

MSU Library - Good News

MINNESOTA STATE UNIVERSITY, MANKATO LIBRARY SERVICES

GOOD NEWS - September & October 2003

FACULTY/STAFF RECOGNITION

Bobby Bothmann, Electronic Access/Cataloging Librarian, taught the MOTSE (Minnesota Opportunities for Technical Services Excellence) entitled workshop "Introduction to the MARC21 Format for Holdings Data" for the gamma group of libraries preparing for migration from PALS to Aleph. One session was taught in Mankato, 22 October, and a second was given in Rochester on 24 October.

Jim Dildine, Librarian, started working as fixed-term Library faculty with Library Services on October 20, 2003. Jim graduated with a Masters of Library and Information Science from the University of Arizona. Jim will be assisting us in the Systems area and in the migration to MnPALS, the new automation system. Welcome Jim!

Jim Kapoun, Instruction Coordinator, presented at the Minnesota Library Association (MLA) Conference in Rochester, MN on September 25 a program called, "Adopt a Librarian: students connecting with a personal librarian."

Jim Kapoun, Instruction Coordinator, attended Graphic User Interface (GUI) Aleph training on October 14, 2003 at the PALS office.

Jim Kapoun, Instruction Coordinator attended the PALS User Group Meeting in St. Cloud on Oct 30, 2003.

Mary Nere, Government Documents Technician, and the Government Document Student Assistants won first place with the photograph they submitted for the READ(DOCS!) contest sponsored by the Minnesota Library Association Government Documents Round Table (MLA/GODORT). "He's Bac!" won from a pool of 47 entries.

Victoria Peters, Acquisitions Coordinator; Diane Richards, Collection Development Librarian; Joan Roca, Dean; Becky Schwartzkopf, Department Chair; Daardi Sizemore, Archives and Special Collections Librarian; and Lynne Weber, Access Services Librarian; attended the Minnesota Library Association annual conference in Rochester, MN on Sept. 24-26, 2003.

Jessica Schomberg, Cataloging Librarian and Lynne Weber, Access Services Librarian attended the Midwest Chapter, Music Library Association meeting October 16-18 in Iowa City, Iowa.

Excerpts from Wayzata Elementary String Program: an Oral History by **Lynne Weber, Access Services Librarian**, were included in the fall, 2003, edition of String Notes: The Journal of the Minnesota String and

Orchestra Teachers Association.

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The gate counts for the recent four weeks show an average of 15,000 people visiting our building per week. This is about 1,000 more than the highest count we had last April. For comparison, in 2000 we had reported a gate count of 8,707 and for FY2002 we had about 11,700. There are indeed more people in the building than ever! With the fluctuations in the summer and during breaks, we are projecting an annual gate count of over half a million visits!

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