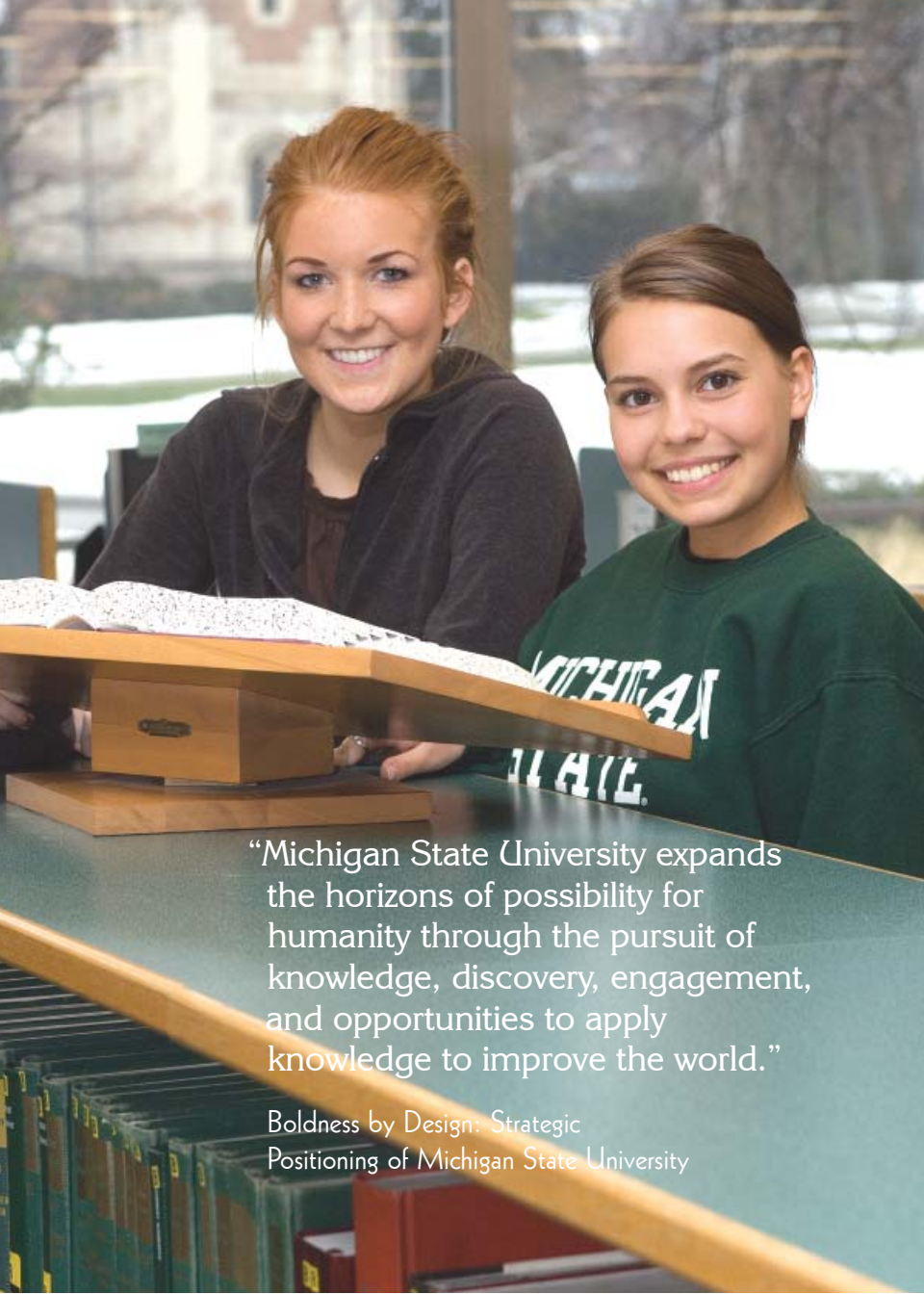




Horizons of Change

Michigan State University Libraries
1997–2007

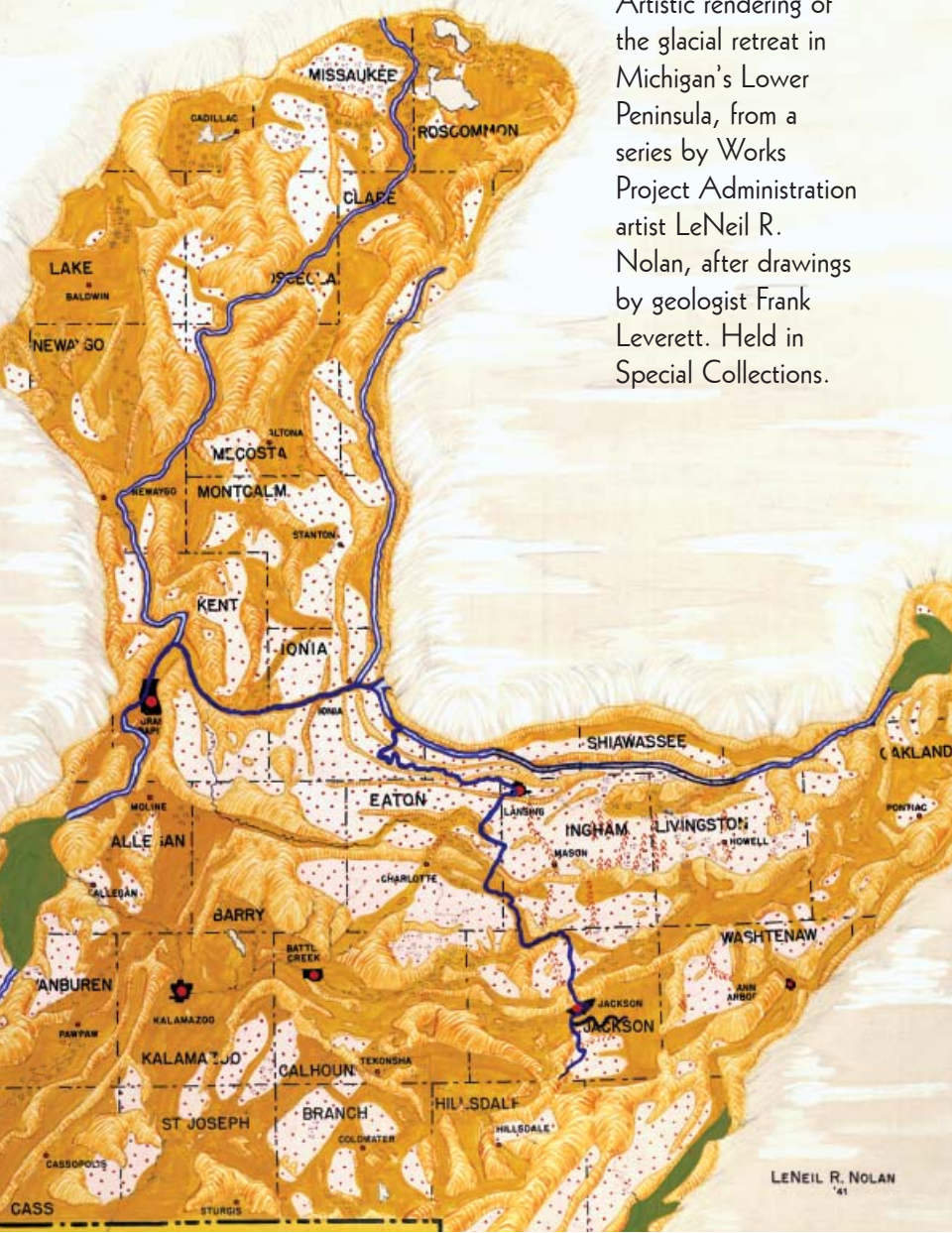




“Michigan State University expands the horizons of possibility for humanity through the pursuit of knowledge, discovery, engagement, and opportunities to apply knowledge to improve the world.”

Boldness by Design: Strategic
Positioning of Michigan State University

Artistic rendering of the glacial retreat in Michigan's Lower Peninsula, from a series by Works Project Administration artist LeNeil R. Nolan, after drawings by geologist Frank Leverett. Held in Special Collections.



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Clifford H. Haka
Director of Libraries

A letter from the director: OUR MISSION

In the ten years since I became director, technology has transformed the way libraries do business. The tools we use, the collections we build, and the services we provide have all changed dramatically. Despite these changes, our mission is still the same: connecting our users with information, ideas, and each other.

We also have a critical teaching role in the University. In the global economy, professionals in every field must have well-honed information literacy skills. One of our highest priorities is ensuring that every student leaves MSU with the ability to find and choose reliable, relevant data from an astonishing array of possibilities.

The MSU Libraries reach users wherever they are. Through the web, we deliver vast amounts of information directly to our users' desktops, wherever they are in the world: reports, journal articles, e-books, and more. At the same time, the libraries themselves have never been busier: more than 6,000 visitors to the Main Library, on an average day, and 3,000 more to the branches.

The MSU Libraries are a real place and a virtual place, and in these pages we welcome you to both. Without your help, we could not have made the exciting progress of the last ten years. Join us now for a glimpse of the future.

Clifford H. Haka
Director of Libraries



The James B Beard
Turfgrass Library Collection.



Scenes from the MSU Libraries' Florence G. Wallace Conservation Lab with Conservator Eric Alstrom. The National Endowment for the Humanities recently awarded the libraries a grant of \$127,249 to provide conservation treatment for our collection of 1500 early American textbooks.





Students at work in
the Main Library's
popular CyberCafé.

How We MAKE A DIFFERENCE

How do students benefit from higher education – and how does the library contribute?

Our most tangible role is providing current, reliable information resources in every subject and profession MSU students are preparing to enter. From literature to physics, the world's learning is collected, organized, and made accessible by the library.

Students come to college, as well, to develop general skills needed in every career and professional setting: the ability to reason, to extract and integrate information from different sources, to perceive relationships and patterns. Among these life skills is information literacy. The library is a laboratory for developing all of these competencies.



“Working at the MSU Library as an undergraduate brought an incredible richness and depth to my education. I majored in Advertising, and my job in the Science Library exposed me to fascinating topics I would never have discovered through my class work. I encountered books and articles on everything from textile manufacturing to medical research – and read many of them!

Student workers were assigned a variety of tasks, which allowed us to learn about both the public service aspects of librarianship and about the necessary business operations. Through my job at the library, I also noticed and learned to emulate the study habits of serious students – everything from keeping up with current periodical literature in one’s field, to getting more work accomplished by buckling down in the quietest corner of the library.

Working in the library was like getting paid to learn!”

Jude Swanson
College of Communication Arts &
Sciences, 1967

College is a time to grow in experience and maturity. The university community is an irreplaceable opportunity to appreciate diversity among cultures and individuals. The library collection is a reflection of that diversity — a rich array of languages, cultures, historical periods, and viewpoints.

In the university library, a biology major might spend an evening engrossed in art books. An art student may find inspiration in fractals or the structure of DNA. The library is a home for these moments of personal exploration and discovery.



Scanning workstation in the Main Library Copy Center.

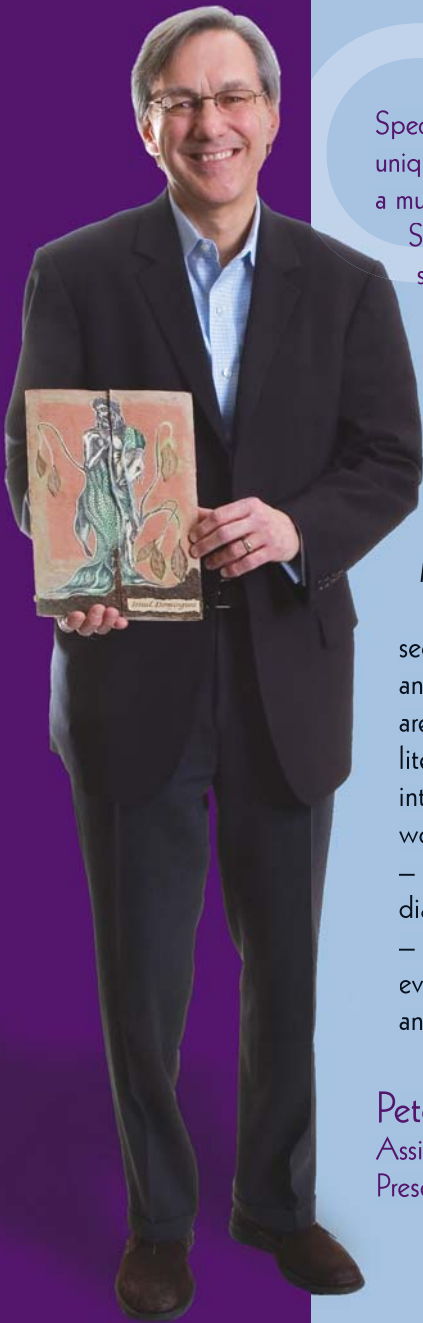
By the Numbers: Library Use

The library is a home away from home for many students, offering facilities for productive study time with easy access to information and assistance from library staff.

In 1997, the Main Library was available to students 109 hours a week during the academic year. In 2007, we're open for business 148 hours a week.

In 2006, MSU library users:

- Downloaded 1,629,188 full-text articles
- Made 17,105,351 visits to the library's website
- Had access to more than 34,000 online journals and 35,000 electronic books



Special Collections has so many rare and unique items – in a way, it seems more like a museum than a library. What role does Special Collections play in an academic setting?

Believe it or not, the Special Collections unit really is central to the university's educational mission! Without the opportunity to work with primary resource materials, there would be something valuable missing from undergraduate education at MSU.

Students do need to work with secondary sources – books and articles and reports – to learn their subject areas. But the purpose of such secondary literature is generally to provide interpretations of primary sources. By working with primary sources themselves – anything from historic letters and diaries, to expressions of popular culture – students learn better how to weigh evidence, develop and test hypotheses, and draw their own conclusions.

Peter Berg

Assistant Director for Access,
Preservation and Special Collections

WWW.



The library's website provides 24/7 access to our extensive collection of electronic resources, as well as online forms for requesting library services, research guides prepared by librarians, and a calendar of daily events.



Hundreds of sound recordings from the Vincent Voice Library have been digitized and made available online to users worldwide. Digital conversion is a long-term investment, ensuring that materials remain available for users after the original recording media have deteriorated.

lib.msu.edu

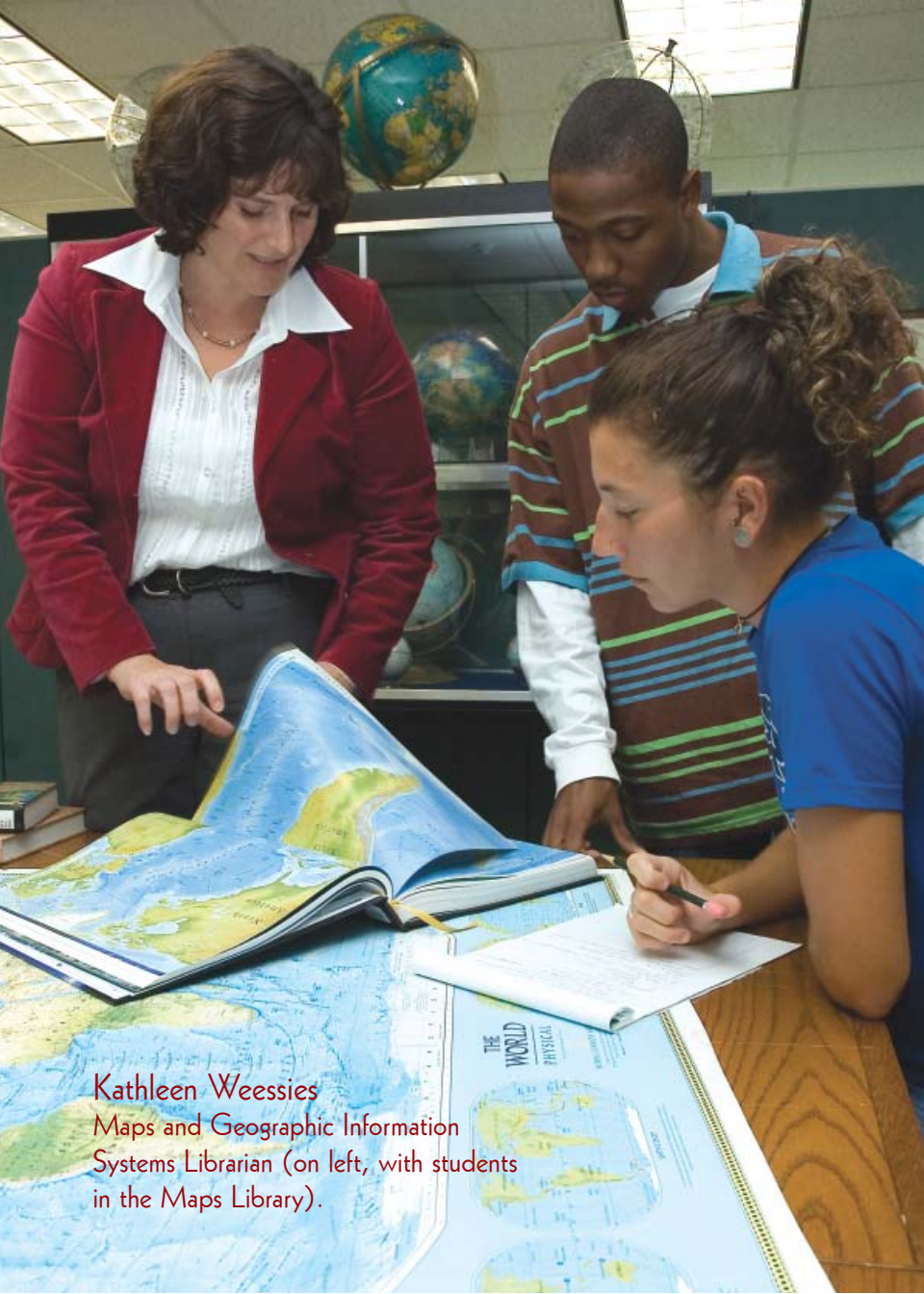
Ask A Librarian



The African e-Journals Project is a combined effort of the MSU Libraries, MSU's African Studies Center, MATRIX, and the Association of African Universities.

This full-text archive offers scholars and students easy access to 11 scholarly journals published in Africa, with more than 1900 articles currently available.

Approximately 34,000 of the library's 38,000 scholarly journals are now available online, allowing instant desktop access for users from any location on- or off-campus.



Kathleen Weessies
Maps and Geographic Information
Systems Librarian (on left, with students
in the Maps Library).

Who We SERVE

“Diverse” is the single best word to describe the people served by the MSU Libraries: more than 45,000 students from all 50 states and 134 countries, and 4,500 faculty and academic staff. The library collections support their work, from undergraduate studies to doctoral-level research, in the entire spectrum of disciplines: the arts and humanities, social sciences, business, agriculture and natural sciences, engineering, and medicine.

The campus library system includes the centrally-located Main Library, and branch libraries serving specialized areas such as business, mathematics, engineering and veterinary medicine. And, the library’s Distance Learning Services unit ensures that off-campus students have full use of library

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In the Name of GOD the
Father, the Sonne, & of
the Holie Ghost: Amen.

O Ur Father, which art in Hea-
ven, Halowed be thy Name.
Thy kingdom come: Thy wil be
done in Earth, as is in Heaven:
Gine vs this day our daily bread
And fozgiue vs our trespases, as
wee fozgiue them that trespasse
against vs: And leade vs not into
temptation, But deliver vs from
Evill: For thine is the kingdom,
power, and glozie, for ever, Amen.

deliver us from Evil. Amen.
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Thy kingdom come, as we forgive them
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Will be done on Earth, as it is in
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Heaven, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.
In the Name of the Father, & of the
Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen.
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daily Bread, and forgive us our
Trespases, as we forgive them
that Trespasse against us: And
leade us not into Temptation, but
deliver us from Evil. Amen.

resources, no matter where they are – whether taking an online course from the Upper Peninsula, or connecting from far points of the globe while enrolled in one of MSU's 230 study abroad programs.

The library also makes important contributions to MSU's land-grant and world-grant missions. Our resources are available to all citizens of the state through interlibrary loan and individual borrowing privileges, and we provide special services to the staff of MSU's network of extension offices. The MSU Libraries initiated the development of MelCat, a statewide catalog and resource-sharing system. And, through nationally-recognized digitization projects, the MSU Libraries make unique collections freely available on the web to scholars all over the world.

Technology has made an enormous impact on the way students work. Once, educators described advances in technology from one generation to the next – then from one decade to the next. Now, the technological skills and expectations of MSU's entering class can be seen to change from one year to the next.

The library system meets these evolving needs in a variety of ways, from wireless access throughout the building to collaborative technology labs where students can work together to synthesize information and create new ways to communicate it to their peers. Approximately 85% of our journal subscriptions are now online, along with systems for retrieving and analyzing non-textual information of all kinds: financial and statistical data, geographic and spatial information, images and visual material.

The wealth of material we can deliver through the Web means the library is available to students and faculty 24/7. But our round-the-clock availability isn't limited to cyberspace: when classes are in session, the main library building is open – and heavily used – 24 hours a day.



Why do MSU students love the library? On St. Valentines Day, 2007, we asked and received these responses and more!

♥ MSU library is the best library I've ever seen in my life! Kind, helpful librarians who are always very approachable! ♥ I love the library because they always let me know when my books are in. ♥ Reference ROCKS. ♥ A great place to meet and exchange ideas. ♥ I like the high tech rooms on the 4th floor as well as the excellent reference staff. ♥ I love learning about the special collections section of the library. ♥ The library is a great place to meet classmates and find information and everything. ♥ The Library is like my second home. ♥ I love the great working atmosphere. I always get a lot done here! ♥ I love meeting my friends in the library CyberCafé to study! ♥ Terrific interlibrary loan department and reference librarians. Thank you! ♥ I love the computers and easy Internet access. ♥ I love working on the 2nd and 3rd floor near the window overlooking the garden. Nice natural light and beautiful scenery. Ideas just flow like crazy! ♥ I love that the library is open 24 hours! ♥ It is the best place on or off campus to work! ♥ I love working here, you meet a lot of great people and learn a lot about the library. ♥ The library is my special place to study. I love the library. ♥ I truly like sitting on the floor among the shelves exploring the books! Quiet time. ♥ I love keeping books for six months at a time. ♥ I love how I can always find a computer! ♥ The library is amazing! ♥



A patron browses the Cesar E. Chavez Collection, an interdisciplinary collection on Chicano and Boricua studies.

How We Fulfill Our Mission:

COLLECTIONS

The excellence of a library collection is measured by how well our users' information needs are anticipated – so the resources they need are already part of the collection, available for use, at the time the need is discovered.

Building an excellent collection requires both a generous budget and highly knowledgeable librarians – subject liaisons who actively seek input from faculty, consult with colleagues in other institutions, and stay abreast of developments in the fields for which they are responsible.

Increasingly, collection excellence also involves delivering information electronically wherever possible. Thanks to Internet access and authentication for remote users, many materials in

our collection can be reached 24/7 from anywhere in the world. This new capacity allows us to support students and faculty involved in traditional campus teaching and research, and those in distance education courses and overseas study.

The materials budget has increased from about \$5 million to \$9 million, while the collection has grown from 4 million to 4.8 million volumes. Thanks to online aggregated databases, we now receive more than 38,000 journals – up from 28,000 in 1997 – with about 85% of these titles available for electronic delivery to users' computer screens in their classrooms, offices, and homes.

And, computer-based resources are no longer limited to text as content, but now include visual images such as the ARTstor database, digitized sound files from the Vincent Voice Library, and a rich array of statistical and geo-spatial resources. Digitized versions of printed books from as early as 1485 provide ready access to rare and unique texts.



How does a library evaluate its collection and predict future needs?

It's no longer a matter of counting book volumes. More and more resources come to us in electronic form — about half the materials budget now. That includes scholarly periodicals for which we never handle paper issues, numerical data that can be manipulated, picture files like the ARTstor database, and digital copies of unique historical items like medieval manuscripts or rare books. We receive statistics about these databases, so we know usage is constantly increasing.

Does technology make a difference in what the library should purchase?

It really does. The volume of publishing around the world is exploding, both online and in paper. No single library can ever own more than a small fraction of all those books and resources. Instead we rely on cooperation and reciprocal interlibrary loan agreements among groups of libraries, and the ability to handle many loans electronically. In a cooperative environment, it makes as much or more sense for MSU to buy unusual titles that are not owned by our partners, than to create a duplicate collection of standard titles.

Steven W. Sowards
Assistant Director for Collections

The MSU Libraries' collections are nationally prominent in a number of areas, including the Turfgrass Information Center, the Africana Collection, the Vincent Voice Library, the Russel B. Nye Popular Culture Collection, and the multidisciplinary collections supporting MSU's internationally-respected Packaging program.

Thanks to a shared online library catalog, MSU readers can quickly find items in the collections of our partner libraries at the MSU College of Law and the Library of Michigan in downtown Lansing. Rapid interlibrary loan provides shared consortial access to the holdings of the Center for Research Libraries in Chicago, the other university libraries in the CIC/Big Ten, and a growing list of other libraries in Michigan through the Michigan eLibrary (MeL) system.

“As a general rule, the most successful man in life is the man who has the best information.”

— Benjamin Disraeli

Acquiring Literacy: Triumph Over Slavery, an exhibit curated by reference librarian Lesley Brown, told the story of African-Americans' struggle to gain the benefits of education after the Civil War.



Circulation



By the Numbers: COLLECTIONS

Library holdings have increased significantly in the last ten years. With close to 5 million volumes, MSU is among the top 30 research collections in North America.

Total volumes:

1996 4,047,477

2006 4,707,072

Scholarly journals are critical for researchers in every discipline, and especially in the science, technology and medical fields. The MSU library has increased subscriptions by 30% since 1996.

Current subscriptions:

1996 27,594

2006 35,994

An additional 2000+ periodicals are received through consortial agreements or institutional memberships in professional organizations.

Angela Maycock
Reference and Instruction Librarian



How We Fulfill Our Mission:

SERVICES

By their very accessibility, librarians make a significant contribution to the student experience. The Main Library Reference Desk is staffed by two librarians for 80 hours a week whenever classes are in session, communicating with users in person and via email and instant messaging.

Librarians also devote considerable time to meeting individually with students and faculty in the departments for which they are responsible, providing valuable one-on-one learning experiences and expert assistance in identifying research materials.

In classroom settings, librarians teach research skills specific to a group's particular assignment. The Main Library has three classrooms fully equipped

Has technology changed the nature of reference work in the last decade?

Yes, it has had a substantial impact. The two biggest factors are electronic delivery of information and the extraordinary amount of information available. The challenge for librarians is to educate students to increase the relevance and quality of the results they retrieve and to reduce the number of results they have to sift through. Achieving this requires several skills: advanced search techniques; understanding what's available through our subscription databases and not accessible through the open Web; and an ability to critically evaluate what's available on the open Web.

These sound like important skills for anyone.

They are! No matter what kind of career a student is preparing for, the ability to find and evaluate information for reliability and accuracy will be an incredibly valuable skill to have.

Arlene Weismantel
Head of Main Library Reference



with computer workstations, Internet connections, and projection capabilities. Together with the branch libraries, we offer more than 800 sessions a year.

The Distance Learning Services unit was established in 1996 to serve students and faculty working from locations outside East Lansing, whether commuting, teaching off-campus, taking online courses or taking part in study-abroad programs. The DLS staff promptly fill requests for copies of MSU-owned materials, and facilitate interlibrary loans for materials held elsewhere. Their services quickly expanded to include phone support – now offered 24/7 – for users connecting to electronic resources.

The library's interlibrary loan service is a vital component in our outreach to the citizens of Michigan, as well to MSU users. In 2006, we obtained 34,909 items from other libraries for MSU faculty and staff, while loaning 47,608 items from our own collection to public, academic, and medical libraries.

Students need access to computers, not only to perform library research, but to write and revise



Artifacts, by
book artist and
MSU alumna
Laura Davidson.
Held in Special
Collections.

papers and use course-related software. The Main Library is the largest computer lab on campus, with more than 500 computers for student use — making it easy for students to work on assignments with library staff and collections nearby. Wireless access is also available throughout the building.

The Main Library began 24-hour operations in 1999, responding to student requests for late-night study space. During the academic year, the building is open from 10 a.m. Sunday to midnight on Friday, plus Saturday from 10 a.m. to midnight. During our busy end-of-semester weeks, as many as 3,000 students are in the library at 4:00 in the morning. The CyberCafé, our popular west-lobby coffee shop, is open for business whenever the library is.

Now in its tenth year, the annual MSU Student Book Collection Competition is a chance for students and librarians to celebrate a mutual love: collecting books.

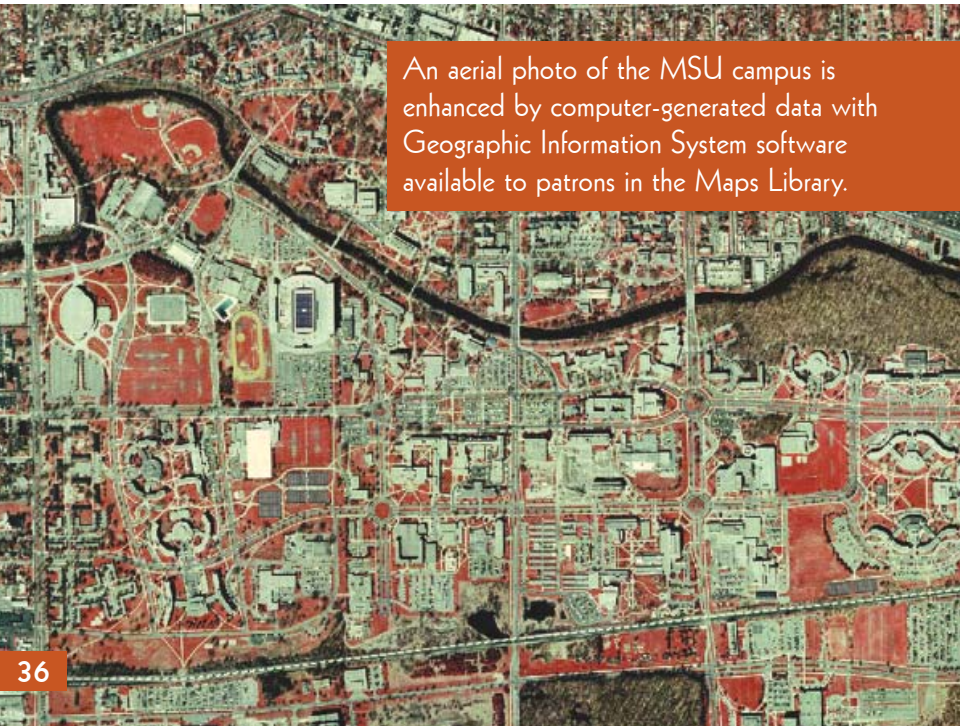
Over the years, the collections have illustrated the incredible diversity of interests among MSU students: from drug-free childbirth, Filipino-American literature, and comparative black history, to the Beat poets, Anne Frank, German feminist literature, and future histories.

The Student Book Collection Competition is sponsored by the Friends of the MSU Libraries and generously supported by an anonymous donor.



Tony Fitzpatrick (far left), winner of the 2006 MSU Student Book Collection Competition, chats with a library staff member at the award reception. Above: a portion of Fitzpatrick's collection.

The library makes significant contributions to the enrichment of campus life, both as a major gathering place for study and research, and by providing free weekend events throughout the semester. The Friday Night Film Series and the Michigan Writers Series offer audiences the chance to view and discuss films with faculty and to hear novelists, poets and essayists from Michigan read and discuss their work.

An aerial photograph of the Michigan State University (MSU) campus. The image is overlaid with computer-generated data, primarily in shades of red and orange, which highlights various geographical features and infrastructure. These include roads, parking lots, athletic fields (like the baseball field on the left), and building footprints. A winding river or stream is visible on the right side of the image. The overall effect is a detailed, data-enhanced view of the campus layout.

An aerial photo of the MSU campus is enhanced by computer-generated data with Geographic Information System software available to patrons in the Maps Library.

By the Numbers: SERVICES

MSU librarians work closely with faculty members to provide training sessions tailored to their students' needs for specific research projects. Demand for such classes has almost tripled in the last ten years.

1996	281 sessions; 4,810 students participating
2006	754 sessions; 33,164 students participating

Phone, email, instant messaging, or visiting the library: users can contact us using whatever method they prefer for fast, individual consultation about their research needs. In 2006, MSU library staff assisted:

- 40,196 users at the reference desk
- 9,038 users through email and instant messaging
- 31,194 users through the Distance Learning Services office

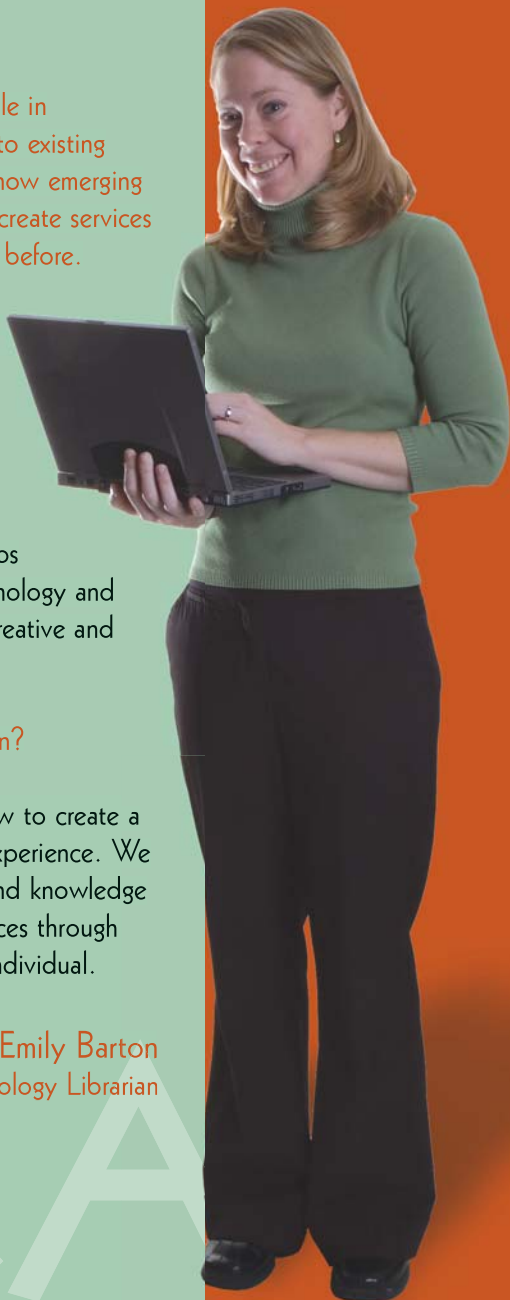
Emily, you have a leadership role in integrating new technologies into existing library services, and imagining how emerging technologies might be used to create services we've never been able to offer before. What's the most exciting thing we've done recently?

The Collaborative Technology Labs, no question! Collaborative work is becoming the norm both in the workplace and the classroom. With these labs students have access to technology and software that enhances the creative and collaborative processes.

And what's next on the horizon?

There's a lot of thought and experimentation going on now to create a more individualized library experience. We hope to increase access to and knowledge of library resources and services through online portals aimed at the individual.

Emily Barton
Reference and Technology Librarian



MoMA Highlights

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The Encyclopedia of Sculpture
VOLUME TWO, G-O

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MODERN ARTS CRITICISM

VOLUME

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Alexander Girard designs for Herman Miller

American and Caribbean
of the Modern



A patron examines
data from the *Beilstein
Handbook of Organic
Chemistry* database in the
Biomedical and Physical
Sciences branch library.

How We Fulfill Our Mission:

OUTREACH, COLLABORATION, and EXTERNAL FUNDING

The MSU Libraries have a leadership role in the development of library services for all the people of Michigan. MelCat, Michigan's statewide catalog and resource-sharing system, began in 2000 as a pilot project headed by the MSU Libraries. More than 100 libraries in both the Upper and Lower Peninsula now participate, and the project served as the catalyst for developing software that is now used by libraries all over the world.

Digitization of library materials is an active arena for outreach and collaboration. The MSU Libraries serve as the administrative home for *The Making of Modern Michigan*, an online local history collection with 50 contributing libraries. Our digital collection *Shaping the Values of Youth*:



“The partnership between the Library of Michigan and MSU Libraries is one that continues to yield amazing results for our programs and services, as well as for Michigan’s statewide library community.

The MSU Libraries’ development and implementation of InMICH, a regional multi-type library resource-sharing system, served as a successful prototype for the Library of Michigan’s current Michigan eLibrary statewide resource-sharing catalog, MeLCat. In part because of MSU’s teamwork and commitment to that process, Michigan residents can now look beyond their local libraries’ shelves to an ever-growing statewide library whose shelves reach from Calumet to Kalamazoo.”

Nancy Robertson
State Librarian of Michigan

Sunday School Books in 19th Century America is part of the American Memory collection, hosted by the Library of Congress. Our digital collection of historic American cookbooks has been featured in *Gourmet* and the *Detroit Free Press*. The MSU Libraries were a partner in the development of the National Gallery of the Spoken Word, which features sound files from our Vincent Voice Library.

The MSU Libraries have achieved significant success in competing for outside funding, which has raised our visibility nationally and internationally. Since 1999, the MSU Libraries have been awarded more than \$5.5 million in external grants. Funding agencies include the National Science Foundation, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Institute of Museum and Library Services, the Library of Congress, the Social Science Research Council, and the American Council of Learned Societies. We have also competed successfully for funding under the Library Services and Construction Act and the Library Services and Technology Act.

The MSU Library collections include materials in more than 300 languages, both ancient and modern, from all corners of the world.



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the physicien/spier apotiquar and is formed in the
fygure of a man /and he is sette in a chayer as a maistr
and holdeth in his right hand a booke and an ample or a
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By the Numbers:

Outreach and Collaboration

The MSU Libraries are an active partner in statewide and regional interlibrary loan networks, supplying about 13.5 items to other libraries for every 10 we borrow.

	<u>1996</u>	<u>2006</u>
Items borrowed for MSU users	14,101	34,909
Items loaned to partner libraries	27,939	47,608

The MSU Libraries have taken a leadership role in collaborative projects involving libraries throughout the state of Michigan.

- 50+ libraries participated in *The Making of Modern Michigan*, a statewide digitization project
- 100+ libraries have joined MelCat, the statewide resource-sharing network initiated by MSU

Wen-ying Lu
Catalog Librarian and
Linguistics Bibliographer



Who We ARE

Our greatest asset is our capable staff, each of whom is dedicated to maximizing the library's positive impact on MSU students.

The Libraries employ 121 support staff and 62 librarians. Forty librarians are assigned as liaisons to specific MSU departments and colleges. All librarians have graduate-level training in library and information science; about one-third also have a second master's degree or a doctorate in their area of specialization.

Within the larger arena of academic librarianship, MSU library staff are sought out for their professional expertise, and recognized for their contributions to the field. On the following pages is a selective list of staff accomplishments during the last ten years.

Eric Alstrom, Collections Conservator, had a work selected for the 2005 fine binding exhibition organized by ARA Canada. Eric has also exhibited with the Guild of Book Workers.

Faye Backie, Associate Director for Public Services, served a two-year term as treasurer of the Michigan Library Association. During that time, she participated in the search for a new executive director of MLA.

Diane Baclawski, Library Assistant in the Geology Library, published a paper in the 2003 Proceedings of the Geoscience Information Society. She has also made numerous presentations on geologist Frank Leverett and his comparisons of the glacial geology of Michigan and areas in Northern Europe, including conferences of the Geological Society of America, the Michigan Academy of Sciences, and the Great Lakes Region Geological Conference.

Kris Baclawski, Library Assistant in Special Collections, was appointed

to a three-year term on the President's Advisory Committee on Disability Issues by MSU President Peter McPherson.

Emily Barton, Reference and Technology Librarian, recently spoke on adapting open source software for library use in Sydney, Australia, at a symposium sponsored by the Australian Library and Information Association.

Leslie Behm, Health Sciences Librarian, presented a paper on evaluating Internet resources for veterinary medicine at the International Conference of Animal Health Information Specialists in Copenhagen, Denmark. Her article "Distance Learning and the Impact on Libraries" was published in the *Journal of Business & Finance Librarianship* in 2002.

Peter Berg, Assistant Director for Special Collections, served as acting director of the Great Lakes Culture Program during its first two years. The GLCP, based at MSU, sponsors programs, scholarly work, and public events to preserve and celebrate the history, folklore

and landscape of the Great Lakes region.

Leah Black, Team Manager for Current Processing, was elected President of the Michigan Library Association for 2007-2008. MLA's 2,200 members include librarians, library trustees and all those working toward high-quality library services for the citizens of Michigan.

Amy Blair, head of Distance Learning Services, and **Anita Ezzo, Food Science & Technology Librarian**, are co-editors of the *Journal of Agricultural & Food Information*, published by Haworth Press.

Mary Black Junttonen, Music Librarian, is assistant editor of *Fontes Artis Musicae*, the journal of the International Association of Music Libraries, Archives, and Documentation Centres.

Sheila Bryant, Health Sciences Librarian, has published articles and chapters in the *Journal of Agricultural and Food Information*, the *Journal of Family Practice*, and the *MLA Encyclopedic Guide to*

Searching and Finding Health Information on the Web.

Hui Hua Chua, U.S. Documents Librarian, moderates an online discussion list for the ALA section on Machine-Assisted Reference Services. She also chairs the Instruction and Research Services Committee for ALA's Reference and User Services Association History Section.

John Coffey, Health Sciences Librarian, was named a Distinguished Member of the Academy of Health Information Professionals, its highest certification level, in 2002. He has co-authored articles in the *Journal of Family Practice*, *Psychotherapy & Psychosomatics*, and the *Journal of General Internal Medicine*.

Pete Cookingham, Turfgrass Information Center, has been a presenter and workshop leader at numerous professional conferences, including the Sports Turf Manager's Association, the Crop Science Society of America, the U.S. Agricultural Information Network

Conference, and the Soil Science Society of America.

Kate Corby, Education/ Psychology Librarian, has served as Councilor at Large for the American Library Association since 2003. In 2005, she received the "Distinguished Librarian" award from the Education and Behavioral Sciences Section of the Association of College and Research Libraries, and was an invited speaker at the annual conference of the American Educational Research Association.

Molly Dean, Library Assistant in the Veterinary Medicine Library, was appointed to the Women's Advisory Committee for Finance, Personnel and Operations. This group works with Fred Poston, MSU Vice President for Finance and Operations.

Anita Ezzo, Food Science and Technology Librarian, has served as co-director for two preservation microfilming projects funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities. Through these projects, more

than 2700 volumes of historic agricultural literature have been preserved for future research.

Holly Flynn, Mathematics Librarian, is a regular reviewer for *E-Streams: Electronic Reviews of Science & Technology References*, an online publication for librarians serving the science and engineering fields.

Nancy Fleck, Assistant Director for Technical Services and Systems, is program chair for the 2007 Innovative Users Group conference. This specialized meeting focusing on library software offers more than 140 sessions during its three-day conference, and draws 1,600 attendees annually.

Kay Granskog, Team Manager for Acquisitions, and **Leah Black, Team Manager for Current Processing**, co-authored an article on thesis processing at MSU for *Technical Services Quarterly*.

Kara Gust, Instruction Librarian, has published articles in *Reference Services Review* and in *New Library World*. She

is currently serving as chair of the Michigan Library Association's Reference Division.

Clifford Haka, Director of Libraries, has served two terms on the Board of Trustees for the Library of Michigan, including one term as chair, as well as serving on accreditation review teams for the State of Michigan's Department of Career Development.

Jon Harrison, Social Science Collections Coordinator, has served as editor of *Red Tape*, the newsletter of the Government Documents Round Table of Michigan, since 1993. *Red Tape* has become such a popular resource for documents librarians that Jon now publishes

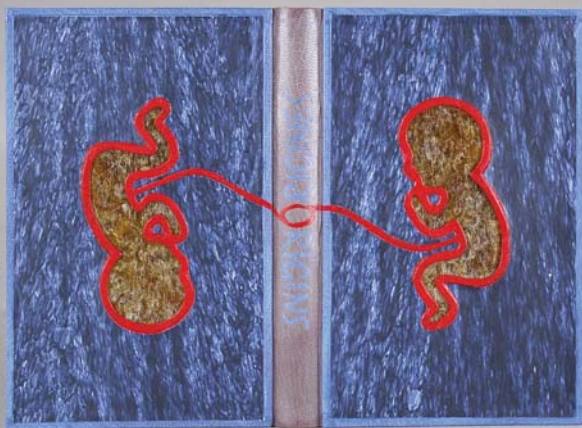
a blog as well: <blog.lib.msu.edu/redtape>

Jim Hensley, Library Facilities Manager, was elected to a second term as Vice President for Contract Administration for MSU's Administrative Professional Supervisors Association.

Talbott Huey, Asian Studies Librarian, is concluding a term of service as secretary of the Bibliography Section of the International Federation of Library Associations.

Colleen Hyslop, Associate Director for Human Resources, was honored with the Michigan State University Distinguished Faculty Award in 2000, and

Detail from hand-bound copy of *The Book of Origins*, created by Eric Alstrom, MSU Libraries Conservator.



was named Librarian of the Year by the Michigan Library Association in 2002. In 1999 and 2001, Hyslop managed two grant-funded projects for the creation and expansion of MelCat, Michigan's statewide centralized library catalog and resource-sharing system.

Ruth Ann Jones, Digital Projects Manager, taught a series of workshops on eXtensible Markup Language (XML) for the Michigan Library Consortium.

Ranti Junus, Systems Librarian, is part of a collaborative effort to translate Linux-based operating systems into languages other than English, to make open source software more widely accessible. Ranti's team is translating the Linspire system into Indonesian.

Susan Kendall, Health Sciences Librarian, is on the editorial advisory board for the peer-reviewed journal *Biomedical Digital Libraries*. She also edits *Biofeedback*, the newsletter of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association.

Angela Kille, Reference Librarian, was selected to participate in the American Library Association's Emerging Leaders Program, a competitive, year-long program for new professionals. Kille was chosen for one of 50 slots from a field of nearly 300 applicants.

Sharon Ladenson, Gender Studies Librarian, has presented on the topic of historical perspectives on gender and library management at the Michigan Women's Studies Association and the Michigan Academy of Science, Art, and Letters.

Joseph Lauer, African Studies Librarian, serves as a reviewer for manuscripts submitted to the *Journal of African Policy Studies*, the *African Studies Review*, and *International Information & Library Review*. He also serves as a reviewer for grant applications concerning African studies for the National Endowment for the Humanities and the Getty Foundation.

Laura Leavitt, Labor and Industrial Relations Librarian, has created searchable, full-text



Tell us about the role of a subject specialist.
How does your work fit into the range of
services offered by the library?

Some days it seems I do a little of everything! I work one-on-one with faculty and students doing research in industrial relations, collective bargaining, arbitration, and related topics, helping them define what information they need and determining where to find it.

I also decide what materials the library should have on those topics – not only from the well-known publishers and university presses, but also from labor organizations, government agencies, and other more obscure sources.

It sounds like you really have to keep up with what's happening in the field, and in the department you're working with.

Yes, that's a big part of the job. A good subject specialist needs to know the curriculum, the research interests of all their faculty, and the current issues and developments in the field. I was an investigator for the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission before becoming a librarian so, like most subject specialists, I have a long-term interest in my area!

Laura Leavitt
Labor & Industrial Relations Librarian

digital collections of Michigan public sector arbitration decisions and collective bargaining agreements. Online availability of these highly specialized documents is an important service for collective bargaining units, industrial relations professionals, and others involved in labor relations in Michigan.

Suzanne J. Levy, Library Assistant in the DataCat unit in Technical Services, has established four endowments for the MSU Libraries: the Harold and Suzanne Levy Endowment for Jewish Studies Collections; the Suzanne J. Levy Endowment for Comic Art Collections in Honor of Randall W. Scott; the Suzanne J. Levy Endowment for Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgender Collections in Memory of Anne E. Tracy; and the Suzanne J. Levy MSU Libraries' Director's Discretionary Endowment in Honor of Clifford H. Haka. She has also created a fifth endowment at the College of Veterinary Medicine to assist elderly pet owners living on fixed incomes to pay for their animals' care.

Peter Limb, African Studies Librarian, has written and spoken widely on issues ranging from digitization trends in the scholarly world to the history of the African National Congress. His latest book is *Digital Dilemmas and Solutions*, published by Chandos in 2004.

Terry Link, formerly Environmental Studies Librarian and now director of MSU's Office of Campus Sustainability, has served as chair of the University Committee for a Sustainable Campus since 1999. He also served on the Advisory Team which developed the planning document *2020 Vision: the MSU Campus Master Plan*.

Wen-ying Lu, Serials Cataloger, has been recognized by two national organizations for her contributions to serials cataloging. She was awarded a certificate of appreciation by the Program for Cooperative Cataloging in 2003, and was honored with the North American Serials Interest Group Horizon Award in 2000. Lu was also presented with the

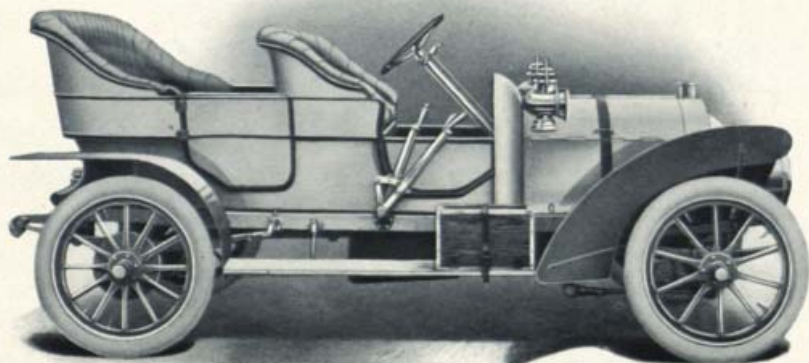
Michigan Library Association's Award of Excellence in 2006.

Dorothy Manderscheid, formerly head of the **Mathematics Library**, served as archivist for the Physics-Astronomy-Mathematics Division of the Special Libraries Association, and contributed frequent articles to the *P-A-M Bulletin*.

Judith Matthews, head of the **Biomedical & Physical Sciences Library**, is editor of the *Science & Technology Reference Series*, published by Libraries Unlimited. Eight new volumes have been released since she was appointed series editor in 1999.

Terri Miller, **Slavic, East European, and Central Asian Bibliographer**, has made presentations annually at the conference of the American Association for the Advancement of Slavic and East European Studies, as well as the Central Slavic Conference and programs sponsored by ALA's Slavic and East European Section.

Shawn Nicholson, head of **Government Documents**, was invited to participate as an instructor in a study-abroad program in London which focused on "Institutions of Freedom." He also co-authored a handbook on numeric data



products and services, published by the Association of Research Libraries in 2001.

Kriss Ostrom, Head of Circulation, is the new editor of *Michigan Libraries*, the bi-monthly publication of the Michigan Library Association. She has also served a term as co-editor.

Julia Perez, Biological Sciences Librarian, has been an active member of the Biomedical and Life Sciences Division of the Special Libraries Association, including a term of service on its Board of Directors.

Lisa Robinson and Allen Thunell of Cataloging & Metadata Services co-authored

a paper for *OCLC Systems & Services*, which was recognized with a Highly Commended Paper award by the Emerald Literati Club.

Michael Rodriguez, Humanities Collections Coordinator, has two books out from Arcadia Publishing: *Detroit's Belle Isle: Island Park Gem*, and *R.E. Olds and Industrial Lansing*.

Randy Scott, Special Collections Librarian, published *European Comics in English Translation: A Descriptive Sourcebook*, released in 2002 by McFarland & Co. Publishing.

Michael Seadle, Associate Director for Information Technology (currently on



MSU faculty members browse their colleagues' publications at the 2005 Faculty Authors Reception, hosted annually by the MSU Libraries.

leave), is editor of *Library Hi-Tech*, a peer-reviewed journal on library technology issues published by the Emerald Group. He chairs the Technical Policy Committee for the LOCKSS Alliance, a collaborative project among major research libraries to develop secure storage systems for digital publications.

Sara Siebert, DataCat Team Manager in Technical Services, was honored with the prestigious MSU Jack Breslin Distinguished Staff Award, which recognizes those who have demonstrated excellence in overall work performance, provided valuable service to the University, and exhibited initiative and creativity leading to the improved effectiveness of a work unit. The Jack Breslin Award is MSU's highest honor for university staff.

Steven Sowards, Assistant Director for Collections, has published articles on collections management and public services topics in *Reference Librarian*, *New Library World*, *MLA Forum*, *Reference and User*

Services Quarterly, *Michigan Librarian*, *Libri*, *First Monday*, *Journal of Electronic Publishing*, *College & Research Libraries News*, and *Library Hi-Tech*.

Christine Tobias, Library Assistant in the Copy Center, has served on the International Center Library's Future Use Committee, a joint effort of MSU's Office for International Students and Scholars, Office of Study Abroad, Asian Studies Center, and the MSU Libraries.

Tom Volkening, Engineering Librarian, is a regular reviewer for *E-Streams: Electronic Reviews of Science & Technology References*, an online publication for librarians serving science and engineering fields. He also serves as subject advisor on science and technology disciplines for the publications *Best Reference Books* and *Best Books for Academic Libraries*.

Kathleen Weessies, Maps & Geographic Information Systems Librarian, has published articles in *Geography Journal*, *American Libraries*,

The Veterinary Medicine Library has a special role in supporting clinical work in MSU's Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Tell us how that works.

Supporting the clinicians — faculty and students seeing real life clients in the Teaching Hospital — is the central mission for our branch. We're a very focused, specialized collection: 4,000 books and 72 runs of journals, so core materials are easy to find.

Electronic access is critical to our users.

The more titles we can provide online, the easier it is for vets and students to get the information they need without taking time away from their patients.

Right now more than 80% of the core vet med journals are available to MSU users online. We'll add the remaining titles as soon as they become available.

Has the Internet had an impact on library services in veterinary medicine?

It certainly has. The Internet makes it possible for our users to find necessary information with incredible speed and efficiency. While it's no less expensive to secure access to online sources than when we received only print journals, statistical measures of online usage and feedback from users tell us that this is what they need and want.

Sheila Bryant
Health Sciences Librarian
Assignment: Veterinary Medicine



Reference Services Review, and *ImagiNEWS*, a journal for spatial data professionals in Michigan.

Arlene Weismantel, head of Main Library Reference and formerly Health Sciences Librarian, was awarded Senior Membership in the Academy of Health Information Professionals in 2002. She has co-authored three articles in the *Journal of Family Practice* and served as editor of the Michigan Health Sciences Library Association newsletter from 2001 to 2006.

Agnes Widder, Humanities Bibliographer, served as president of the American Society for Eighteenth-Century Studies, Midwest Region, and organized the society's annual conference for 2000.

Terrie Wilson, Art Librarian, edited *The 21st Century Art Librarian*, published in 2003 by Haworth Press. She has also contributed several articles to *Art Documentation*, the leading journal for art libraries.

Melissa Yost, Library Assistant at the Kellogg Biological Station branch library, serves on the station's Academic Personnel Committee.

Mike Unsworth, History Bibliographer, serves as assistant director of MSU's Canadian Studies Centre. His research interests include military history and US-Canada cross-border issues.

Mary Jo Zeter, Latin American and Caribbean Studies Librarian, served as curator for an exhibit of handmade books from Cuba, which was featured at the Kresge Art Museum in spring 2002. She also serves as indexer for the *Hispanic American Periodical Review*.



Sharon Ladenson
Reference Librarian and
Gender Studies/Communications
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VISION for the MSU LIBRARIES

Our accomplishments over the last ten years have been impressive, but the next ten years will be more challenging yet. Michigan's slow economic recovery all but guarantees that the university will not be able to increase the library's allocation substantially. It also means that our graduates will be competing for jobs, and employers will need staff prepared for the information-driven workplace. Building the MSU Libraries' endowment is our top priority: the demands of technology and needs of scholars cannot be addressed with one-time expenditures.

With reliable sources of increased funding, the MSU Libraries will be able to provide access to a comprehensive collection of information resources from around the world to members of the MSU

Library catalogs have evolved swiftly in the last ten years. MSU's catalog now includes features like book covers and direct links to electronic publications. What's the next major advance users can look forward to?

The next ten years will be just as exciting! The catalog has always been a tool for users to discover relevant information; now it has an enormous role in facilitating access, as we enable links from the catalog to electronic publications of all kinds. Libraries are also exploring ways to make the catalog interactive — for example, by setting up ways for users to add reviews or comments about individual items.

It sounds like the web really opens up new possibilities.

It does! The most interesting aspect of this work is that our users' needs and expectations haven't just changed, they're constantly evolving. It's not enough to introduce new technology to meet an existing need — we have to anticipate future needs too, as best we can. Like they say in hockey, it's a matter of skating where the puck is going to be!

Nancy Fleck

Assistant Director for Technical Services
and Information Technology



community, wherever they are, and take advantage of cutting-edge technologies to make that access even faster and easier than it is now.

The Main Library and its branches will be centers of intellectual interaction on campus – with a combination of superb resources, attractive and comfortable surroundings, and facilities for group study, collaborative use of technology, in-depth research and reflection, and activities that recognize and encourage the achievements of MSU faculty, students, and alumni.

One-on-one and group teaching will be offered to every member of the MSU community, to ensure that every student leaves MSU with a firm foundation in information literacy skills to make lifelong learning possible and productive.

All gifts to the MSU Libraries – whether directed to staffing, collections, facilities and equipment for users, or digital preservation – contribute to our ultimate goal: supporting the MSU mission “to seek, to teach, and to preserve knowledge.”



Detail from *The Comical Adventures of Beau Ogleby*, an early example of European comic art drawn by Rodolphe Topffer. Held in Special Collections.

“To furnish the means of acquiring knowledge is the greatest benefit that can be conferred upon mankind. It prolongs life itself and enlarges the sphere of existence.”

— John Quincy Adams





Christine Tobias, Copy Center Desk Supervisor, with student employee at left, demonstrating the oversize printer available to library users.

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In the last decade, the MSU Libraries' endowment has grown tenfold: from \$400,000 in 1996 to just over \$5 million today. With your help, we can continue this remarkable progress and make our vision of the MSU Libraries a reality. Every gift is a valuable contribution to our efforts to provide the highest levels of service to our students, staff, and the citizens of Michigan.

We gratefully acknowledge the individuals, corporations, and foundations listed here, each of whom have made cumulative or planned gifts totalling \$500 or more, during the last ten years. While space prevents us from listing contributions below \$500, please know that gifts of any size are greatly appreciated.



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Susan Schalon,
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“Visiting the MSU Library at age 12 with my 4-H group was a truly life-changing experience for me. I was awed by the tremendous selection of books, and during that visit I established a goal – I was going to college, and I would come to MSC. I would be the first person in my family to attend college.

Thanks to hard work and scholarships, my dream came true. I double-majored in home economics and education, graduating cum laude, and returned for a master’s in education. I still have treasured memories of studying in the library, night after night, with my toddlers napping nearby. These experiences opened many doors in my life and prepared me well for 37 years in the field of education. MSU took me off the farm and gave me the keys to lifelong learning.”

Orienne First Denslow
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—Will Sherman, on degreetutor.com

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