

By the Book

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News

Safety and Security

When working or studying in the Library, please remember to pack up your books, laptop, and phone and bring them with you whenever you pick something up from the printer, use the restroom, or check out items at the circulation desk. Please do not leave valuable items unattended.

Call the Safety Officer's cell phone at (651) 775-7015 if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you!

Finals and Summer Library Hours

The Library's hours for finals time and summer term are still being finalized and are not available as this issue goes to press. However, be sure to check the Library's website at <http://www.metrostate.edu/library> around finals time for the most up-to-date hours. Have a great summer!

Librarians Present at Library Technology Conference

Faculty librarians Jennifer DeJonghe, Michelle Desilets, Michelle Filkins, and Alec Sonstebly co-presented "Usability Testing in the Academic Library: A LibGuides Case Study" at the Library Technology Conference at Macalester College on March 14. Their hands-on session introduced attendees to usability testing and how it can be done with minimal resources. Attendees also learned how the Library applies usability testing to its LibGuides subject guide system. Their presentation is available for download in the Macalester College Digital Commons:

http://digitalcommons.macalester.edu/libtech_conf/

The Library Where You Are: MnPALS Plus Mobile

Ever on the run and wondering if the Library has a book or video available for checkout or download? Bookmark the Library's mobile-optimized catalog on your smartphone or tablet! Access the catalog at: <http://mplus.mnpals.net/vufind/?mylocn=MTR>

If you have any questions, please contact the Library's Reference Desk at library.services@metrostate.edu, or at (651) 793-1614.

Library Spotlight

Dee Ann Olson, Public Services Manager

Dee Ann Olson joined the Library on February 15, 2012, as temporary library public services manager. She comes to Metropolitan State from the Dakota County Library System, where she was (and still is) a substitute librarian. Earlier she worked in the library systems of Carleton College, Northfield, and the Minnesota Historical Society. She holds an A.A. in general studies from the University of Minnesota, a B.A. in library studies from Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA, and an M.A. in liberal studies from Hamline University. Dee Ann can be reached in the Library, in Room 118; her phone number is (651) 793-1619. Welcome, Dee Ann!

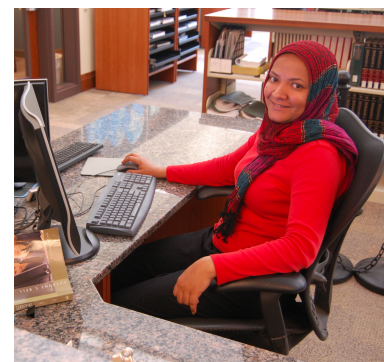


- 1. Dee Ann, describe yourself in three words:** Cheerful, resourceful, hopeful.
- 2. So what do you do here?** Professional and supervisory library work involving the management of day-to-day activities related to the circulation of library materials, provision of computer support to students and others, and access to library services.
- 3. Where did you come from?** Born and raised in Minnesota, lived in the Pacific Northwest for 23 years before returning to the Midwest.
- 4. Describe the library in three words:** Possibilities, worlds, learning.
- 5. What are you reading right now?** *Avatars of the Word* by James O'Donnell.

Library Spotlight

Muram Abdelmageed, Practicum Student

You may have noticed a new face at the Reference Desk this semester. Muram is a practicum student from St. Catherine University's library and information science program.



- 1. Muram, describe yourself in three words:** Explorer, respectful, flexible.
- 2. So what do you do here?** I am an intern in the Library and Learning Center. I work at the reference desk under supervision of a librarian.
- 3. Where did you come from?** I came from Sudan (east part of Africa) with an undergraduate degree in Library and Documentation Science. Now I am finishing up my master's degree in Library and Information Science at St. Catherine University.
- 4. Describe the library in three words:** Diverse, accessible, peaceful.
- 5. What are you reading right now?** I am still celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday with my kids. We are reading *Yertle the Turtle and Other Stories* by Dr. Seuss.