

History Day Research at MSU Memorial Library

- <http://lib.mnsu.edu/archives/hday/intro.html>
- This website includes all of the information below and includes links to resources.
- There are many other resources. Ask a Librarian ☺

MSU Memorial Library

- Hours - <http://lib.mnsu.edu/about/hours.html>
 - Monday-Thursday 7:45am-2am; Friday 7:45am-7pm; Saturday 10am-6pm; Sunday 1pm-2am
- Services for the general public - <http://lib.mnsu.edu/services/pubservices.html>
 - With a valid public library card Minnesota residents can check out many materials in the library. If under 18, a parent/guardian must sign a permission slip to borrow materials.
 - The completed permission slip and the library card need to be brought to the Circulation desk on the first floor near the entrance.
 - For more information go to the website or contact the Circulation office. (507) 389-5931
- Access to Books - <http://mnpals.mnsu.edu/>
 - The library catalog helps you find what books, government documents, movies, maps, special collections and more that are available in the MSU Library.
 - The catalog can be accessed anywhere. (ex. Home, school, library, etc.)
- Finding Newspaper, Magazine, and Journal Articles by Subject @ MSU- <http://eresources.lib.mnsu.edu/> (links only work if you are at the MSU library)
- Special Collections – There are several special collections at MSU that may have primary sources. They include but are not limited to: the University Archives, Southern Minnesota Historical Center, Marilyn J. Lass Center for Minnesota Studies, Maps, and Government Documents.
 - Archives and Historical Center <http://lib.mnsu.edu/archives/index.html>
 - Historical Center, Lass Center, Maps, and Government Documents are all listed in the library catalog.
- Making Copies
 - Copies can be made in the Library Copy Shoppe on the first floor.
 - Copies are 10 cents/page so bring some money.
- Having Difficulties?
 - Ask a reference librarian.
 - Please stop at the reference desk or call (507) 389-5958.

General Tips/Requests when visiting the MSU Memorial Library

- At least one parent/adult should come to the library with a group of students.
- We only have 6 public computer terminals and they do get busy.
- If students are doing exhibits, images and reproductions are important. We do have a scanner available on a public computer. We also suggest bringing a flash (USB, portable) drive for saving files.

Online Resources with Primary Sources – Only Available at MSU

- Early American Newspapers – 1690-1922
- Historical New York Times – 1851-2006 – Full text of newspaper
- HarpWeek – Harpers Weekly Magazine, 1857-1912 – Full text of magazine, full-image 1857-1865
- CQ Electronic Library – Has both primary and secondary sources. CQ historic documents are primary sources. (For topics 1972-present)
- Readers Guide to Periodicals – Access to articles in magazines from 1982-present – For older time periods, ask a Librarian

Online Resources with both Primary and Secondary Sources – Available via ELM

<http://www.elm4you.org/> (You just need a public library card to use these.)

- MasterfilePremier – articles, primary sources, etc.
- Discovery Collection – articles, primary sources, etc.
- Encyclopedia Britannica Online – Academic Addition – has photos, charts, primary sources (some topics)
- Infotrac Student Edition – articles, primary sources, etc.
- MAS Ultra – Student Edition – articles, primary sources, etc.
- Proquest Newspapers – Oldest is 1985 (most start in 1990s). Some Minnesota newspapers.
- Science Reference Center – articles, encyclopedia entries, photographs, charts, etc.

Free Online Websites with Primary Sources – Available Anywhere

- American Memory Project – Library of Congress - <http://memory.loc.gov>
- Minnesota Historical Society - <http://www.mnhs.org/index.htm>
 - Minnesota History Topics - http://www.mnhs.org/library/tips/history_topics/index.htm
 - Online Collections- <http://www.mnhs.org/school/online/>
- Minnesota Reflections - <http://reflections.mndigital.org/> (Digital images from Minnesota)***
- US Patent Office Database of Patents - <http://patft.uspto.gov/>
- American Rhetoric – Online speech archive
<http://www.americanrhetoric.com/speechbank.htm>
- Making of America – books and magazines from Civil War and reconstruction era -
<http://quod.lib.umich.edu/m/moa/>
- History Channel Speech Archive - <http://www.history.com/media.do>
- Time/Life Pictures - <http://www.timelifepictures.com> (has watermark)
- Wisconsin Historical Society - <http://www.wisconsinhistory.org/teachers/materials.asp>

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