The UMD Library will present a dangerous trio of mystery writers, known as the Minnesota Crime Wave, on Thursday, Nov. 16, from 4-5:30 p.m. in its 4th floor Rotunda reading room. If you love mysteries, this event will give you a front-row encounter with the genre and with several award-winning perpetrators.

The “Minnesota Crime Wave” includes authors Carl Brookins, William Kent Krueger, and Ellen Hart. They travel together throughout the state, taking the art of author book-signings to a new level of entertainment with their criminal brand of humor. Among them, the members of this gang have committed 30 crime novels and have won more than 16 national and regional awards.

This “Meet the Author” event is free and open to the public. Light refreshments will be served, and the authors will sell and sign copies of their books. UMD parking information is available at http://www.d.umn.edu/parking/. For more information, call 726-8539.

BOOK AWARD NOMINATIONS OPEN DECEMBER 1
Nominations for the 19th Annual Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards (NEMBA), presented by the UMD Library and Friends of the Duluth Public Library, open December 1, 2006, and close on February 1, 2007. New this year are two additional categories, bringing the total to four: (1) fiction / poetry / drama, (2) nonfiction / memoir, (3) art / photography, and (4) children’s literature.

The awards recognize books published in 2006 that are substantially representative of northeastern Minnesota in the areas of history, culture, heritage, or lifestyle. For purposes of the awards, northeastern Minnesota is defined to include the following counties: Aitkin, Carlton, Cook, Itasca, Kanabec, Koochiching, Lake, Pine, and St. Louis.

NEMBA prizes include $300 and a plaque for the winner in each category. To nominate a book, visit the NEMBA Web site at www.d.umn.edu/lib/nemba, complete a nomination form, and send it along with one copy of each nominated book to Brenda Bonnema, UMD Library, 416 Library Drive, Duluth, MN 55812. For information, call 218/726-6843 or e-mail bbonnema@d.umn.edu.

A reception honoring all nominated authors will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2007, at the UMD Library. The reception is free and open to the public.
Computing in the Library

Q: I’ve had trouble finding a computer available for non-students. The ones with the arched white signs on top of the monitors always seem to be busy, and the others require you to log in with a student internet ID and password. What are you doing to solve this problem?

A: The computers available for non-students currently do not restrict the amount of time one person can spend using them. In order to solve this problem, the Library will soon be installing time limit management software on the computers that are available for community users. Users will be given a “ticket” that will allow them to log on to one of the public computers for two hours. At the end of that time, the computer will shut down. Users will be allowed two tickets per day.

Q: What do I have to do to get a ticket?

A: Users can go to the circulation desk and request a ticket. You will be asked to show some form of picture ID and sign a register for the day.

Q: If I don’t use my whole two hours at one time, can I come back later to use the rest of the time on my ticket?

A: No, once you click the log out button or leave the computer for more than 15 minutes, your ticket will be closed out. Any files you have left on the computer will be deleted to protect your privacy.

Q: How will I know when my time is up?

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Q: Where will these computers for non-students be located?

A: There will be four computers on the first floor at the tables in the main lobby, marked with the arched white signs. Four computers will also be located on the second floor, in the last row of PCs in the study carrels area. One kiosk-mode SunRay at the top of the stairs on each of the third and fourth floors for users to check holdings in the library catalog will remain as they are.

Q: What other changes are happening with computing in the Library?

A: Information Technology Systems and Services added 28 iMACS and 12 PCs to the third floor.

Q: Where in the Library can I use my laptop computer with wireless internet connection?

A: The wireless network in the Library, available to UMD students and faculty only, has been improved recently. Old wireless routers have been upgraded, and additional wireless routers installed. You will notice that wireless is now available, for the first time, in the Library Annex, as well as throughout the main library, with the strongest signals reaching public areas on the first three floors of the building. Information about using wireless at UMD is available at www.d.umn.edu/itss/computing/wireless.

Q: How would I print from my laptop to one of the public print stations located in the Library or to other printers in campus computer labs?

A: Those who want to print from their own computers to the Library print stations should visit the following Web page to get “Iprint”: http://www.d.umn.edu/itss/labs/printing/pharos/. Using links on the Iprint Web page, a user would first install Iprint, then get the Iprint settings for printing to UMD printers.

E-Book Update

E-books available at the UMD Library from NetLibrary can no longer be “checked out.” Instead, they are viewable on a rolling 15-minute basis. If you are actively using a book, you will continue to have access. If inactivity is detected, your session will end so that the book can become available to other online users.

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**BEST SELLERS AND MORE**

The scope of the UMD Library’s Best Seller collection, located in the first floor reading room, has been expanded over the past few years. The base of the collection still consists of titles, hardcover fiction and nonfiction, that have appeared on the *Publisher’s Weekly* or *New York Times* best seller lists.

However, additional titles are now selected from the finalists of several awards, including the National Book Awards, Minnesota Book Awards, National Book Critics Circle Awards, Black Caucus of the American Library Association Literary Awards, and the American Library Association Notable Books Awards.

Titles that received the Booker, Caine, or Pulitzer Prize are represented as well as selections written by the recipients of the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Genre fiction awards such as the Hugo Award for science fiction, the Edgar Award for mystery, and the RITA Award for romance are also now represented in the UMD Best Seller collection.

Currently, over sixteen hundred titles are part of this collection, circulating for two weeks at a time. For a complete list of titles, visit the Library home page (www.d.umn.edu/lib/) and choose “Collections” from the left navigation panel.

**Enhanced Resources for Education Students & Faculty**

The UMD Library allocated $20,000 to enhance its Children’s Literature Collection in fiscal year 2005-2006, and the improvement is noticeable. This special purchase added 1,408 books to the collection (1,211 in nonfiction and 197 in fiction). Added to the 104 already purchased from the Children’s Literature annual budget, the total came to over 1,500 new titles. The nonfiction books updated the collection in sciences, technology, social sciences, and biography. Other purchases were made in folklore, poetry, and the arts.

The Children’s Literature Collection contains an extensive number of books that have won major book awards for children’s books. Award-winning titles that UMD Library collects include:

- Boston Globe-Horn Award & Honors
- Caldecott Medal & Honors
- Coretta Scott King Award & Honors
- Newbery Medal & Honors
- Orbis Pictus Award
- Mildred L. Batchelder Award
- Robert F. Sibert Medal & Honors

The Library’s Technical Services staff processed all of the new materials and undertook a major project to improve the catalog records and arrangement of the collection to make it more

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That the present UMD Library has been open for six years is really difficult for me to believe. The time since our grand opening has passed quickly in this lively and dynamic space. The building has allowed the library staff to offer our students and faculty the very best of services. But in this ever-changing library and information world, we realize that we must continually assess and reconfigure our services. For example, over the last six years, we have moved many of our print journals to electronic versions, and we have added wireless Internet access to all public areas in the library.

While we have been routinely making changes, the Library Management team decided to undertake a strategic planning process to map out a more coordinated plan for future services. The initial planning for the present UMD Library started in 1994 and was completed in 1996. A decade later, the timing seemed right to move forward with new planning.

Shortly after the library started its planning process, a campus-wide effort to create a new strategic plan for UMD was undertaken. We were able to bring much of the library planning work forward. One of the primary goals included in the Library section in the final campus-wide report was “to create a state-of-the-art Information Commons…by 2010.” The report defined information commons as “a physical space where library resources, technology, and a variety of services designed to support student learning, writing, and research are brought together.” While we expect some traditional library services to be available in the information commons, these services will not necessarily be the focus.

In order to achieve the goal of creating an information commons, the library has set up a study team to help define the possibilities for our campus. Members of this team have been reviewing literature and are planning visits to best practice sites. Information Commons (IC) have become a growing trend in academic libraries around the country, although implementations have been quite diverse. Some campuses have included writing centers while others have provided studios where students can practice, record, and critique group presentations before presenting in their classes. Some have included multimedia production centers and others musical rehearsal rooms. One constant to be found at most information commons seems to be coffee shops.

At this point, we want to be very open as to what to include. Our goal will be to find the array of services that best promote learning and that will be most useful to our students. We want to make sure that students have access to the best services whether they come for help on Wednesday afternoon or on a Sunday evening. We will be seeking campus partners—those who may be interested in moving existing services into the information commons and those who see this as an opportunity to offer new services.

A hallmark of the 1996 program statement that helped in the design of this library was the requirement that the facility be adaptable to change. This will serve us in good stead as we move forward with our IC planning process. We will be working with students, faculty, and campus administrators to develop our vision for an information commons that we hope will set a new standard.


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A MEMO FROM THE DIRECTOR

Give to the UMD Library

Use the enclosed envelope to make a contribution to support the UMD Library--the cornerstone of student learning and success.
RefWorks is a user-friendly online personal bibliographic management database that is available to UMD students, faculty, and staff. It is a tool for collecting and managing citations of books, journal articles, Web sites, DVDs, and more. It also offers a mechanism for creating bibliographies in various citation styles, such as MLA, APA, Chicago, and Turabian. A separate add-on module, Write-N-Cite, allows researchers to create a document for a paper in MS Word and easily enter citations from their RefWorks database as they write. At the conclusion of the paper, a list of works cited in a chosen citation style is automatically produced. For those without MS Word, a similar tool, called One Cite, may be used.

Researchers can move personally selected references to articles, books, and other resources from many of the UMD Library databases and the Library Catalog to RefWorks. Many of the databases have built-in features allowing users to export citations to RefWorks directly. For those without that feature, citations may be brought into RefWorks as text files or entered manually.

Once in RefWorks, references can be arranged into folders that can be set up for individual papers, articles, or book chapters (for those writing entire books). Researchers may also add notes of their own to the information available on each reference. References from sources other than databases or catalogs may be added manually. This is most commonly done for Web sites but can be done for any type of resource used, including historical documents, performances, interviews, and more.

An individual’s RefWorks account ends up being a personal database of references, which can be searched by author, title keyword, descriptor (subject) keyword, and other fields. Over 1,000 people at UMD are currently using RefWorks, and in the past year, over 26,000 references were added to UMD RefWorks accounts. Many users have expressed enthusiasm for RefWorks, especially faculty, graduate students, and upper division undergraduates. They like the opportunity to have one place to store their references and the ease at which bibliographies, lists of works cited, in-text references, and footnotes can be created while writing their papers or articles.

For more information on RefWorks and to find directions for using export features in various databases and catalogs, see http://www.d.umn.edu/refworks.

*Courtesy Cards for High School Students*

UMD Library collections and resources are tailored to meet the needs of college-aged students and adults, but we recognize that high school students may be completing advanced placement college assignments or undertaking advanced projects for other reasons.

In the past, exceptions were made on a case-by-case basis for allowing high school students to check out items at the UMD Library. Now students 14 years of age or older accompanied by a sponsoring parent or legal guardian may be registered to use the UMD Library for a one-year registration period.

The student will be asked to present a photo ID at the time of registration and prior to each loan. The parent who sponsors his or her high school-aged student for library registration must first be a registered user of the library. Adult residents of the Duluth area, students and faculty of area post-secondary institutions, and summer campus residents are eligible to apply for library courtesy cards.

The student will be registered as a “proxy” for the parent or guardian, and the sponsoring parent will be responsible for the return of borrowed materials, for paying overdue fines, and for potential replacement fees and processing fees related to unreturned or damaged materials.

For more information, consult the UMD Library Circulation Web page at http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/homenav/circ/index.htm or call 218-726-6120.
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accessible for library users. They created records and call numbers for the 4,552 books that were not in the Library Catalog, reclassified 1,776 books, and added subject headings. The collection formerly had eight categories, and it now has three: Primary Fiction (Picture Books), Intermediate Fiction, and Nonfiction.

The UMD Library also designated $10,000 to increase resources in the Teaching Materials Collection. This fund allowed for the purchase of 170 items in addition to the 29 items purchased from the Teaching Materials annual budget. New items acquired were High Interest-Low Vocabulary books and teacher guides; Foss Science teacher guides and kits; materials to support Special Education; and games designed to teach students math and reading.

Subscriptions to three databases featuring teaching materials and information were also added to UMD Library holdings: Curriculum Resource Center, Curriculum Resource Center (Junior Edition), and Kraus Curriculum Development Library. These are available on the UMD Library databases page (www.d.umn.edu/lib/elists/indexlistpage.php).

Staff News

Jodi Carlson attended the Minnesota Library Association’s annual conference September 27-29. At the conference, she presented “Blogs and Feeds and the Government, Oh My! Effective Use of Social Software” with Heather Tompkins from Carleton College and Amy West from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities. Jodi is the UMD Library Reference and Government Documents Librarian. She is also subject specialist for Communications, American Indian Studies, and Women’s Studies. Jodi was elected co-chair of the UMD Women’s Studies Advisory Board for this academic year.

Sunshine Carter has accepted the position of Reference and Electronic Resources Librarian at the UMD Library. Sunshine began her new duties on June 13. She is on family leave for this semester, with Julie Kapke filling in as a part-time Reference Librarian in her absence.

In August, Reference Librarian Pamela Enrici arranged and coordinated training sessions with the Biomedical Library in the Twin Cities that featured trainers from the National Library of Medicine. Using Breeze technology, a trainer in one of the UMD Library computer labs and one at a lab on the Twin Cities campus co-presented PubMed, NLM Gateway, and ClinicalTrials.gov databases to audiences in both places. Over 35 people took training on Monday, and about 20 people attended the Tuesday session. They included academic librarians, hospital librarians, medical staff, and physicians.

Two members of the Computer Systems team, Doreen Hansen and Gail Trygstad, attended HighEdWebDev in Rochester, NY, October 21-25. This conference is tailored for Web developers in higher education institutions. This year’s theme was “Collective Intelligence.”

Reference Librarian Tom Zogg reviewed Placenames of the World by Adrian Room in the June 2006 issue of Choice. Tom is on a committee that chose the 2006 Outstanding Geoscience Reference Book Award, given this year to A Geologic Time Scale (2004) by the Geoscience Information Society. He will attend the Association of American Geographers annual meeting next April in San Francisco.

Technical Services staff members, including Marilyn Barnstorf, Brenda Bonnema, Ellen Hanson, Anne Hoyde, Deb Johnson, and Darlene Morris attended a meeting sponsored by OCLC/MINITEX on October 16 that focused on the future of technical services in libraries. The meeting included much discussion about how the library’s role is changing with the development of Google and the Internet.
WELCOME, NEW STAFF!

SHIXING WEN

Shixing Wen joined the staff of UMD Library as Head of Technical Services on Monday, October 30. His responsibilities include managing and supervising the Technical Services team, overseeing access and control of materials, and co-managing collection development activities.

Shixing graduated from Indiana University with an MLS degree in 1993. His first professional job was at the Southern Illinois University Library as Assistant Cataloging Librarian from 1994-1997. Then he joined the Florida Gulf Coast University Library as Technical Services Team Leader in 1997. He served as Coordinator of Technical Services at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in 2000. Later, for family reasons, he moved to Michigan and worked at the University of Michigan Library, initially as Head of Exchange and Gifts and later assuming other responsibilities, including Head of Monograph Receiving and Technology Coordinator.

Active in library professional associations, Shixing was President of the Chinese American Librarians Association (www.cala-web.org) in 2004-2005. He was elected as a Councilor-at-Large of the American Library Association in 2006 for a three-year term. He has been publishing Chinese Librarianship: An International Journal (www.iclc.us/cliej) since 1996.

Shixing’s hometown is Hangzhou, China. Hangzhou is the capital city of Zhejiang Province, about 120 miles south of Shanghai. According to Wikipedia, Hangzhou was founded 2,200 years ago during the Qin Dynasty. It is listed as one of the Seven Ancient Capitals of China. The Venetian Marco Polo visited Hangzhou in the late 13th century and referred to the city as “beyond dispute the finest and the noblest in the world.” An ancient Chinese saying goes, “There is a paradise in Heaven, and there are Suzhou and Hangzhou on Earth.”

Shixing says that he is “excited to join the wonderful staff of the University of Minnesota Duluth” and that he will try his best “to contribute to the continuing success of the Library.”

DANIEL FILIPIAK

UMD Library’s new Computer Support Specialist is Daniel Filipiak, who will be providing computer hardware and software support, staff support, and helping with special projects, including evaluation of new technology. He started at the Library on Monday, October 23.

Daniel holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Information Systems with a Computer Science minor from Minnesota State University, Moorhead. He previously worked at Falk’s Pharmacies as a Computer Support specialist; at SEI in Fargo, ND, as a Customer Care Professional; and at Xcel Energy in Minneapolis while completing his Electrical Engineering Internship.

His favorite recreational activities include grilling, fishing, snowmobiling, and being a fan of UMD hockey. He grew up in Barnum and realized how nice Duluth is after spending eight years in Fargo. He says that he is married to the “greatest woman in the world”—Molly—who is also his best friend.

Daniel says that he prefers working for larger organizations because they seem to value employees and encourage lifelong learning. He is looking forward to being part of a university system and working in the UMD Library.
Fall Semester
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

Thanksgiving Break (Nov. 22-26)
Wednesday 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
Thursday-Friday Closed
Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday Noon- Midnight

Finals Week (Dec. 15-21)
Friday-Wednesday, Dec. 15-20
Thursday, Dec. 21

Building
7:30 a.m.-midnight
7:30 a.m.-7 p.m.

Late hours (1st floor only)
Midnight-2 a.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.

Contributors to this issue include Charlene Brown, Martha Eberhart, Daniel Filipiak, Kathryn Fuller, Kyle Harriss, Anne Hovde, Darlene Morris, Bill Sozansky, and Shixing Wen.

To reduce paper consumption, this newsletter is made available on the Web at http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/newsletter/index.htm.