Moffett Matters

Welcome

Moffett Library is happy to present our semester e-newsletter. You should find helpful information about the Spring 2023 semester, including events, awards, resources, and more. We want to keep you updated on changes coming to Moffett Library and the services we provide. For more information or suggestions on what you'd like to see in our newsletter, send us an email at library@msutexas.edu.

Library Hours

Monday - Thursday
8 AM to 12 AM

Friday
8 AM to 5 PM

Saturday
10 AM to 6 PM

Sunday
2 PM to 12 AM
Moffett Library is anticipating many changes in 2023. Our biggest modification is the new discovery system on our website. We have updated the way you can search for materials, as well as submit interlibrary loan requests. With this update, you can log in to the MSU portal and access your library account. Now you can access more services all in one place! We also have a new reservation system to secure a study room. Instead of coming in person and asking for an available room, you can go to our website and check the availability for which room you need, and reserve your spot. This is separate from our new discovery system, but can be found on the library website homepage under “Reserve a Study Room”. We hope these changes will help make your life easier when it comes to Moffett Library.

At Moffett Library we have many resources, services, and materials available. One of our helpful assets are the research guides. The research guides help break down our many databases categorized by major or subject. You can access these on the library website. If you want to find a journal or database specific to your major, or maybe a separate class you’re taking, these will help you narrow down that search. You can also see a list of helpful websites pertaining to the subject, a library map that helps you locate the material, and a list of sample titles that can give you a head start. There are also helpful guides that give more detail to specific services such as interlibrary loan, printing and scanning, CML, and policies and procedures.
We're Here to Help

We have multiple instruction librarians at Moffett Library, who can help assist with understanding certain services and procedures. You can schedule an appointment with Chris Depineda or Joseph McNeely if you need them to walk you through using ILL, checking out books, accessing the databases, or using the website. They can help give one-on-one assistance.

Stream What You Need

Did you know Moffett Library offers a streaming service with broad collections to choose from? Kanopy is a streaming video resource with over 26,000 films on every subject imaginable and from leading producers such as Criterion Collection, The Great Courses, New Day Films, HBO California Newsreel, and more. You can access Kanopy through our databases or click here. You can find more instructions in our Kanopy research guide.

Library Research Award

This spring our annual library research award will be accepting submissions. The Library once again is offering research awards to recognize MSU undergraduate students who demonstrate skill and creativity in using library resources (books, research databases, media, etc.) to write research papers. To be eligible you have to have written the paper as an undergraduate or submit it as a current undergraduate student. At this time we are not accepting graduate student submissions.

AWARDS:
- First Place- $400 gift card and certificate
- Second Place- $300 gift card and certificate
- Third Place- $150 gift card and certificate

*For group winners, total prize amount will be divided equally*

Spring 2023 Submission
Deadline: May 27
We Have A Lot to Offer!

**Podcast**

Do you love having something playing in the background while you work or drive? Moffett Library can help with that. Club Moffett Talks is a podcast featuring Chris Depineda, Joseph McNeely, and Ryan Samuelson. They discuss what's happening on the MSU Texas campus, pop culture news, TV, and movies, and occasionally have a guest join the fun. A new episode drops every month on the Moffett Library YouTube Channel. You can also listen on Anchor, Spotify, and Amazon!

**YouTube Channel**

Our YouTube channel has more to offer than Club Moffett Talks. If you need help learning about any services the library provides, we have an instructional video. How to use Interlibrary loan and the research guides are a few of the services we have videos for. If you love history, we have archival footage from MSU Texas including old sports games, and trips with students. Our YouTube channel has something for everyone and keep an eye out for more coming soon!
Special Collections

The Special Collections department of Moffett Library is responsible for the collection, preservation, and accessibility of materials considered rare, unique, archival, and of historical or cultural value. Our collections contain a wide variety of formats such as rare books, photographs, newspapers, maps, archival materials, audio and visual recordings, and artifacts. These items are available for research and instructional use in the reading room by students, faculty, staff, and the general public. Items from Special Collections are non-circulating and may not leave the department. Please review the Policies and Procedures tab before visiting the department.

Interlibrary Loan Service

With our Interlibrary Loan (ILL) services at Moffett Library, patrons can submit requests for materials such as books, articles, etc. not held at the university library. You can submit requests on your library account. On your account locate the requests tab and fill out the corresponding information. You can also submit requests when searching the databases as long as you are logged in to your library account. Midwestern State University students, faculty, and staff may use this service free of charge. If you are not affiliated with MSU, please use your local public library for interlibrary loan requests. Please note weekend requests after 5 p.m. on Fridays will not be processed till the next business day.

Events

We have multiple events that take place in the library every semester. Our most popular event is when the local Therapy Dogs come to Moffett to relieve stress for students. This happens a couple of times a semester, in the beginning, during midterms, and a few times during finals week.

Another popular event we host is Moffett Movie Madness in the library Atrium. This takes place 2 to 3 times a semester. We partner with faculty on campus as well as popular MSU organizations to present a relevant movie screening. In the past we’ve shown movies for the season such as Holiday films, and movies that are connected to the corresponding organization we’ve partnered with. Each faculty member or student group briefly presents before each film about the importance of the movie as well as why they recommended that selection.

In the fall we host our Annual Book Plating Ceremony. This event is in honor of faculty who have received tenure and/or advancement in professional rank. The promoted faculty member chooses a book not in our catalog and it is added to the library collection. The ceremony celebrates these faculty members and they explain their selections.
Part of the library’s remodeling included improvements to our leisure reading area on the first floor. The extended windows expose adjacent indoor spaces to daylight, which provides an impressive aesthetic space for students and staff alike. Outside of an open-study space, it also features ample seating, a large projection screen, podium, lighting control, and a sound system; that makes it ideal for faculty and library events, staff lunches, student game nights, pet visits, and most popularly our Moffett Movie Madness events.

**Tutoring & Academic Support Programs**

TASP's Homework Help Lounge is located on the first floor of Moffett Library nestled in the back right-hand corner. They provide a space for students to work on assignments with assistance from tutors in these areas as needed. If you have struggled in the past or just need a little boost in a specific class, this is the right place. TASP's Learning Center offers drop-in tutoring support for most general subject areas including but not limited to Writing, Math, Science, Business, and Foreign Languages. Students check in to work one-on-one with a tutor typically for an hour regarding specific concepts.

**Study Pods**

Our remodeled study pods are one element of our multi-faceted approach to fostering academic success. The recent renovation has enabled the library to meet the demand of daily traffic, primarily during peak times of the semester. The new pods installed are outfitted with "smart" boards, soundproof glass, and new furniture for a better study experience on the first and second floors. These pods can be checked out for a maximum of four hours.

Reserve a room online at https://libcal.msutexas.edu/spaces