

# UMD LIBRARY CONNECTION

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## PRIZES! PRIZES! PRIZES!

UMD Library will announce the winners of its second annual Student Video Contest at a free evening event on Thursday, February 19, at 7 p.m. in the library's fourth floor rotunda reading room, featuring screenings of the winning entries.

This annual film competition highlights the impressive talent and rich imagination of UMD students and helps to promote the library at the same time. Students produce videos that are either about the library or set in the library, vying for valuable prizes—including a \$400 UMD Stores gift card for the best overall entry; \$100 UMD Stores gift cards for best promotional video and best instructional video about the library; and an iPod Shuffle for honorable mention.

The deadline for entry has been extended until February 2. Judging will be conducted by a panel of faculty and library staff. To view last year's overall best film, "UMD Cribs," produced by student filmmaker Jake Strassman, go to <http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/videocontest/winners.htm>.



This second annual contest is sponsored by the UMD Library, Information Technology Systems and Services, and UMD Stores. For more information, contact Reference Librarian Rory Litwin at [rlitwin@d.umn.edu](mailto:rlitwin@d.umn.edu).

## NEMBA CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations are open for the 21st annual Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards, to be presented by the UMD Library and Friends of the Duluth Public Library on Sunday, May 17, 2009, on the campus of UMD.

The award categories have been increased this year from four to six, with the addition of separate awards for Poetry and Memoir/Creative Nonfiction. The other continuing categories include General Nonfiction, Fiction, Art/Photography, and Children's Literature.

The awards recognize books published in 2008 that are substantially representative of northeastern Minnesota in the areas of 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. Nominated books must have been originally released in 2008 in bound printed format.

Prizes will include \$300 and a plaque for the winner in each category. Books receiving honorable mention will be recognized with a plaque.

To nominate a book, visit <http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/nemba>, complete a nomination form, and send it along with one copy of the book and the \$25 entry fee to UMD Library, c/o Brenda Bonnema, 416 Library Dr., Duluth, MN 55812.

For more information: 218-726-6843 or [bbonnema@d.umn.edu](mailto:bbonnema@d.umn.edu). Nominations must be postmarked or delivered to the UMD Library by February 1, 2009.

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## Library Isle Royale

Visitors to the UMD Library were surprised in November to be greeted by the actual skeleton of a moose displayed in the entry foyer. In life and in death, this moose had been part of the 50-year Isle Royal Wolf-Moose Study (1958-2008), the world's longest ongoing wildlife research project.



Those who followed the moose tracks up to the library's second floor discovered a skeleton of the other subject of this study, wolves, as well as posters and a DVD slide show explaining population fluctuations and other factors documented by biologists every winter on Isle Royale.

Tom Beery, an instructor at UMD, has used Isle Royale as a classroom for a field-based Environmental Education course since 2003. He has traveled with his students to the island, sharing the wild beauty of the place as well as the natural history there.

The wolf-moose study was started in 1958 by Durward Allen of Purdue University. The project is now headed by Rolf Peterson and John Vucetich, both of Michigan Technological University's School of Forest Resources and Environmental Science. UMD, in partnership with Michigan Technological University and Isle Royale National Park, helped to establish the Isle Royale Institute.

UMD hosted a number of events to celebrate the historic anniversary of the wolf-moose study, including several on campus: the premier of *Fortunate Wilderness*, with filmmaker George Desort; a lecture by author Carolyn Peterson, who wrote *A View from the Wolf's Eye*; and a presentation by wilderness scholar Michael Nelson entitled "American Indian Ethics Meets Wolf Moose Research." Hartley Nature Center hosted a family event open to all age, and the celebration culminated in a public program at the Marshall Performing Arts Center on Friday, November 7.

To learn more about the Isle Royale Institute, visit <http://iri.mtu.edu/>.

## Voter Registration

The UMD Library was pleased to sponsor voter registration near its main entrance. The purpose of this initiative was to encourage patrons to register to vote in the political elections held on November 4, 2008. Blank voter registration forms were provided along with general directions on how to fill them out.

Citizens deposited their completed forms in a secure box mounted in the same area, and representatives from UMD's MPIRG (Minnesota Public Interest Research Group) actively monitored the station, keeping the registration forms in good supply and delivering completed ones to the St. Louis County Auditor's office.

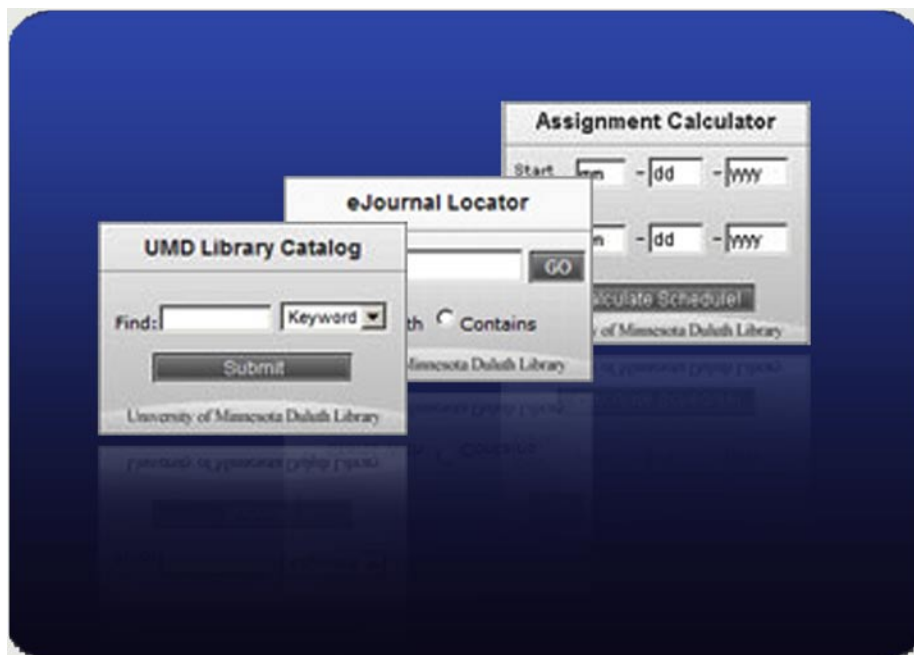
The sign-up station became so popular that MPIRG representatives sometimes had to empty the lock box several times in a day.

## WIDGETS—NEW TOOLS MAKE LIBRARY'S WEB SITE CUTTING EDGE

The UMD Library has introduced a new set of features on its Web site that will allow faculty members to incorporate some of the library's electronic services directly into their own course Web pages.

Widgets are "boxes" that a user, most likely a faculty member, can insert into a site, using code supplied by the library. The widgets allow students to perform searches of the catalog, look up electronic journals, jump to pages on the library Web site, or create a schedule for completing a writing assignment, directly from the professor's site or WebCT course.

Widgets, in general, are a hot trend on the Web. UMD's implementation of the idea is unique, original, and even a bit cutting edge.



### *Other Innovations*

**NEW BOOK LISTS** Patrons often wish the library would provide a shelf where they could browse the latest acquisitions before these new items are shelved in the regular collections. Such a shelf can now be found online! Go to the Library's home page to find a link to the new title list.

**STUDY ROOM AND MEDIA SELF-BOOKING** UMD students may reserve group study rooms in advance by following the directions at the following site:

<http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/services/study-rooms.htm>.

Group study room L239 is designated for faculty and staff use. Faculty may also book media items for classroom use. Go to <http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/services/faculty-media-booking.htm>.

## A MEMO FROM THE DIRECTOR

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### Flu Shots?

*On Wednesday, December 4, students could do more than research at the UMD Library. They could stop by to get their flu shot, priced at only \$5. Eighty-seven doses were administered in one afternoon. Health Center personnel called it a "very successful venue."*

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### A FRIEND IS...

If you received this newsletter, you are already counted as a friend to the UMD Library. We see you as someone who actively supports the library and its mission, who shares enthusiasm for the resources available at the library, who recognizes the importance of the library to the university and to all citizens of northeastern Minnesota, and who solicits and encourages gifts and bequests to the library.

Rather than maintaining formal Friends membership rosters, the UMD Library relies on the generous and often anonymous support of people like you. Please consider completing an [online gift form](#) and designating your gift to go to the UMD Friends of the Library program.

*Thank you!*

## *Honoring Donald & June Pearce*

Group study room L 227 will officially become the Donald and June Pearce Group Study Room on January 7, 2009. The public is invited to join UMD Library staff and the entire UMD community in a dedication ceremony from 2 to 3:30 p.m. in the Library fourth floor rotunda reading room.

Donald J. Pearce was Director of the UMD Library from 1975 to 1988, and he continued to serve as curator of the Ramseyer-Northern Bible Society Museum Collection for many years after retirement. In 1988, he was honored with the Distinguished Service Award by the Minnesota Library Association for excellence as an academic librarian and for his service to the profession.

Since then, he has been a tireless volunteer. Besides compiling an annotated bibliography of the Bible collection at UMD and helping to produce an information kiosk with video clips and narration to make the Bible collection more accessible, he has contributed his time and talents to the UMD University for Seniors program, the St. Louis County Historical Society, the Duluth-Superior Global Awareness Community Foundation, and the Duluth Children's Museum at the Depot.

A native of Southampton, England, Pearce became interested in library science by accident. As a captain in the British Army Intelligence Corps, Pearce served as a Japanese translator during World War II. Immediately after the war, he was assigned to gather documents from Japanese libraries and bring them to Washington, D.C. There he began his first library work, organizing information for Army Intelligence.



*Donald and June Pearce*

It was during his service in the war that he met his wife, June, now deceased, who was stationed in Washington, D.C., as a WAVE at the time. Don completed his bachelor of arts degree in French and his graduate degree in Library Science, and worked in libraries in Ohio and North Dakota before coming to UMD in 1975.

June Pearce was educated as a Minister's Assistant and Christian Education worker in the Methodist Church. She worked in that occupation prior to joining the Navy. Active in a group of faculty wives during the time when Don was Director, she maintained lifelong friendships from those associations. She worked as a docent at Glensheen, and she hosted parties at home for library staff and assisted with staff parties at the library.

Reference Librarian Jim Vileta recalls that both Don and June were very generous people who reached out to newcomers and invited people into their home. They shared a love of good humor, and Don was famous for his jokes when he was Director, according to Vileta. They raised two children—daughter Kristin, now of Bemidji, MN, and son Kim of Grand Forks, ND. Both are named for characters in literature: Kristin Lavransdatter and Kipling's Kim.

Please join us in honoring Donald and remembering June at the reception on Wednesday, January 7, 2 to 3:30 p.m. Free parking is available in Maroon Lot E across from the library entrance. To RSVP, call 726-8130.



*Kevin Brooks*

## *Ornithology Collection Donated*

The UMD Library has received a valuable donation of 644 ornithology books from the Brooks family on behalf of Kevin Brooks.

The University of Minnesota Duluth and the Duluth area were the places where Kevin's passion for birds was born, so the Brooks family decided to donate to the UMD Library the things Kevin valued most—his books—hoping that they will inspire other students to soar in their life's pursuit of knowledge and beauty.

Kevin Brooks graduated from UMD in 1976 with a bachelor's degree in Biology and a minor in Biochemistry. It was ornithology that captured his imagination.

Throughout his life as a member of many bird clubs, Kevin gathered and purchased a remarkable collection of colorful and informative books on birds. Their content ranged from bird care and feeding to the habits and habitats of many different species from around the world, including grassland birds, waterfowl, tropical birds, song birds, and birds of prey (his favorite). Kevin pursued his interest in birding in many places, and he made an annual pilgrimage to Hawk Ridge, as a member of Friends of Hawk Ridge, to see the fall migration.

The ornithology books added to the UMD Library collection will have bookplates placed in them in memory of Kevin Brooks.

## *Surveying for Service Quality*

As the UMD Library plans for the future, we are seeking to understand the perceptions and expectations of our users so that we can provide the services that meet their needs.

In October, the Library conducted a LibQUAL Survey, a North American effort led by the Association of Research Libraries to measure library service quality. The survey targeted three key aspects of library services: (1) Affect of Service, (2) Information Control, and (3) Library as Place. Altogether, 1,497 UMD Library constituents participated in the survey, of which there were 1,061 undergraduate students, 144 graduate students, 162 faculty members, and 130 staff members.

The survey results show that the library has met the overall expectations of its users. In the results, no findings of "perceived less than minimum" or "perceived greater than desired" were noted. UMD Library was rated as "perceived greater than minimum" or "perceived less than desired" by its users in the three areas surveyed.

In addition, we received 483 comments through the survey. The majority of the comments were positive about the library, including praise for individual librarians and for the comfortable and quiet study areas. There were also requests from students for more group study rooms, and from faculty, requests for more information resources.

Looking at the big picture, we do see some gaps between what our users perceive and what they desire regarding our library services. The UMD Library will further analyze the data collected through the survey and make concerted efforts to enhance targeted areas with a view to providing even better services to our users.

## REFERENCE LEADER RETIRES

**Kathryn Wagnild Fuller**, head of Reference Services, retired at the end of summer 2008, with plans to spend more time with family and to pursue her many other interests. Kathryn grew up in Minneapolis and graduated from the University of Minnesota. She went on to receive her master's in Library Science and a doctorate in History from Indiana University. Kathryn's first job as an academic librarian was at San Diego State University in 1969. After working in academic and law libraries in California and Texas, she came to the UMD Library in 1997 as Archivist and Government Documents Librarian, two years later took on the role of Social Sciences Librarian, and finally became head of Reference Services in 2002.

While at UMD, she served on the Educational Policy Committee for three years; during two of which she was liaison to the Liberal Education Committee.

Her many contributions to the library were celebrated at an afternoon reception in the rotunda reading room on August 6, with faculty members expressing their heartfelt gratefulness for all of her help through the years.

Kathryn will now make her home in San Diego, and she plans to focus her energies on water issues at global and local levels, especially those aimed at saving and enhancing rivers and ensuring drinking water for all. She also plans to be involved with history-related projects.

### *Other Staff News*

**Tom Zogg**, a Reference Librarian for 21 years at UMD, retired July 1, 2008. He served as collection development librarian / subject specialist for the Pure Sciences and Geography departments and interdisciplinary programs: Chemistry and Biochemistry, Geological Sciences (including Astronomy and Limnology), Mathematics and Statistics, Physics, Water Resources Science, Geography, Environmental Studies, and Urban and Regional Studies.

His professional work at the national level included reviewing geography and science reference books for the periodical *Choice* (1989-2007), membership on several Association of College & Research Libraries committees (including co-editing a library instruction book), and assignments for the Geoscience Information Society (1990-2008), including helping to select the annual best reference book and contributing to its newsletter. Tom has been a member of the Association of American Geographers since 1979. Previous to his career at UMD, he was a Reference Librarian at Colgate University.

A native of Syracuse, New York, Tom spent parts of his youth in New England and received his B.A. and M.L.S. degrees from the State University of New York and a Geography M.A. from Indiana University of Pennsylvania. He enjoys travel, genealogy, historical geography, and baseball history. He is a longtime fan of the Philadelphia Phillies, who recently won the World Series!

**Brenda Bonnema, Jodi Carlson, Sunshine Carter, Anne Hovde, Heather McLean, and Bill Sozansky** attended the annual Minnesota Library Association Conference held in Bloomington, MN, November 19-21.



*Kathryn Fuller*



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## Your Academic Library

UMD Library, which opened its current building in the fall of 2000, provides access to a wide array of electronic resources as well as traditional materials. Students and faculty have available to them almost 375,000 books, over 186,000 e-books, and over 33,000 electronic journals. They can take advantage of wireless Internet access throughout the library or use one of the hundreds of computer stations in the building (over 325 live Internet connections). A multi-media hub, a writing workshop center, and computer assistance are all offered in the library. The facility also houses 24 group study rooms, two large reading rooms, an ITV classroom, library instruction classrooms, and full-access computer labs. The fourth floor rotunda reading room is a popular site for department-sponsored meetings, lectures, programs, readings, receptions, and other events that are compatible with the educational, research, informational, or cultural missions of the University.

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