By the Book

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Library Building 10 Year Anniversary Celebration

Join us as we reflect back on 10 years of the Library and Learning Center and celebrate the unique partnership between the university and the public library.

Open House

When: Sunday, Oct. 26, 2014, 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM
Where: Library and Learning Center, 645 East Seventh Street, Saint Paul, MN 55106
About: Join us for this family friendly event full of fun activities, with door prizes and giveaways!

Reception

When: Tuesday, Oct. 28, 2014, 4:30 PM - 6:30 PM

Where: Library and Learning Center, Room 302, 645 East Seventh Street, Saint Paul, MN 55106 **About:** Join us as we reminisce and reflect on the impact the Library and Learning Center has on its communities. Food and drink will be provided.

For more information, please contact: Katherine Arndt at katherine.arndt@metrostate.edu.

Bookmark the Library's New Blog!

The Library recently launched a blog, accessible at <u>http://metrostatelibrary.wordpress.com/</u>.

Check our blog often for tips and pointers on a variety of library- and technology-related topics, featured collections and resources, staff highlights, library news and events, and guest posts from Metropolitan State University faculty, staff, and students.

Get in the Halloween spirit by reading the most recent post by guest author Allison Cole, "Halloween: A Celebration of Magical Thinking," at <u>http://metrostatelibrary.wordpress.com/2014/10/06/halloween-a-celebration-of-magical-thinking-by-allison-cole/</u>.

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Library Spotlight

Nathan Carlson, Interim Director of Technical Services

1. Describe yourself in three words: Adventurer, inquisitive, rugged-individualist.

2. So what do you do here? My title is library-speak for someone who coordinates the Library's backroom functions. I arrange to purchase new databases and journal titles, help figure out how to get new books, fix our online resources when they malfunction, and especially how to help our patrons get these things when they need them. I am also the guy who keeps logins and passwords for the Library's accounts.

3. Where did you come from? I grew up in South Dakota and made my way steadily east to the Twin Cities, where I got a degree in architecture, and then to Madison, Wisconsin, where I went to library school. After that I got a job in South Dakota. Now I am back in the Twin Cities, so I seem to have a 12-year migration cycle.



Librarian Nathan Carlson

4. Describe the library in three words: Helpful, connected, information.

5. What are you reading right now? Right now I am listening to a live recording of Swedish House Mafia playing Madison Square Garden. House music is not a very librarian-ly genre, but I can't get enough of it! It turns any boring weekday into a dance party!

I used to harbor guilt about starting a new book before finishing the last one, but eventually I realized I can read however many books I want. Now I have three in progress: *The Great Cat Massacre* (cultural history of the time around the French Revolution), *Master of the Five Magics* (which the Internet assured me is even better than Harry Potter [hint: it's not]), and *Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire* (which I am reading to my daughter).

Text a Librarian!

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