

By the Book

February 2013

In this Issue:

One Search

eBooks and eReaders

Gordon Parks Gallery: Black and White

Labyrinth and Gardens Update

Library Spotlight: Ruth Zietlow



Library Announces One Search, a New Google-Like Library Search Engine

Available now on the Library's homepage at <http://www.metrostate.edu/library> is Library One Search, a new tool that searches nearly all of the library's online journal articles, ebooks, and thousands of streaming videos—in one search! It works like Google and is just as fast, but it instead provides access to high-quality, academic sources that professors expect students to use in their papers and projects.

"One Search will streamline the way that faculty and students find scholarly information," notes acting library dean Bruce Willms. "It will allow us to maximize the return on our substantial investment in full-text content and authoritative databases. And we're the only university library in the MnSCU system that provides this search engine."

One Search is accessible at home or on-campus, so try it out, bookmark it, and use it often. If you have any questions about One Search, ask a librarian by calling (651) 793-1614 or emailing library.services@metrostate.edu.

Spring Faculty Conference: eBooks and eReaders for Teaching and Learning

When: 11:15 am – 12:30 pm, Saturday, March 2nd

Where: SJH 153

The Library invites faculty and staff to join us for a session on ebooks and ereaders at the Spring Faculty Conference, Saturday, March 2nd. During the session we will:

- Look at and try out examples of ereader and tablet devices
- Share sources of ebooks within the Metro State Library and beyond, and
- Discuss academic use of ebooks

There will be time for demonstrations. We encourage participants to bring their own ereaders, tablets (don't forget the transfer cable), and/or laptops if possible. We will also have devices on hand.

<http://www.metrostate.edu/library> / 651.793.1614 / <http://www.facebook.com/metrostatelibrary>

Gordon Parks Gallery: Black and White

Black and White, featuring the artwork of Ta-coumba Aiken, Joseph Norman and Gordon Parks, is the current exhibit at the Gordon Parks Gallery. The gallery is located on the third floor of the Library and Learning Center and the show runs through March 1st. Gallery hours are Monday - Thursday 11 a.m. - 7 p.m. and Friday - Saturday 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. For more information and to find out about upcoming exhibits, visit: <http://www.metrostate.edu/msweb/explore/cas/departments/cwa/gallery/>

Labyrinth and Gardens Update

Last November, the Library celebrated the completion of the first phase of the David Barton Community Labyrinth and Reflective Garden with an Open House for the university and Dayton's Bluff communities. Since then, many people have enjoyed walking the paths—even in the snow. The next phase of the project is planned for this spring when paths, gardens, benches and picnic tables will be installed surrounding the labyrinth. Best of all, the site is open to the community as well as to university staff, faculty, and students. If you'd like more information about the project, including how to make a tax-deductible donation, please visit:

<http://www.metrostate.edu/msweb/resources/library/labyrinth.html>

Library Spotlight

Ruth Zietlow, Associate Professor and Librarian

1. Describe yourself in three words: Caring, conscientious, accessible.

2. So what do you do here? As a faculty librarian, I work at the Reference Desk, teach INFS 115, participate in various committees and attend meetings, etc. I also act as a library liaison to Marketing, International Business, Public Administration and share Communication, Writing & Fine Arts liaison duties with Jennifer DeJonghe.

3. Where did you come from? I began my professional library career at the University of St. Thomas over 20 years ago. I joined Metropolitan State's library in 2002 and stayed through 2008, at which point I took administrative leave to serve at the St. Cloud State library for four years as an Associate, and then Interim, Dean. I returned to Metropolitan State last August.*



4. Describe the library in three words: Friendly, useful, equalizing.

5. What are you reading right now? I'm between books. I just finished *Pillars of the Earth*, which was a great tale. I'm not sure what I'm going to read about next; I think I'll dive into *When Christ and His Saints Slept* by Sharon Kay Penman. They are both historical fiction and share the same time period and country.

**Ruth will be on sabbatical during the 2013-2014 academic year.*