MINNESOTA’S INFORMATION SHARING ECONOMY

Minitex & Minnesota’s Libraries
Connecting Minnesotans with information since 1971

**MINNESOTA REFLECTIONS**
is Minnesota’s premier, searchable, online collection of primary source materials. At year-end, the collection contained 44,470 photos, maps, letters, works of art, and more, all shared by cultural heritage organizations from across the state.

**RESOURCE SHARING**
Minitex staff delivered 75,815 articles electronically, straight to the inboxes of library patrons.

**The ELECTRONIC LIBRARY FOR MINNESOTA (ELM)** includes encyclopedia, magazine, journal, and newspaper articles, plus multimedia, primary sources, and much more. In FY2015 alone, Minnesotans searched ELM 55,835,477 times!

**The MNLINK GATEWAY** is an online library catalog that makes the collections of nearly all Minnesota’s libraries accessible to library patrons via one easy-to-use website. In FY2015, the system handled 488,538 interlibrary loan requests.

**AskMN** is an online reference desk run by Minitex 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. In 2015, AskMN’s librarians answered a staggering 37,813 questions.

**The MINNESOTA DIGITAL LIBRARY (MDL)** has collaborated with 172 partner organizations to create and preserve digital collections and to provide enduring open access to Minnesota’s cultural legacy.

**The MINNESOTA LIBRARY ACCESS CENTER (MLAC)** is a state-of-the-art underground storage facility. MLAC contains 1.5 million volumes from 21 contributing Minnesota libraries.

**CONFERENCES & EVENTS** brought 4,877 people together — virtually and in person — to learn, collaborate, and build professional skills.

**DELIVERY** handled 888,351 items for libraries and library patrons in FY2015.

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