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Recent Programs and Projects
Discoverability 3 Task Force Launched
As part of a continued analysis of the discovery environment, the Libraries’ Discoverability 3 Task Force was launched in April. The task Force will advance the Libraries’ selection and implementation of a vendor-hosted “unified webscale discovery system” as a core strategy of our Discovery and Delivery initiative. Such a system is not unlike the approach that Google or other search engines use in gathering data together from disparate sources across the web into a central index for single search. The library-oriented version of this discovery tool will allow users to search local catalog and digital content information, massive aggregations of pre-indexed article information, and, where possible, full-text sources all from a single interface. The charge given to the D3 Task Force is to conduct a thorough evaluation of options and recommend a solution to serve as the unified discovery environment for the Libraries. The published reports of the Libraries’ earlier Discoverability efforts can be accessed at: Discoverability 1 <http://purl.umn.edu/48258> and Discoverability 2 <http://purl.umn.edu/99734>.

Mobile Site Catalog Search Upgrade
The Libraries have released a new mobile version of our catalog. Visit http://www.lib.umn.edu/mobile and click on the Catalog Search icon to see the new mobile version of MNCAT.

The Green Revolution
The University of Minnesota Archives have digitized the records of the principals of the Green Revolution, the worldwide collaborative effort to expand food crop production that traces its roots to the University of Minnesota in the first half of the 20th century. The project’s centerpiece is the Norman E. Borlaug Papers, 1930-2006 (http://umedia.lib.umn.edu/taxonomy/term/775), which is frequently used by students, faculty, and independent scholars.

American Social Health Association Records
The Libraries have digitized the records of the American Social Health Association from 1905-1990 http://umedia.lib.umn.edu/taxonomy/term/723. The Records chronicle the American Social Health (originally "Hygiene") Association's efforts to control and prevent venereal disease, prostitution, and drug addiction through educational, legal, and medical measures. The Records reflect considerable interaction with the armed forces, particularly during periods of war or full mobilization.

"Addict in the Street" Digital Audio Collection
Also, now available online are the Addict in the Street audio recordings http://umedia.lib.umn.edu/taxonomy/term/753 -- a series of interviews with drug addicts conducted during the late 1950’s and early 1960’s by Ralph Tefferteller, associate director of the Henry Street Settlement on New York City’s
Lower East Side. The recordings form part of the Ralph and Ruth Tefferteller papers in the Social Welfare History Archives.

**Additional New Collections in UMedia Archive**

In addition to the addition of the Green Revolution archival materials, a number of new collections have been made available through the UMedia Archive [http://umedia.lib.umn.edu/](http://umedia.lib.umn.edu/). The following is a list of recently added materials with many more to come:

- Ames Library of South Asia - Journal of Indian Art  
- Andersen Horticultural Library - Minneapolis Seedswomen Catalogs  
  [<http://umedia.lib.umn.edu/taxonomy/term/760>](http://umedia.lib.umn.edu/taxonomy/term/760)
- Business Library - Historical Annual Reports  
- Children's Literature Research Collections - Beadle's Weekly  
  [<http://umedia.lib.umn.edu/taxonomy/term/762>](http://umedia.lib.umn.edu/taxonomy/term/762)
- Children's Literature Research Collections - Oz Collection  
  [<http://umedia.lib.umn.edu/taxonomy/term/800>](http://umedia.lib.umn.edu/taxonomy/term/800)
- Northwest Architectural Archives - Forecast Public Art Archives  
  [<http://umedia.lib.umn.edu/taxonomy/term/809>](http://umedia.lib.umn.edu/taxonomy/term/809)
- School of Public Health - James A. Hamilton Collection  
  [<http://umedia.lib.umn.edu/taxonomy/term/807>](http://umedia.lib.umn.edu/taxonomy/term/807)

**IMLS “Validating Quality” Grant**

The Libraries began its partnership work along with HathiTrust in a recently awarded Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) grant awarded to the University of Michigan's School of Information (Principal Investigator Professor Paul Conway) to analyze quality issues found in large-scale digitization efforts. More information on the grant can be found at: [http://www.si.umich.edu/press/conway_IMLS.pdf](http://www.si.umich.edu/press/conway_IMLS.pdf).

**National Digital Stewardship Alliance**

The Libraries have joined the National Digital Stewardship Alliance (NDSA) as a new, founding member. The NDSA is an initiative of the Library of Congress, National Digital Information Infrastructure and Preservation Program. The NDSA is for organizations interested in enduring access to digital information. As part of a digital preservation network, members have access to expert information about current practices, tools, and services. The members include universities, consortia, professional societies, commercial businesses, professional associations, and government agencies, including those at the federal, state, and local level. Institutional types also include libraries, archives, museums, and other organizations with a stake in keeping digital information accessible over time.

**Appointments**

The University Libraries has had one retirement from a senior leadership position and is currently making plans for a second. Peggy Johnson, Associate University Librarian for Access Services, retired in August 2011. Effective August 13, interim arrangements were made for those units and individuals reporting to her through Access services. Two of the largest affected areas were Information Access & Delivery Services (IADS), which will report on an interim basis to Karen Williams, Associate University Librarian for Academic Programs; and Technical Services, which will now report to John Butler, Associate University Librarian for Information Technology. Linda Watson, Director of the Health Sciences Libraries, is retiring in October and this marks the Libraries second key leadership transition. Janice Jaguszewski currently serves as Director of Physical Sciences (PSE) and Engineering and has agreed to serve as Interim Director of Health Sciences Libraries (effective October 4). These interim assignments and leadership will allow us to continue to advance our goals during this interim period. An organizational review is underway to assess our organizational structure in light of strategic directions and needs.
Upcoming Exhibits and Events:  [http://blog.lib.umn.edu/lib-web/events](http://blog.lib.umn.edu/lib-web/events)
All events are free and open to the public unless otherwise noted.

**Classified! Naturalists on the Voyages of Discovery**

**What:** Opening Reception  
**When:** Thursday, September 8, 2011 • 4:00–6:00 p.m.  
**Where:** James Ford Bell Library, 4th floor Wilson Library

*Classified! Naturalists on the Voyages of Discovery,* a new exhibition at the James Ford Bell Library, celebrates the natural world encountered by the men who ventured beyond Europe in search of new trade goods, trading partners, and new routes to the riches of the Far East. Eighteenth-century Swedish Botanist Carl Linnaeus is considered the father of modern taxonomy—the finding, describing, and naming of species. Seventeen of his most promising students became known as his "Apostles," and he sent them out into the world to collect and organize new plants, animals, and minerals according to his own classification system. This exhibition features work by Linnaeus himself, some of his Apostles, as well as that of others intent on drawing European attention to the natural world. In addition to materials from the James Ford Bell Library, some of the items included in this exhibition will be drawn from the University of Minnesota's Insect Collection and Bell Museum of Natural History, the Andersen Horticultural Library at the Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, and the Hagströmer Library in Sweden.

**Collector's Talk: Donald Clay Johnson**

**What:** Collector's Talk: Donald Clay Johnson's Paritosh Collection  
**When:** Sunday, September 18, 2011 • 2:00–4:00 p.m.  
**Where:** 33 McNeal Hall

In conjunction with *Beyond Peacocks and Paisleys: Handcrafted Textiles of India and its Neighbors,* which explores surface design using examples from the Paritosh collection. Reception to follow. Sponsored by the Goldstein Museum of Design, College of Design and the Friends of the University of Minnesota Libraries.

**The Old Wooden Synagogues of Lithuania**

**What:** Opening Reception  
**When:** Friday, September 23, 2011 • 5:30–7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Architecture & Landscape Architecture Library, 210 Rapson Hall

**Opening Reception: The Literature of Prescription**

**When:** Monday, September 26, 2011 • 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.  
**Where:** Wangensteen Library, 5th Floor Diehl Hall

In the late 19th century, women were challenging traditions that excluded them from political and intellectual life as medical experts drew on notions of female weakness to justify inequality between the sexes. This traveling exhibit from the National Libraries of Medicine features artist and writer Charlotte Perkins Gilman, who was discouraged from pursuing a career to preserve her health. Her famous short story "The Yellow Wall-Paper" indicts the medical profession and social conventions restricting women's professional and creative opportunities.

**49th Annual James Ford Bell Lecture (presented by the Associates of the James Ford Bell Library)**

**When:** Thursday, October 6, 2011 • 7:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Elmer L. Andersen Library

*Diarium Surinamicum:* The Revenge of Daniel Rolander by Dr. James Dobreff Lund University, Sweden  
Wastrel, Scoundrel, Drunkard. This has been the reputation of 18th-century naturalist Daniel Rolander, a student of the renowned Swedish botanist, Carl Linnaeus. In the 49th Annual James Ford Bell Lecture, Dr. James Dobreff will set the record straight, sharing new discoveries that will forever change Rolander's place in the history of natural history. Rolander's adventures in Surinam in 1755 resulted in the collection of numerous species of insects, flora, and fauna, yet his name was almost lost to history due to a falling out with Linnaeus and a seedy reputation. Please join us as part of the very first American audience to hear Dr. Dobreff's new interpretation of this fascinating chapter in the history of discoveries.
Tickets: $20.00; $15 for members of the Associates of the James Ford Bell Library, the Friends of the University of Minnesota Libraries, and the Friends of the Andersen Horticultural Library (code JFBL11), $15 for groups of 10 or more; Free for all students (including non-U of M) with a valid student ID. Purchase online at tickets.umn.edu or by phone at 612-624-2345 Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. A dessert reception will follow the lecture, co-sponsored by the Friends of the University of Minnesota Libraries and the Friends of the Andersen Horticultural Library.

Call It Character: A Selection of Stars from Archives and Special Collections
What: First Fridays Series 2011–2012
When: Friday, October 7, 2011 • noon–1 p.m.
Where: 120 Elmer L. Andersen Library
Batgirl, Nick Carter, Ramona Quimby, and Other Childhood Heroes
Presented by the Children's Literature Research Collections
CLRC staff and researchers will present the first session of this year's First Fridays series. Karen Hoyle selected "Karana" and "Ramona Quimby" as her characters, J. Randolph Cox will speak on "Nick Carter" and Meredith Gillies will discuss "Barbara Gordon: From Batgirl to Oracle & Back Again."


Inaugural Paul & Joan Nagel Lecture Featuring John Adams
What: The Friends of the University of Minnesota Libraries present the inaugural Paul & Joan Nagel Lecture featuring Henry Adams with an introduction by Eric Black
When: Thursday, October 20, 2011 • 7:30 p.m.
Where: Cowles Auditorium, Hubert H. Humphrey Center
Henry Adams, professor of American art at Case Western Reserve University and descendent of presidents John Adams and John Quincy Adams, will deliver the inaugural Paul and Joan Nagel Lecture. Dr. Adams will speak on the work of noted historian and Adams biographer Paul Nagel, whose works, according to Adams, "cover the family with a depth and from a range of perspectives that's not been equaled by any other historian. . . . No one has written about the Adams family with greater perception or truthfulness."

This lecture was created to honor Dr. Nagel, a devoted friend of the Libraries who died in May 2011. Nagel was a former university professor and administrator, director of the Virginia Historical Society, and best-selling author of several books, including Descent from Glory: Four Generations of the John Adams Family; John Quincy Adams: A Public Life, A Private Life; and The Adams Women. Dessert reception will follow.

Reservations requested by Thursday, October 13, 2011, at 612-624-9339 or stangret@umn.edu.

Submitted by Wendy Pradt Lougee, University of Minnesota, TC Representative

University of Minnesota Coordinate Campus Libraries Report
LeAnn Dean, Library Director, University of Minnesota, Morris
September 9, 2011

University of Minnesota, Crookston –Owen Williams, Library Director
The UMC Library has replaced the majority of its furniture this summer. The new furniture adds a modern and functional look to the library. New computers were also added as well as software for the desktops. UMC has record enrollment this Fall and the library staff look forward to the new school year.
University of Minnesota, Duluth  --Bill Sozansky, Library Director
The UMD Library had several retirements under the University’s retirement incentive program as well as a person leaving for new job and another leaving to pursue a doctorate. We lost one and quarter positions to retrenchment but we are in the process of replacing the rest of the positions.

Starting this Fall Semester, the UMD Library will be implementing a self-check machine. We are probably the last library in the state to do so which I will admit was due to my reluctance. However, I will be interested to see how it is received.

UMD Library worked in collaboration with the Friends of the Duluth Public Library and the Lake Superior Writers to present the 23rd Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards. This event began with a writing workshop on Wednesday, May 18, and continued with a public celebration on Thursday, May 19. The featured speaker and writing workshop coordinator was Mary Casanova. For more information on the event, please see the following:
http://www.d.umn.edu/lib/nemba/index.htm

University of Minnesota, Morris  --LeAnn Dean, Library Director
Briggs librarians were presenters at the annual fall faculty workshop. Among the various services and initiatives described were: the UMM Digital Well (the library’s new institutional repository using the Bepress Digital Commons platform) that will include faculty, staff and student research, digital journals and campus governance documents; the library’s new web site, and the new Personal Librarian program. The latter program is designed to add another opportunity for students to learn about library resources, approach research more efficiently, feel more comfortable in the library and foster campus community. This year the library is continuing its “Asking the Big Questions” discussion series, monthly game nights, Banned Books Week events and U.S. Constitutional History forum.

Submitted by Le Ann Dean, University of Minnesota, Coordinate Campus Representative

Public Libraries Report
Mary Lukkarila, Director, Cloquet Public Library
September 9, 2011

Babbitt Public Library  --Debby E. Bocnuk, Director
Margie Iraci, margieiraci.efolioom.com, fabricated layers of steel, copper, and aluminum for the sculpture recently completed for the Babbitt Public Library. These were manually cut, ground, and buffed to catch light. “Nature Calling” features a lake scene to depict the natural area surrounding Babbitt. Incorporated into this piece are items from the Babbitt mine. Look for taconite, pellets, core samples, a drill bit, a shovel, and rocks from Birch Lake and Dunka River. “Northern Nights” silhouettes a rocky outcropping and trees, a moon behind. This design is also etched into the legs of the granite bench. The paw prints in the slab under the bench are those of Paula McKenzie’s Winter, a Reading Education Assistance Dog. Margie is also a native Minnesotan with a career in welding which evolved from industry and construction to art. Margie’s passion is about producing art that makes people feel good. This wonderful art comes to Babbitt through the Minnesota Clean Water, Land, and Legacy funds which promote the arts and Minnesota artists. In November 2008, Minnesotans passed the clean water, land, and legacy amendment to the Minnesota Constitution.
Darilyn Ronn, Babbitt art teacher, suggested and created a great project that included the art of local children. Babbitt students drew images of characters in their favorite books. Darilyn used these images to create two wonderful collages, which are displayed in the children’s section of the library. An accompanying banner of the same will be presented to the school this fall. Darilyn is a native Minnesotan with a Fine Arts degree from UMD. She has a passion for painting, drawing, and photography. Darilyn and her husband, Dan, are remarkable photographers.

Ron Benson of Duluth presented the library with a hand-carved glass sculpture depicting a stylized spiraling upward surge of water from which a figure emerges, book in hand. (Water Sprite? According to author Lise Lunge-Larsen in “The Hidden Folk,” river sprites live behind waterfalls.) The glass itself is recycled from windows of the former Two Harbors High School. Ron looks at this as a fresh and positive way to promote sustainability, especially since recycling plants do not accept window glass. His goal is to create eco-friendly art that enhances the quality of space in which people inhabit. Ron’s glass molding process can be viewed on YouTube by searching Ron Benson Waves of Glass. Also viewable online, “Breaking the Mold of Business as Usual,” an article in Living North of the Duluth News Tribune 2008, features Ron’s work.

**Buhl Public Library --April Larson, Librarian**
The Friends of the Buhl Public Library will be putting on a Chili Cook-Off Fundraiser for the Buhl Public Library. Proceeds will go toward library programs and media.

**Cloquet Public Library --Mary Lukkarila, Director**
The Cloquet Public Library is looking forward to having a sculpture completed for the library thanks to Legacy Funds. Local artist, Sean Elmquist, was selected to create the sculpture. Another local artist has volunteered to create some rock art outside of the library entrance. I will submit pictures with the December report.

**Rochester Public Library --Audrey Betcher, Director**
We continue to go through transitions with staff retirements. The Head of Technical Services position is currently open. We are also making some organizational changes with the focus on customer service, flexibility, cross training, and alignment.

We went through a major upgrade in July. All of our data is now in Unicode which provides accurate display of our world language collections.

RPL recently won the Alfred P. Sloan Award for Business Excellence in Workplace Flexibility. The Sloan Awards are part of When Work Works, a research-based initiative to highlight how effective and flexible workplaces can yield positive business results and help employees succeed at work and at home.

We have also implemented a data-based decision process for evaluating bookmobile stops to better meet the mission of the bookmobile to reach those with a barrier to coming to the main library. All current stops and new requests for stops have gone through the evaluation process which has caused us to make adjustments to the fall bookmobile schedule.

We continue with the 2012 budget process.

Submitted by Mary Lukkarila, Public Libraries Representative
**Bethany Lutheran College -- Orrin Ausen, Library Director**

No budget decrease or increase. We hired a new Electronic Reference Librarian on January 2, 2011. We also hired seasonal part-time staff for evenings and weekends. We had two non-returning staff positions to fill. We are in the beginning stages of replacing a half-time cataloger and a half-time paraprofessional for the 2012-2013 academic year. Not sure yet if these jobs will be combined or will remain separate but we still have time to think about what will serve the workflow and staffing best.

Bethany has had a major revamp to its web page; the library also made changes and has a new Word Press Blog. We installed digital signage over the summer and conducted an inventory of our entire collection.

We set-up PLIF loader for ILS, for new incoming patron records, to load automatically. Also, we submitted acquisitions for collections and started a digitization conversion project (vinyl records to mp3’s) in Spring semester and continued through the Summer and Fall semesters.

Bethany College is celebrating 100’s years by opening Time Capsule in cornerstone of Old Main. This has brought about discussion with administration to begin the process of starting a college archives collection.

We redesigned bibliographic handouts for library instruction and our number of sessions has increased this fall.

**Carleton College -- Jennifer Edwins, Interim Library Director**

Our biggest change is the retirement of two long-time staff members - College Librarian Sam Demas and Head of Reference and Instruction Carolyn Sanford. As you probably know our search for a new College Librarian last spring was not successful. I, Jennifer Edwins, am filling this role until a new College Librarian is hired. Carleton has contracted with Storbeck-Pimentel to work on this search which will begin later this month. Ann Zawistoski is serving as Interim Head of Reference and Instruction. The search for a new Head of Reference will happen after the College Librarian is filled. We welcomed a new reference and instruction librarian, Susan Hoang, who will be with us 2011-12.

Other news:
- We have a new roof! This is good news for us since in the past heavy rainfalls usually produced leaks in the building.
- We are in the process of implementing Archon as our information system tool in Archives.
- The Bridge Consortium (Carleton and St. Olaf) is implementing VuFind and a new search portal in time for the beginning of fall term.
- The Bridge Consortium is also developing a new governance system that will meet the present and future needs of our consortium as we further explore ways to cooperate and collaborate with each other.
- Our acquisitions budget was cut 2011-12 by 1.9%.

**Gustavus Adolphus College -- Barbara Fister, Library Director**

Not much to report, but we have completely revamped our website in the last three weeks - rushing to make the change before classes start. This year we will launch our institutional repository and figure out how to fold proactive collecting and processing into our workload without (of course) additional staff. Our archives is deeply involved in (and getting lots of visibility from) the college's 150th celebration. And we're welcoming a huge incoming class. HUGE. (For us.) So we'll be meeting lots of first year seminars and showing them around.
Macalester College --Terri Fishel, Library Director
It has been a busy summer at Macalester. In addition to hiring to fill two positions left open by retirements in May, we are in the process of re-writing every single job description based on a new format implemented by our Employment Services. This is a timely task because we are also making some job assignment changes based on an external review and a retreat we held in May. We also re-designed our library website to conform to the new college web design. This was a major task. We are also implementing a new acquisitions system that will allow faculty to more easily place orders electronically using Coutts Lite.

We are also involved in a major professional development initiative for CLIC. Terri Fishel is coordinating a year-long effort to focus on improving our teaching at each of our institutions. This includes training along with classroom instruction. We have 63 participants in the program that involves reading Char Booth’s Reflective Teaching/Effective Learning. We will be bringing Char to the Macalester campus on October 28th for a talk, luncheon, and workshop. There will be seats available for the talk and luncheon for librarians and library staff members who wish to hear Char speak. There will be a limited number of seats available for participating in the workshop after lunch. We are also hoping to include students from St. Catherine’s library school who are interested in pursuing academic librarianship. If you want to follow the activities, there is a blog located at http://reflectingclic.wordpress.com/ Information on registration for the talk and lunch will be sent out in September.

North Central University --Melody Reedy, Library Director
We are having an “Extreme Makeover” in our basement this summer. The transformation is amazing and I am really excited. New carpet will be installed today and by Friday we should be able to move 22,000 books back.

Northwestern College --Ruth McGuire, Library Director
Greg Rosauer began as our Weekend/Periodicals Supervisor on August 8, 2011. He is a great fit, and we are excited to have him working with us.

The lower level of the library required re-carpeting due to defective carpet that was laid a couple years ago. This project was managed by Campus Facilities. Thanks go out to the library’s summer student workers who did weeks of shifting our collections so the project could move forward and so we could re-open the floor for service in a timely manner.

Underway today and tomorrow (September 6 – n7), power outlets are being added to the main and upper levels of the library.

Implementation of WorldCat Local with CLIC

Continuing with strategic planning and work restructuring discussions at the library

Planning to administer LibQual+ survey in the fall. We have done this one other time: November 2008.

St. Catherine University --Carol Johnson, Library Director
SCU has purchased the Annual Copyright License for the university & we are working through the details.

St. John’s University/College of St. Benedict --Kathy Parker, Library Director
CSB and SJU are seeking to strengthen work in Mentorship as a campus-wide strategic goal for the next three years. In the Libraries, Media, and Archives, we are considering how we can contribute to this institutional goal. In particular, we are working with student employee supervisors to enhance their roles as mentors who can assist students in developing professionalism, interpersonal and intercultural communication, project planning, time management, and other work skills. In addition, we are finding ways to give promising students more challenging work and mentoring them through projects such as media production and archival description. We already have a practice of pairing students pursuing honors theses or undergraduate research with a reference librarian, but are inviting more extended contacts with students as well. We would love to hear from other academic libraries about ways they have incorporated mentoring into their service model too. Good ideas always welcome!
University of St. Thomas --Dan Gjelten, Library Director

We’ve spent a good deal of time working on the downsizing of the Keffer Library on our Minneapolis campus, trying to carefully design the remaining space to preserve services offered there, if not the sizeable collections. As a result, collections in the main library on the St. Paul campus are being weeded to accommodate new materials coming over from Keffer.

Our digital initiatives staff have been working on effective ways to use mobile technologies and social media more effectively – including Facebook, Twitter, Foursquare and other applications. We are finding these media to be excellent ways to get the libraries’ messages out to our users. Since we have a reputation for being early adopters of new technologies, our staff have been invited to work with a campus-wide group on new media.

The Libraries received a check for our share of the profits from the first year of operation of our coffee shop and it was very good – we’ll be using the funds to help pay off the capital investment as well as to purchase more media:scape installations for our group studies.

Liaison librarians are conducting an assessment of incoming students levels of information literacy. In the spring of 2012, we’ll assess graduating seniors on the same basis – and hope to learn that their skills have improved! (A good review of this topic from Inside Higher Education: http://bit.ly/o2ej4J)

CLIC --Tom Nichol, Director & Terri Fishel

CLIC will begin a search for a new Executive Director this fall. Tom Nichol is retiring in March and we hope to have a successful search completed by February. This is an exciting time for CLIC and a terrific opportunity for someone who thrives on change and innovation, is committed to professional growth, and who will provide strong and creative advocacy for our collegial endeavors. A complete job description and application information will be available in September. If you want to know more about CLIC, you can visit the website at www.clic.edu.

Other major CLIC news: Planning a CLIC professional development activity to be held on October 28. Char Booth, author of Reflective Teaching/Effective Learning: Instructional Literacy for Library Educators, will lead a day-long workshop in preparation for establishing communities of practice in the CLIC libraries. Workshop participants are now reading Booth's book and will meet for discussion before the 28th. Registration for the morning presentation and lunch to follow will be open to the library community beyond CLIC. A limited number of places in the afternoon workshop will also be held for non-CLIC participants who have read Reflective Teaching/Effective Learning.

The CLICnet catalog and the CLIC mail server have both moved to the cloud.

Seven of our eight libraries have launched WorldCat Local. Library staff members are working together to establish some settings in common.

CLICnet holdings have now been uploaded to the Coutts Oasis system, enabling Acquisitions and Collection Development librarians to check holdings in the course of selection and ordering processes without making a separate check in the catalog.

Preparations are now being made for the move to the latest version of CONTENTdm.

A new brochure describing CLIC and its activities will be ready for distribution early this fall.

Submitted by Dan Gjelten, Private Colleges Representative
CALCO Activities

Many, but not all, CALCO libraries were shut down for the month of July along with much of Minnesota’s state government. Most of the library reports below acknowledge this and address what each library did (or didn’t do) during the shutdown.

CALCO adjourns during the summer months, so there is no organization news for June-August.

Attorney General Library --Anita Anderson, Law Librarian

In her order of June 29 regarding the impending government shutdown, Chief Judge Kathleen Gearin, Ramsey County District Court, determined that the constitutional offices of Minnesota were core functions of government and therefore required court ordered funding. Thus, the Attorney General’s Office was open during the shutdown. The library assisted AGO staff with research for novel questions regarding this unique government situation.

During the shutdown, we found that some of the Internet tools that we frequently use were not available, such as advisory opinions from the Department of Administration’s Information Policy Analysis Division (IPAD). Luckily, the AG librarians had continued to print the opinions for our collection when IPAD went digital and were able to provide needed copies for our attorneys.

Attorneys often need to trace the history of a Minnesota statute. Recently, an AG attorney needed help finding the date of a particular change in a statute section that had been in effect since the late 1800s and had been amended numerous times. This was a great project to use the historic collection of Minnesota Laws which was recently added to the Legislative Web site (https://www.revisor.mn.gov/laws/). This terrific resource made the task much quicker than consulting our print collection and impressed the attorney with our fast turn around!

Dept. of Employment & Economic Development Library (DEED) – Dru Frykberg, Senior Librarian

The DEED Library suffered no immediate staff or budget cuts after reopening July 21 following the nearly three-week government shutdown. Staff are busy providing research to help shape new DEED programs under the Dayton administration. Overall library usage jumped 14 percent during the 2011 fiscal year compared to the previous year.

Legislative Reference Library – Robbie LaFleur, Director

It’s been an unusual summer for the Legislative Reference Library.

The regular session of the Legislature ended with vetos of almost all the appropriations bills. A month of uncertainty followed.

Legislative staff remained at work during the shutdown in July, though no library users other than legislators and legislative staff could visit the Library in person, not even our volunteer intern. We are working on a long-term archive of documents related to the 2011 shutdown, along with a timeline.

Important behind-the-scenes technology work will enable new projects this fall. We are planning to create a publicly available web version of our currently internal mandates database. This means that everyone can track the reports that are required by the Legislature each year. Which agency or task force reports are coming? Which have been submitted, and by which agencies?

A high school intern helped enrich our Legislators Past & Present database by scanning profiles of legislators
published in the House SESSION WEEKLY from the 1990s - 183 in all. For example, look at the bottom of the
biography for former Speaker Steve Sviggum; there are three interesting articles from SESSION WEEKLY now

Summer ends with the State Fair. Two LRL staff members each worked a day at the Senate booth, and one at the
House booth.

LRL, in conjunction with the Minnesota Office on the Economic Status of Women, completed work on a Legacy
grant project in June, an interactive online historical timeline. The Minnesota Women's Legislative Timeline looks
at the history of legislation affecting women enacted in Minnesota since the passage of the 19th Amendment in 1920.
he state laws featured on the timeline show the legislative progression of women’s rights in Minnesota since women
earned the right to vote. This press release give more information.

Robbie LaFleur was awarded a Legislative Staff Achievement Award from the National Conference of State

Minnesota Historical Society – Sarah Quimby, Library Processing Manager
The Minnesota Genealogical Society, Hennepin County Library, and the Minnesota Historical Society will offer
a Genealogy Workshop for Librarians—Locating Specialized Databases on the Internet, with genealogical author
and podcaster George G. Morgan—at Minneapolis Central Library the morning of October 6. The workshop is aimed
at librarians serving genealogists and family historians. Volunteers at libraries and Family History Centers are also
welcome to attend.

George G. Morgan is the author of eight genealogy books, including How to Do Everything with Your Genealogy
and The Official Guide to Ancestry.com. A popular speaker at genealogical and library conferences, George
co-hosts The Genealogy Guys podcast—the longest-running genealogy podcast in the world—with his partner
Drew Smith.

Early Bird pricing for the Genealogy Workshop for Librarians is $20 through September 29. Library and Family
History Center volunteers can attend for $15. For more details and registration, go to www.mngs.org.

Mn/DOT Library – Sheila Hatchell, Director
The predominant event of these 3 months was the Minnesota government shutdown July 1-20. Much time was
spent in June preparing contingency plans for the shutdown, and in August, returning from the shutdown and
resuming our work. We were required to turn in our badges, keys and blackberries, and were blocked from our
email. The library’s main concerns were stopping interlibrary loans and getting materials back to their respective
libraries before the shutdown, and suspending our newspaper subscriptions. We turned off access to our online
catalog and library website, and used out of office responses to let our customers and transportation library partners
know that we would not be available to help them. MnDOT’s upper management did a good job preparing us for
the shutdown and then on July 21st welcoming us back with coffee and donuts, our commissioner and upper
managers personally greeting us at each door. The library staff kept in touch during the shutdown, and I recall one
night when we were all up at around 3am emailing back and forth. It is hard to maintain a routine with nothing to
anchor it (like a regular work schedule), and never knowing when we would need to report back to work.

Shortly after returning to work we noticed a big upswing in reference questions, both in the volume and complexity
of the questions. MnDOT was getting back to work and we were feeling the impact. We were glad to be busy. One
of the first emails we received said, “Welcome Back, now can you please get this for me?” Working for MnDOT is
so interesting and challenging. We are assisting market research folks with implementing MnPass lanes on
Interstates 494 and 35E.
The library regularly receives historical questions, many related to the planning and building of the road system. Answers to these questions are researched using the department’s newsletter “Minnesota Highways”, published 1951-1976. “Minnesota Highways” has been digitized thanks to a project with the Minnesota Digital Library. The Minnesota Historical Society partnered with us by supplying missing issues or issues in better shape than ours. Librarian Anne Shelley and student worker Christie Schultz continue to create metadata for each issue as we work our way towards completing the project.

Library staff continue to process lots and lots of donations resulting from MnDOT staff taking early retirement.

Sheila Hatchell and Karen Neinstadt attended the Special Libraries Association Conference in June. Sheila moderated 8 hours of sessions on government transportation research and Karen presented on MnDOT Library’s experience using E-Readers. The Transportation Division sponsored the session “OMG: The Millennials are Coming”, and co-sponsored the session “Success Stories of Solo Librarians.” Karen became the division’s Fundraising Chair, and Sheila is the Division’s Chair-Elect.

Library staff worked with consultants last year and earlier this year to create a library video. The video is now complete and available on YouTube at http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZRdntai1M6o

Library Technician Pam Gonzalez routed her 100,000th periodical since joining the library in 2004.

**Minnesota Revenue Library – Chris Anning, Librarian**

On August 31, 2011, Minnesota Revenue celebrated Donna Davis’s retirement as librarian, for the past 25 years. Among her many volunteer activities, Donna is proud to include Revenue’s Combined Charities Fall Book Sale, which she started 5 years ago and will return to run this October, as a volunteer for this popular and successful fundraiser.

Minnesota Revenue welcomes Chris Anning, librarian, to the Department’s Tax Research Library. A recent MLIS graduate of St. Catherine University, Chris has been involved with various state library projects through Metronet, where she served on the Board for 8 years. Chris also works as a substitute Associate Librarian with Hennepin Co Library, Minneapolis Central.

**Perpich Center for Arts Education (PCAE) Library – Jeanne Iverson, Director**

Monday, October 3, 2011 – 7 pm -The Perpich Center for Arts Education welcomes Minnesota book award winning author for 2011, Mary Lethert Wingerd, who will be talking about her most recent book *North Country: The Making of Minnesota* which is published by University of Minnesota Press. A book signing and reception sponsored by the Perpich Center for will follow the presentation by Ms. Wingerd. In this comprehensive text, readers learn how the land the Dakota named Mini Sota Makoce became the State of Minnesota. The narrative is enhanced by more than 170 illustrations and informative captions. Wingerd is associate professor of history at St. Cloud State University and is the author of *Claiming the City: Politics, Faith, and the Power of Place in St. Paul.*

*This program is free and open to the public and is supported by the Minnesota Book Awards through grants from the Institute of Museum and Library Services in conjunction with State Library Services, a division of the Minnesota Department of Education, and the Minnesota Library Foundation.*

The Perpich Center for Arts Education is located at 6125 Olson Memorial Hwy., Golden Valley, MN  55422. The event will be in the Performance Hall. Signs will be posted. Parking is free.

For more information about the Perpich Center for Arts Education, go to [www.pcae.k12.mn.us](http://www.pcae.k12.mn.us)

Submitted by Brooke Roege, State Government Libraries Representative
Bemidji State University – Tammy Bobrowsky, Department Chair
Stuart Rosselet, Circulation and Government Documents Librarian, retired in May after 28 years of service to the university. Tammy Bobrowsky, Acquisitions/Serials Librarian, is the new chair of the department.

Metropolitan State University – Bruce Willms, Acting Dean
Director David Barton was diagnosed with a serious illness last spring and is on medical leave undergoing treatment.

Minnesota State University, Moorhead – Brittney Goodman, Associate V.P & Dean
MSU Moorhead Livingston Lord Library has some exciting news - we were approved for the bonding bill and will be undergoing a large-scale renovation. We are finishing up the schematic design by October 2011 and construction will begin in mid-May 2012. This project will include the creation of a learning commons, more interactive study space, technology, multimedia, cosmetic improvements, and more.

Our operating budget had a slight decrease for this fiscal year, which we offset with reduction of some of the summer evening and Saturday building hours (student help) and some reduction in periodicals and book budgets.

Heather Maneiro was approved for a second year of a fixed-term appointment as the Information Literacy/Library Instruction Librarian, and Larry Schwartz will be on sabbatical for Spring 2012.

Minnesota State University, Mankato – Joan Roca, Dean
Preliminary fall enrollment numbers look good as they show an increase in FYE, transfers, and international students. The additional tuition revenue should help our budget after the loss in state allocation in the current biennium. The materials budget continues to be strong following the same trend as recent years, although this is the first year without the two librarian positions that were cut after the incumbents retired.

The library, in collaboration with IT, has remodeled and put online a new state-of-the-art 50–seat classroom lab that includes 10 MediaScape collaborative tables of 5 seats each. The lab will be available for regular classes as well as for library instruction.

This summer we moved more than 27,000 volumes of periodicals to our new remote storage site on campus. These are titles already available in digital form.

We updated the library’s home page to align it closer to users’ needs. We plan to do some further enhancing after additional user testing and feedback.

The library received 3 large collections of aerial photos doubling our collection and adding considerably to our coverage for South Central Minnesota.

In collaboration with the Student Senate and the campus bookstore, we continue to offer the MavTextbook Reserves program with about 60 textbooks that can be checked out.

After last spring beta test, we launched the full implementation of LibGuides to support offering library resources at the class/subject level.

The University Records Center continues to be a success. With the implementation of updated retention schedules
following state guidelines, more than 270 boxes of records were destroyed, marking our “largest disposition of records” to date.

Numerous updates and upgrades happened over the summer: new carpet, new computer pods and chairs, new public computers, new comfy furniture, redesigned study areas for more electrical access.

Finally, as I write this, I see workers on the library’s roof as we are finally getting a badly needed new roof. Last spring was very challenging with numerous leaks happening directly above the stacks on the third floor.

**St. Cloud State University – Ruth Zietlow, Interim Dean of Learning Resources Services**
The SCSU community wishes Dr. Kristi Tornquist the best of luck in her new position at South Dakota State University as the Chief University Librarian.

Ruth Zietlow began as Interim Dean for the St. Cloud State University Learning Resources Services (LRS) Friday July 22, 2011.

Elliot Haugen of Kaludis Consulting is currently reviewing the St. Cloud State University’s current technology landscape for President Potter. His initial report is expected in mid-September and will influence our next steps of the university’s reorganization.

The 32nd Annual Children's Literature Workshop was held June 20 and 21 in St. Cloud, MN. 95 participants registered, with 13 signed up for the optional 1-credit course. This will be the last Children’s Literature Workshop facilitated by LRS faculty Sandra Williams and Chris Inkster. Mert and Marcia Thompson, Instructional Media faculty, will continue to facilitate this well-regarded workshop.

The University Archives continues to look at our processes around records retention.

The Archives Department has also been busy scanning in materials from our collection. The State Normal School Board minutes, 1859 to 1898, are now online on Minnesota Reflections. [http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?/stc,4084](http://reflections.mndigital.org/u/?/stc,4084)


In addition, ten more course catalogs are now available online through the Archives’ archon portal. Years now accessible are from 1870 through 1940. [https://libsys.stcloudstate.edu/archon/?p=collections/findingaid&id=16&q=](https://libsys.stcloudstate.edu/archon/?p=collections/findingaid&id=16&q=)

**Southwest Minnesota State University – Kathleen Ashe, University Librarian**
Nothing to report at this time.

**Winona State University – Thomas Bremer, Dean**
WSU begins the academic year bloodied but not beaten. Since the economic downturn began in 2008 the various unallotments and budget adjustments have ended with the Library losing 2 FTE library technician positions, 8% of our operating budget, and 10% of our acquisitions budget. Librarians have lost 20% of their extra duty days.

Still we begin the semester on an optimist note (tempered with the understanding the November forecast awaits). Administration gave us the go ahead and official approval to fill a librarian position vacated by Kathy Sullivan (who retired early this year). Look for the notice of vacancy and ads to appear later this fall.

We completed work on digitizing the Winonan, our student newspaper, in July. The full-text database covers the
years 1919-2011 and is valuable resource to campus life. It also offers an early glimpse at some later famous alums such as Tim Penny and Michele Bachman. The resource is freely available at <https://news.arcasearch.com/usmnwsu/>

Submitted by Joan Roca, State Universities Representative

Minnesota Community College Libraries
Julie Setnosky, Librarian, Minneapolis Community & Technical College
September 9, 2011

Anoka Technical College – Karen Bronshteyn, Library Director
Anoka Technical College Library was awarded LSTA funding for the project “Audiovisuals for Student Success,” allowing us to update the aging audiovisual collection to better address the academic needs of underserved populations. A new course, INFS 1000 Information Access, 1 credit, designed to address Minnesota transfer goal #2, critical thinking, was approved for spring semester 2012.

Century College – Bonnie Oldre, Librarian
Century has almost finished the integration of the Fire/EMS/Safety collection into the Century collection. Century got the collection when the Fire/EMS/Safety collection library closed. There is a link on our home page devoted to the resources for that community. Also, Century is about to start circulating Kindles.

Dakota County Technical College – Michael Kirby, Library Director
We’ve begun subscriptions to Mango Languages and LibGuides this year. We’re also subscribing to Digital Resource Subscriptions, a service from PALS where they maintain MARC records from Films On Demand and Credo Reference within MnPALS Plus for us. This saves our cataloger’s time, since she won’t have to keep track of and add new records, update revised records, and delete discontinued records.

Hennepin Technical College – Bill Vann, Library Director
Hennepin Technical College is pleased to announce it has received funding from the recently passed State of Minnesota bonding bill for a new student services addition, which will include a brand-new, state of the art academic library for each of its two campuses. Construction begins in November 2011 and the new libraries are due to open in January 2013. The libraries will feature collaborative small group spaces, mobile book shelving, and iPad reading rooms. The HTC Libraries are currently piloting an iPad lending program, and students are finding the devices useful both in and out of the classroom! Bill Vann (Bill Vann, the sole librarian for both campuses is going to be very busy.

Inver Hills Community College – Julie Benolken, Librarian
IHCC has had a busy year last year and this year looks to be even busier. We began offering our Information Literacy 2 credit course with a learning community last fall, pairing the class with a freshman English composition class and public speaking. The other two instructors were so impressed with the improvements they saw in students research, they both spoke on our behalf with our Academic council, resulting in our course becoming part of MN Transfer curriculum, as a goal 2. We are repeating the same LCOM this spring, 2012, and also joining with our ASAP program (Adult Success through Accelerated Programs) in a LCOM in the spring.

We continue to grow in circulation and usage statistics, online and on ground, though this has not been without challenges. We received $25,000 materials budget cut this year and may be cut again next year by the same amount. We also had our customer service specialist, who worked 75%, in ILL/Reserves and the front desk, retire and this position remains open. There are plans to rehire, but they are currently stalled.
There are many areas we would like to enhance and explore, for example, subscribing to Films for the Humanities, Films on demand, or purchasing and circulating e-readers, but with the current budget situation, it is difficult to maintain and almost impossible to enhance.

Minneapolis Community & Technical College – Julie Setnosky, Librarian
A major weed of the print periodicals collection was done this summer to eliminate periodicals for which we have digital access and to eliminate older runs of periodicals that were not used. We added a virtual book display link to our home page with the covers of some of the first batch of books put on display. We have several zine related events coming up this month thanks to a Minnesota Library Foundation Mini-Grant. Jennifer Sippel has scheduled the Fly Away Zine Mobile to visit our campus and park outside the library on our plaza to share zines and other activities, our Zine Collection will be featured at the Twin Cities ZineFest, and there will be other events.

Normandale Community College – Rosalie Bunge, Librarian
Normandale has five new librarians for fall: Jen Ashkenazi, Ellie Collier, Belle Nelson, Kim Sy, and Harris Burkhalter, who is replacing Adam Marsnik on sabbatical for fall. Rosie Bunge is still here and enjoying the new librarians. Major projects of last year were streaming video, adding Films on Demand, and adding Summon. Rosie Bunge

Riverland Community College (a Technical and Community College) -- Jeanne Kearney, Library Director
Through planned staff reductions and retirements, the three campuses of Riverland are now served by one librarian, Jeannie Kearney and one part-time library technician, although a full-time technician position will be posted soon. The Albert Lea library is closed, and other library staff either retired or found other positions.

Submitted by Julie Setnosky, Minnesota State Colleges – Twin Cities & Southern Region Libraries Representative

Central & Northern State College Libraries
Pat Akerman, Librarian, St. Cloud Technical & Community College
September 9, 2011

Minnesota State Community and Technical College – Moorhead Campus -- Perry Werner, Librarian
The new Minnesota State Community and Technical College-Moorhead campus library/classroom addition is nearing completion. If construction keeps on schedule, the library collection could be moved during winter break. There will be seven study rooms and plenty of other seating for students. The library will have twenty-one desktop computers and twenty laptop computers for students to use in the library.

Northland Community & Technical College – Thief River Falls and East Grand Forks, MN -- Cynthia Jorstad, College Librarian
Greetings from NCTC. This fall brings us into uncharted territory, as our libraries face a new reality of one librarian rather than two. Milt Kinzler, librarian at our East Grand Forks campus, accepted an early retirement package and retired in May 2011. In the past, my home campus has been the Thief River Falls campus; I am now assigned to both campuses. Mn/Th/Fr I am in TRF and Tu/Wd I’m in EGF. Each campus does still have a full time library tech. I do what I can in the time allotted, but opportunities for instruction have been greatly reduced. I was able to present some information about library services and resources during our faculty in-service, and provided faculty with many classroom tips they can share with their students and made suggestions about writing a good assignment that has a library component. Many faculty will be able to do a short library intro in their classes, but it still doesn’t replace an instruction session.

Our hours have been reduced somewhat (and they weren’t very generous to begin with). We are now open Mon-Thu 8am-5pm, Fri, 8am-4pm. I remain adamant that a library staff person needs to be present when our doors are open; with the minimal staff we have, these hours are the best we can do.
Our FY12 library budgets were reduced 12%. We haven’t had a budget increase in at least eight years, so we have really lost ground. I will try to retain our database subscriptions, so I’m sure our book and media purchases will take the hit.

I’m not sure if there is any solution to the library squeeze that is occurring; I know it isn’t just at NCTC. It seems that no matter how much advocacy I do at a local level, it doesn’t make a difference. Perhaps if we unite as a group and advocate at the state level? I would be interested in hearing ideas from anyone.

**Pine Technical College --Ron McGriff, Librarian**

Fall semester 2011 brings another enrollment increase for the college which is, of course, impacting library and technology services. This semester’s increase is not as great as those in the last 3 years. Three programs are “full” with all seats in use. These are Automotive, Gunsmithing, and Machine Shop Technology. Most other programs are quite strong also. In addition, the State Board of Nursing approved a RN Mobility Program for the college so the library is quickly acquiring some additional information resources to serve this level of nursing education. The library, in concert with the Nursing Department, played a critical role in a successful application.

All of this change (and also employee turnover) produce lots of new faces, and the library will be participating in new faculty orientations on September 19th and 20th. Another major change on the near horizon is the construction of a Business Incubator Building on a major intersection just west of the main college building. The role and degree of library services for this function will soon be defined. This program will work with area residents, officials, and firms to create new businesses. Short-term office is made available as part of the program.

**St. Cloud Technical and Community College --Patricia Akerman, Librarian**

The academic year began with an increase of classroom presentations in our main building and our new Health Sciences Building. The new building is located on the next block and serves our Health Division programs.

Over the summer, Pat set up the MnPALS Course Reserve module. In the past, this was done manually. This has helped tremendously in managing the reserve collection, which has grown in use. We also set up mobile apps for our Mango and Gale databases. Recently, we enabled the download for eBooks through EBSCO so that patrons have the option of viewing them offline on their Apple device.

We plan to collaborate with our Creative Arts club to sponsor events in the Library. Some of the events discussed have been for illustrators, visiting authors, poetry readings and student artwork. The plan is to hold the events during the day when most students can attend.

Vi will be serving on the interview committee for the MnSCU System Director of Data Services and Campus Support.

Submitted by Pat Akerman, Central & Northern State College Libraries Representative

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**Metro Area Public Libraries**

Patricia Conley, Director, Washington County Public Library

September 9, 2011

**Hennepin County Public Library --Lois Langer Thompson, Director**

Our website now features a cleaner, updated design, uniform navigation bars at the top of each page, a new color palette to reflect our new logo, and other changes in response to patron input in an ongoing improvement project.
One Minneapolis, One Read: Beginning this fall, the City of Minneapolis is hosting “One Minneapolis, One Read.” Minneapolis residents are encouraged to read and discuss “The Grace of Silence” by Michele Norris. HCL is one of many organizations that will be participating in this program. A number of library activities are being planned, including book displays, family tree activities for kids, oral histories done by teens with older members of the community, a reading group guide, a visit by the author with the women at the Hennepin County Adult Corrections Facility, a premiere of an oral history project created by TVbyGirls, and an online memoir project. Visit www.minneapolismn.gov/oneread for details.

The Library Foundation of Hennepin County is launching a new name and look. After a thorough strategic planning and branding process, the Board of the Library Foundation of Hennepin County has approved a name change effective Sept. 12, 2011. The Foundation’s new name is “Friends of the Hennepin County Library,” which combines past organizational histories, and represents the start of a new, cohesive model for increased library support in the community.

In person homework help at 11 libraries: For the 2011-12 school year, trained volunteers are at 11 libraries to offer tutoring to K-12 students during after-school hours.

Stop. Look. Art—View art located in Hennepin County libraries at www.hclib.org/art. You can search by location, artist and category, and view pictures of public art photographed by Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MCAD) students. Photography was supported with Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Funds.

Guthrie Theater workshops not just for kids: This fall, Guthrie professionals will present workshops for kids, teens and adults at HCL. Funded with money from Minnesota’s Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund, programs include: Intro to Shakespeare, Duke It Out (stage combat) and Acting Games for Beginners.

Ramsey County Public Library --Susan Nemitz, Director
New RCL website: As with Hennepin County Library and St. Paul Public, in this last quarter RCL tested its new website with a fresh look. Check it out at: www.rclreads.org.

New Brighton Construction Update, August 2011: Construction is on schedule. Doors, hardware and the glass window walls have been installed. The rain garden will be constructed when all the exterior building work is complete. Work has begun on the design of the monument signs and the signs at the entrance and service desk. The entrance will feature a flat-screen monitor with updates on library events and services, similar to those in the lobbies of the Maplewood and Roseville library branches.

St. Paul Public Library --Kit Hadley, Director
New SPPL website: As with Hennepin and Ramsey Libraries, St. Paul Public has also update their website with a fresh new look. Check it out at: www.sppl.org!

2012 Budget: As with other departments the St. Paul Public Library faces significant budget reductions in 2012. At this point the City is attempting to keep all current library locations open in 2012 albeit with reduced hours and staffing. For more detailed information, read the story from the Pioneer Press.

Washington County Library --Pat Conley, Director
2012 Budget: Washington County Library also faces budget challenges in 2012. As reported in the Stillwater Gazette in mid August the library faces a $475,000 reduction in funding. As a result 10% of staff will be laid off or vacant positions will be eliminated (from 90 employees to 80). There will be six library branches; three branches will be closed. Libraries will be open from Tuesday through Saturday starting January 2012. These reductions are due to two separate reductions in revenue as reported in the article.

Lake Elmo secedes from the Washington County Library: In a precedent setting move, the City of Lake Elmo notified the County in July 2011 that effective with 2012 they will secede from the County library levy and begin
their own library. The Pioneer Press story provides a good summary of the situation. County Commissioner Bill Pulkrabek wrote a response in the local Oakdale Patch.

Submitted by Pat Conley, Metro Area Public Libraries Representative