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Welcome

Welcome to this inaugural issue of the library's newsletter, **By the Book**. We'll publish a new issue once or twice a semester to introduce new library resources and services to you and to highlight the best of what we have to offer.

Visit our website at www.metrostate.edu/library. If at any time you have questions about the library, we invite you to contact Library Services at 651-793-1614 or library.services@metrostate.edu. We look forward to hearing from you!

New Lunch & Learn Webinar Series from the Library

The Library invites **students, faculty, and staff** to learn more about library services and resources for research with one of our webinars! Connect from a computer in the office, at home, or in the library, and spend 30 minutes learning about a topic of interest (see below) with a faculty librarian. Fall webinar topics include:

- How to Find Articles on Your Topic
- Article Quest: Essential Skills for Searching Library Databases
- Become an EBSCO Master: Creating and Using Accounts in EBSCOhost Databases
- No More DVDs or VHS Tapes: Streaming Videos from Films on Demand (Faculty and Staff)
- ABI/INFORM for Business Research (Faculty and Staff)
- Google Scholar: Scholarly Searching in a Familiar, Friendly, Googly Interface

To see all of the upcoming topics, and to register, visit: <http://bit.ly/MetroLibWebinars>.

Be There, or Be Square: Snacks, Stacks, and Library Facts!

Faculty, save the date! The library staff will be presenting its annual **Snacks, Stacks, and Library Facts!** event (formerly known as FIELD Day) on the morning of Friday, September 30, in Library 132 at the Saint Paul campus. Registration is 9-9:30 A.M. and the event begins at 9:30.

Schmooze with your faculty colleagues and enjoy some coffee and pastries while library staff demonstrate new research tools, answer your questions, offer refreshers on services like e-reserves, interlibrary loan, Turnitin, and much more. You'll also have the opportunity to meet your library liaison.

Watch for a formal invitation with times and registration information. In the meantime, if you have questions, please contact librarian Alec Sonsteby, coordinator of the planning group, at 651-793-1636 or alexander.sonsteby@metrostate.edu.

Library Spotlight

Michelle Desilets, Reference and Instruction Librarian



1. Describe yourself in three words: Engaged, friendly, persistent.

2. So what do you do here? I work at the Reference Desk, teach INFS 115, participate in various committees, attend meetings, etc. I also act as a library liaison to Social Sciences and select curriculum units in the College of Management (Business Administration, DBA, Decision Sciences, Economics, Finance, International Business, Management, Entrepreneurship, Risk Management).

3. Where did you come from? I spent a little more than a year at Walden University, an online institution. I missed the in-person interactions with students and faculty! Prior to that I spent six years at the James J. Hill Reference Library, a non-profit business library in downtown St. Paul.

4. Describe the library in three words: Information, dynamic, necessary.

5. What are you reading right now? It's time to choose my next book; either *The Invention of Hugo Cabret* by Brian Selznick or *Montana 1948* by Larry Watson.

What's Better than YouTube?

Well, how about an online streaming collection of over 6,000 high quality, academic films? The Library is proud to offer, together with the Center for Online Learning, access to the Films Media Group's **Films on Demand** online streaming film service!

Faculty, provide your students (in the classroom or through D2L) access to thousands of film titles in disciplines like Business and Economics, Psychology, Health and Medicine, and much, much more!

Students, can't make it to Saint Paul to browse the Library's DVD collection? No problem, find and watch a film for class from the convenience of your couch and laptop!

To get started with Films on Demand, visit the library's homepage at <http://www.metrostate.edu/library> and then click on Search for Articles: Library Databases. Click on the "F" tab and on Films on Demand. Faculty, please ask your liaison if have any questions about linking to a particular film in D2L.