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Summary: Are you interested in gaining an overall perspective of the big challenges facing us today: climate change, deforestation, water depletion, overpopulation, collapsing fisheries and poverty? Do you enjoy sharing your views with others? A new book club, hosted by the Briggs Library and the Office of Sustainability at UMM, is being organized.

(September 5, 2008)-Do you like to read? Are you interested in gaining an overall perspective of the big challenges facing us today: climate change, deforestation, water depletion, overpopulation, collapsing fisheries and poverty? Do you enjoy sharing your views with others? A new book club called Asking the Big Questions, hosted by the Briggs Library and the Office of Sustainability at the University of Minnesota, Morris, is being organized. The first meeting will be held from 7 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 11, in the UMM Rodney A. Briggs Library McGinnis Room. Refreshments will be served beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Members will be reading Plan B 3.0, by Lester Brown from the Earth Policy Institute. The author gives his ideas for a plan that would help alleviate and solve these interconnected challenges.

Future meetings will be held every second Thursday of each month for the next year. A couple of chapters will be covered during each group meeting. There will be a 15-minute overview of the chapters, 15 minutes of a lecture from an invited local speaker on a chapter topic and approximately 30 minutes of conversation depending on the group's interest.

For more information about the book club, including the full schedule, visit the Briggs Web site ([Briggs Library](#)) or the blog for the book club ([Briggs Blog](#)), or the book contents ([Books](#)).

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