UMD Library and Friends of the Duluth Public Library will co-host the 19th annual Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards on Thursday evening, May 17, in an exciting new venue—the beautiful Weber Music Hall on the University of Minnesota Duluth campus. Designed by renowned architect Cesar Pelli, the Weber Music Hall affords a seating capacity of 350 as well as excellent acoustics and audiovisual features.

The NEMBA Celebration book fair begins at 5:30 p.m., followed by the keynote speaker, the awards presentation, and a dessert reception. Duluth’s poet laureate, Barton Sutter, has agreed to emcee the program.

The keynote address will be given by Will Weaver, a writer of fiction for adult and young adult readers. He will speak on the topic, “Why Writers Are Not Normal People.” Weaver was born and now lives in northern Minnesota, a region he writes about and loves. His collection *A Gravestone Made of Wheat and Other Stories* (Simon & Schuster, 1989) has won many awards, including the Minnesota Book Award for Fiction. The title story was recently produced as the independent film *Sweet Land*, starring Ned Beatty.

Thirty-eight books published in 2006 are vying for NEMBA awards, and winners will be announced during the program (not in advance, as in previous years). Nominated titles must substantially represent northeastern Minnesota in the areas of history, culture, heritage, or lifestyle. Prizes include $300 and a glass plaque for the winner in each of the following three categories: (1) Fiction, Poetry, Drama, (2) Nonfiction, Memoir, and (3) Children’s Literature.

The Children’s Literature category is new this year. Organizers had planned to add a fourth category for Art / Photography books but received only one nomination, which was moved to the Nonfiction / Memoir category.

Guests will have the chance to participate in a give-away drawing of NEMBA books donated by Barnes & Noble Booksellers.

NEMBA receives financial support from the UMD Library, Friends of the Duluth Public Library, UMD Stores, and Northern Lights Books & Gifts.

This event is a free community celebration. For more information, call 726-7889 or visit the NEMBA Web site at www.d.umn.edu/lib/nemba.
NEMBA NOMINEES

Children’s Literature

Dog Watch: Trouble in Pembrook, by Mary Casanova; illustrated by Omar Rayyan
Fearless John: The Legend of John Beargrease, by Kelly Emerling Rauzi; illustrated by Mila Horak
Kristin’s Wilderness: A Braided Trail, by Garrett Conover
The Legend of Minnesota, by Kathy-jo Wargin; illustrated by David Geister
Minn from Minnesota, by Kathy-jo Wargin; illustrated by Karen Busch Holman
Tree Trolls! in the Rommegrot Pot, by Marjory Johnson Wood; watercolors by Marjory Wood; rosemaling by Teresa Ann McCue

Fiction, Poetry, Drama

Dear Bird: Poems, by Sheila J. Packa
Distant Engines, by Ryan Vine
The Keeper’s Daughter, by Leanne Denise Knott
Living in Duluth, by Cecilia Lieder
The North Shore, by Gunnard Landers
Northern Explosion: A Laura Kjelstad Mystery, by Andie Peterson
Promises Vague Yet Certain, poems by Donald Dass; linocuts by Cecilia Lieder
Response: Poetry & Prints from the Lake Superior Writers and the Northern Printmakers Alliance, compiled by Cecilia Lieder
Ticket to a Lonely Town, by Bruce Henricksen
Torch, by Cheryl Strayed

Nonfiction, Memoir

Amphibians & Reptiles of the North Woods, by Allen Blake Sheldon
Butterflies of the North Woods: Minnesota, Wisconsin, & Michigan, by Larry Weber
By the Ore Docks: A Working People’s History of Duluth, by Richard Hudelson and Carl Ross
Carlton Chronicles, by Francis M. Carroll; photo editing by Marlene Wisuri and the Carlton History Committee
A County Built on Iron: St. Louis County, Minnesota, 1856-2006, by Bill Beck
Dad’s Stories, by Joe McGraw
The Devouring Rages of Fire: The Two Most Terrifying Forest Fires in North American History, by Clark C. Peterson
Electrifying a Century: Celebrating 1906-2006, 100 Years of Minnesota Power, by Bill Beck
Ely Lives: Her People, Her Stories, by Mike Hillman
Fascinating Fungi of the North Woods, by Cora Mollen and Larry Weber; illustrated by Rick Kollath and Bonnie Wenborg
Fascinating Loons: Amazing Images & Behaviors, by Stan Tekiela

Authors of 38 books nominated for the Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards will be honored at the NEMBA Celebration on May 17.

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TOOLS FOR SUCCESS

Assignment Calculators

What college student hasn’t ever procrastinated and left the work of a major assignment to the last minute? Even excellent students often have a tendency to procrastinate, which can prevent them from getting as much out of their college experience as they should.

Psychologists Dan Ariely and Klaus Wertenbroch studied the effect of deadlines on procrastination, comparing student performance on assignments where they were given only a final deadline versus those with multiple deadlines that broke the assignments into steps. They found that students procrastinated less and performed better when they were given multiple deadlines for a lengthy assignment (“Procrastination, deadlines, and performance: Self-control by pre-commitment,” Psychological Science, May 2002).

Based on findings such as these, the UMD Library has made available a tool, the Assignment Calculator, which allows students to break their assignments into a series of steps leading to the completion of their assignment. Each step has its own deadline that is based on the nature of the work involved in that part of the project.

The library has two versions of the Assignment Calculator online—one for research papers and the other for video projects. The Video Assignment Calculator is the newer of the two and was created because of the increasing use of video projects as a teaching tool across the UMD curriculum.

For each step that the Assignment Calculator creates—twelve of them for the regular Assignment Calculator and ten for the Video Assignment Calculator—the tool provides a collection of helpful tips for completing that part of the project as well as links to additional readings that pertain to that stage of the work. This helps students give attention to important steps that are likely to be skipped if the project is left to the last minute, such as research, outlining, and revising.

The Assignment Calculator and Video Assignment Calculator are available to anyone with access to the Internet, so if you’re curious, you can give them a try. They are linked from the UMD Library Web site’s “Research” page, at the following URLs:
http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/assign/
http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/assign/video/

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The Four Hills of Life, by Thomas Peacock and Marlene Wisuri

Haunted Minnesota: Ghostly Tales and Spirited Stories, by Hugh E. Bishop

Hunting with Amazing Grace: The Account of a Pup’s First Hunting Season, by Patrick Mathias

In the Captain’s House: And Other Encounters with the Universe, by Peter M. Leschak


Lost in the Wild: Danger and Survival in the North Woods, by Cary J. Griffith

A ‘Not So’ Simple Life: Our Return to Rustic Roots, by Mary Ellen Goulet

Slices of Life: A Minnesota Memoir, by Donna Schilling

Waking: A Memoir of Trauma and Transcendence, by Matthew Sanford


Zenith: A Postcard Perspective of Historic Duluth, by Tony Diercks
A MEMO FROM THE DIRECTOR

I am delighted to report that as of January 1, 2007, the UMD Library has assumed sole stewardship of the Northeastern Minnesota Historical Center (NEMHC). I want to personally thank Chancellor Kathryn A. Martin and Vice Chancellor Vincent Magnuson for making this possible.

We also are very fortunate to have Pat Maus joining our staff as the NEMHC Director. For over twenty-six years, Pat has served NEMHC patrons in an exemplary fashion. We value her addition to the UMD community as much as these collections.

Since 1976, the NEMHC has provided services in a professional manner. It is well run and serves researchers of all types on site and remotely. Our goal is not to change NEMHC but to enhance it. We want to improve access to the collections we house as well as to continue to document the historical record of northeastern Minnesota.

Over the years, the NEMHC has worked to acquire historical records of companies, organizations, and individuals that reflect the history of our area. In most cases, these materials have been print or photographic records. We want to digitize many of these records so that we can make them more widely available. Some of this activity has already started. Over one thousand photographs in the NEMHC collections have been digitized as part of the Minnesota Memory program, but there is much more that could be done. It is our hope that we will be able to partner with the St. Louis County Historical Society, Minnesota Historical Society, and other local and regional historical entities to create a regional historical Web site that will provide a common portal to local historical resources.

While we work toward digitizing print and photographic records, we also need to develop new acquisition and preservation methods for the digital historical records of local businesses, organizations, and individuals. Much more work awaits the NEMHC. Fortunately, a new NEMHC Advisory Committee has been established. Please see its membership list below. The intent of this committee is to give advice, guidance, and advocacy for the ongoing success of the NEMHC. We look forward to working with them.

Bill Sozansky  
UMD Library Director  

Dr. Linda Krug  
Dean, UMD College of Liberal Arts  

Dr. Larry Knopp  
Associate Dean of the UM Graduate School (Duluth campus), UMD Professor of Geography  

Gloria Brush  
Exhibiting Artist, Professor of Photography, UMD School of Fine Arts  

Pat Maus  
Curator, Northeast Minnesota Historical Center  

Dr. Richard Hudelson  
Board President, St. Louis County Historical Society; Professor of Philosophy, UWS  

Laura Jacobs  
St. Louis County Historical Society Board; Assistant Professor Information Literacy, Archives, Lake Superior Maritime Collections, UWS  

Bob Mars, Jr.  
St. Louis County Historical Society Board, W. P & R. S. Mars Company, Duluth  

Jo Anne Coombe  
Director, St. Louis County Historical Society, Duluth  

Molly Tierney  
Manuscripts Curator, Minnesota Historical Society, St. Paul  

Steve Harsin  
Executive Vice President for Museums & Libraries, Ironworld Development Corp., Chisholm  

Joanne M. Sher  
Professional Genealogist, Duluth  

NORTHEAST MINNESOTA HISTORICAL CENTER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REMEMBERING RUDY

Former Director of the UMD Library Rudolph (Rudy) Johnson passed away on January 14, 2007. He is remembered with great respect and affection by library staff who worked with him and by those who later met him at staff functions, which he regularly attended.

Rudy was born in Kirkenes, Norway, and lived for a short time with his family in the northernmost region of Lapland, seven miles from Russia. His father brought his wife and toddler son to Duluth in 1917. After his father died in a swimming accident when Rudy was five, he was raised by his mother. He graduated from Barnum High School and went on to receive his B.A. from Hamline University.

In World War II, he was stationed in India with the Army Air Corps as a radar technician.

After the war, he earned his M.A. in teaching history from Columbia University in New York. He also attended OSTC, University of Oslo, Norway, and the University of Minnesota, studying Library Science.

He began his career at the University of Minnesota Libraries, first as a Reference Librarian, and then in Acquisitions at the Agriculture Library on the St. Paul campus.

Johnson served as Director of the UMD Library from 1958 to 1975, and was Head of Reference from 1975 until his retirement in 1981. He led the Library during its early construction phases and was also involved in the formation of the statewide MINITEX system. He was instrumental in adding collections at UMD that facilitated research into African American and Native American history, and he established the Voyageur and Special Collections at UMD.

A lifelong advocate for peace and justice, Rudy was investigated for his radical politics during the McCarthy era. He was an active member of the NAACP and the ACLU and was deeply committed to protesting the Vietnam War.

According to Don Pearce, the Library Director who followed Rudy’s tenure, “I think that his passion for social justice was part of the driving force that made for his great interest in his Sami roots. It was not just a matter of finding his roots, but of seeing that the culture of the Sami, his people, was dealt with justly in both the Old and the New Worlds.”

Jim Vileta, UMD’s Business Reference Librarian, said that Rudy “thought as a historian” and had a scholarly side to him. Rudy researched his ethnic roots after his retirement and completed scholarly articles on Norwegian American ethnicity and a book-length manuscript on his North Norwegian ancestors. As a teacher, librarian, and researcher, he was well aware that every reference work can help someone else to learn. A memorial fund has been established to purchase materials for UMD Library about the Sami culture.

The Library Thanks Its Student Employees

Administration student employee Phong Yang was honored as the second runner-up in the UMD campus Student Employee of the Year Contest. The remaining 61 student employees who provide many of the basic services that keep the Library running smoothly were also recognized during National Student Employment Week, April 9-13, 2007.

UMD Library sponsored several celebrations for the students, including prize drawings (Kenny won a new iPod), as well as Sandwich Day and a Library After Dark Event. We would like to thank our student employees for their substantial contributions to the Library’s success.
NEW DATABASES

The UMD Library has added the following new databases during the past year. These databases were selected to support the teaching and research that goes on at UMD, but community members can use them freely by coming into the library and using our public computers.

- **Family & Society Studies Worldwide.** Covers a wide range of literature in the fields of family science, human ecology, human development and social welfare.
- **Bibliography of the History of Art.** An art bibliography covering European and American visual arts from late antiquity to the present.
- **Freedonia Focus Market Reports.** Industry market research portal.
- **Granger’s World of Poetry.** The definitive source in English for locating a poem in anthologies.
- **Grants & Awards Available to American Writers.** A listing of more than 1000 grants and awards.
- **ICPSR.** Datasets for the social sciences.
- **Reference Universe.** A tool for searching the contents of the books in our reference collection.
- **Science of Synthesis.** A reference set for synthetic organic chemistry.
- **Times Literary Supplement Centenary Archives.** Contemporary literary review in fully searchable image format from 1902-1990, from the London Times.
- **PubMed–UMD Version.** This is a portal to medical research that is connected to UMD’s electronic journal holdings.

Staff News

Reference Librarian Rory Litwin started a side business in 2006, a small book publishing company called Library Juice Press. Library Juice Press published four books last year and has half a dozen book projects now in progress. It focuses on books about the social and political side of librarianship, often with a philosophical bent. The company’s tagline is “books for fresh thinking on libraries, politics, and culture.” More information about Library Juice Press is available at the Web site: http://libraryjuicepress.com/.

Starting at the beginning of May term, Circulation Services will be instituting several changes in job responsibilities within the department:

1. In the interlibrary loan unit, **Mags David** will be moving to permanent 100% time and will be taking on additional responsibilities in borrowing. **Kay Westergren** will concentrate her time on interlibrary loan borrowing. **Paul Hanson** and **Cassandra Majchrzak** will assume responsibility for the lending side of interlibrary loan. Cassandra will be moving to permanent 100%, 12-month appointment.

2. A separate work crew for the Circulation Desk will be supervised by **Charlene Brown**, and a crew for stacks (shelving, shelf reading, etc.) and interlibrary loan lending will be supervised by **Paul Hanson** and **Cassandra Majchrzak**.

**Mags David** received her Master's Degree in Library and Information Science from the University of Milwaukee–Wisconsin in December 2006. Mags earned the degree as a distance education student in the School of Information Studies, completing most of her credits in online courses.

**Technical Services Manager Shixing Wen** has been recently elected as the Executive Director of the Chinese American Librarians Association (www.cala-web.org) for a three-year term (2007-2010).
**VOLUNTEERING @ THE LIBRARY**

Ever dream of spending your golden retirement years working in a library? Bob Archer had attained a B.A. in history from Ohio State University, an M.S. in Library Science from Western Reserve, and a J.D. from Northwestern Law School with the idea of becoming a law librarian, but his interest in trust and estate work led him into a 33-plus-year career managing the Personal Trust Department at U.S. Bank in Milwaukee.

When he retired and moved to Duluth in 2006, he occupied his time with house projects for five months before realizing that he wanted to pursue an interesting part-time volunteer activity.

Bob offered his services to the new manager of Technical Services, Shixing Wen, and Shixing gave him an assignment. Since January 29, Bob has been assisting Ellen Hanson in serials cataloging clean-up efforts.

“I am working on the periodicals records to make it easier for users to determine UMD’s serial holdings,” Bob said. He works each weekday morning for about three and one-half hours, and he seems to like it here at UMD Library. “My background is in academic libraries. I visited the library even before I moved here permanently, and it seemed like a good library. I like the people, and the work is varied enough to keep me interested.”

Bob has two adult children, a daughter who is an attorney in the Twin Cities and a son who is a buyer for one of New York City’s top-of-the-line men’s and women’s clothing stores. Bob and his partner, Gary Boelhower, have two airedale dogs and live in the Woodland neighborhood.

**MEET SUE TRETTEL OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES**

If you stop in at the Library Administration office on the fourth floor of the UMD Library, you may see Sue Trettel, who as of November 2006 has been serving as the Library’s Principal Office and Administrative Specialist.

A few of her many duties include ordering supplies, requesting needed maintenance, and processing travel requests and reimbursements. She does day-to-day office activities such as the mail run, room scheduling, payroll, and data entry. Her support duties also include providing ongoing assistance to the Library’s Communication & Events team.

Sue holds an Associate of Arts degree and an Accounting Clerk certificate from Lake Superior College. As a student employee, she worked in the Financial Aid office at LSC and continued as a full-time employee in Student Services following her graduation. She performed duties in Admissions, Financial Aid, Registrar, and grant-funded programs for 16 years.

Sue said that what interested her most about her new position at UMD was “the variety of duties and the hours.”

“I am not doing the same task all day, every day. With my scheduled hours, I am able to be home before my daughter gets off the school bus.”

Sue has been married to her husband Rory for 12 years, and they have a daughter, Mickayla, and a son, Jayden, plus their dog Willow and cats Kita and Keli.

In her leisure time, she enjoys watching movies, hiking, camping, and spending time with her family. Her favorite kinds of books are science fiction and fantasy literature.
Finals Week (May 5-13)
Saturday-Thursday, May 5-10
Building 7 a.m.-midnight
Late hours (1st floor only) Midnight-2 a.m.
Friday, May 11
7 a.m.-7 p.m.

Closed May 12-13

May Session (May 14-June 1)
Monday-Thursday 7 a.m.-9 p.m.
Friday 7 a.m.-5 p.m.
Saturday 9 a.m.-5 p.m.
Sunday Noon-5 p.m.

Closed Memorial Day (May 28)

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