quiltmaker’s Gift,* which won the 2001 Benjamin Franklin Award for Best Craft/Hobby/How-to Book, and also wrote *More Quilts from the Quiltmaker’s Gift* (2003).

Joanne’s family sold more than one hundred of her exquisite quilts to raise money for melanoma research. Donations may be made in Joanne’s name to the Mayo Foundation, 200 First St. SW, Rochester, MN 55905.
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