Minitex connects libraries and individuals with information, ideas, and experiences to enrich lives and strengthen communities.

**THE EFFORTS OF MINITEX STAFF AND COLLABORATORS ACROSS MINNESOTA**

1. **Support for Minnesota Libraries**
   - 507,384 borrowing requests by Minnesotans via the MnLINK Gateway, a virtual catalog linking the collections of most Minnesota libraries
   - 1.5 MILLION volumes in Minnesota Library Access Center from 21 participating libraries
   - 357,800 requests for loans and articles processed by Minitex staff
   - NEARLY 1 MILLION items handled in Minitex Delivery System

2. **Empowered Library Staff, Students, and Lifelong Learners**
   - 50.8 MILLION online searches in Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM)
   - 20.1 MILLION articles via ELM
   - 31,911 questions answered from Minnesotans by ASKMN
   - THAT'S TARGET FIELD ALMOST FULL
   - 4,402 participants in workshops, conferences, class visits, teacher-in-services, and webinars
   - THAT'S THE ENTIRE POPULATION OF WAYZATA
   - +187% since 2010
   - +172% since 2010

3. **Digital Collections of Minnesota Culture**
   - The MINNESOTA DIGITAL LIBRARY and its primary collection, MINNESOTA REFLECTIONS
   - 160+ participating libraries and cultural organizations across Minnesota
   - 152,000 unique photographs and images, maps, journals, documents, letters, and works of art
   - 1 of the original 6 regional service hubs for the Digital Public Library of America

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