Greater Minnesota Public Libraries

Mary Lukkarila

Cloquet Public Library (Mary Lukkarila)
In addition to programs funded with Legacy grants, the library has also offered a classical guitar concert and genealogy workshop. The library started a Lego club and adult reading club this fall. A celebration was held in October to mark the 25th anniversary in the current building and to honor the Friends of the Library.

Grand Rapids Area Library (Marcia Anderson)
We have had a successful Civil War discussion series based on materials provided by NEH/ALA through the Regional Library Systems. To supplement the discussions, we invited Ben Leonard, Director of the Nicollet County Historical Society, to speak on the U.S. Dakota War of 1862. NCHS also loaned us a display on the U.S. Dakota War, which sparked the interest of many library visitors. We had a visit and talk from a Confederate soldier (John Hayes) and are expecting a visit on December 8 from a soldier (Arn Kind) from the First Minnesota Regiment who will talk about the life of a soldier. This has been a popular series of events and the participants and discussion leader are planning to continue occasional discussions throughout 2013 to commemorate significant events.

Northfield Public Library (Lynne Young)
We have had lots of things going on this fall. The children’s librarians started two different “clubs” – origami and Legos. They’ve both drawn quite a few, 15 – 20, or so kids after school once a week since they began. These are supported by donations and grants from our Healthy Community Initiative. Our annual model train display (during the Northfield Winter Walk) will be held on Thursday. This is ALWAYS a big event – draws 1500+ people through the doors in a 4-hr period.

Rochester Public Library
Our strategic plan is nearing completion. It has been a very good process with lots of community involvement. Changes continue in the Children’s Division. We now have a defined entrance to the children’s room and a cool bridge that goes over the “river.” The art room has been a huge hit. We received a grant from the Children’s Museum of Minnesota and new early literacy items will be installed at the end of February.
Metro Public Libraries

Pat Conley

Dakota County Library

Money, Money, Money

The Know Your Money programs for adults are in full swing. (Spring 2012 focused on children; Summer 2012 focused on teens.). Author and “Marketplace Money” financial guru Chris Farrell spoke to a crowd of 55 people and took questions at the Burnhaven Library. Farrell is the author of The New Frugality: How to Consume Less, Save More, and Live Better. The Know Your Money year of programs wraps up in April 2013 with a Know Your Money Resource Fair, featuring keynote speaker Gail Marks Jarvis, award-winning finance columnist for the Chicago Tribune.

This series is available due to a grant from the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority (FINRA) Investor Education Foundation as part of the American Library Association’s (ALA) Smart investing@your library® initiative. In April 2012, a total of $1.2 million in grants were awarded to 16 recipients nationwide. Dakota County Library was the only library in Minnesota to receive a grant this year. For specifics on upcoming programs, check out our website at: http://www.co.dakota.mn.us/LeisureRecreation/CountyLibraries/Programs/KnowYourMoney.htm

Zinio

Library staff are reporting that the new, online Zinio periodical service is extremely popular with the public. Only seven days after the launch earlier this fall, almost 700 customers were registered – and they had accessed nearly 3,700 unique magazine downloads. Consumer Reports is by far the most looked at with AppleMagazine, US Weekly, and National Geographic following closely on its heels. Online circulation of magazines through Zinio grew to over 6,800 in November.

3M Cloud Library

In conjunction with Washington County Library and Ramsey County Library that are also launched 3M Cloud Library services, DCL and 3M held a formal roll-out session – including on-site support from 3M technology and administrative staff at the Wescott Library on November 8th.

Enterprise (Not the Starship…)

Earlier this fall, DCL moved from Aquabrowser to the SirsiDynix Enterprise portal. Although refinements and fine tuning are a given, the system is up and running successfully.

Staff Announcements

Wentworth Library Manager Maureen Bell recently announced her intent to retire from Dakota County Library at the end of this calendar year. Library Department Manager Rebecca Wilson recently announced her intent to retire from Dakota County Library after 34 years of service.

Amy Mars, a Substitute Librarian in our system, is co-recipient of the Founders Award for Fall Semester from the Masters of Library and Information Science (MLIS) program at St Catherine University. The award is given each semester by MLIS faculty and the Student Services Committee to the student identified as the most outstanding graduate that term.

St. Paul Public Library

We have formally launched the Northstar Digital Literacy Project: www.digitalliteracyassessment.org. We initiated this project with the Saint Paul Community Literacy Consortium to help people who lack basic computer skills.

The Northstar Digital Literacy Project offers free on-line assessments of your skills in six areas: basic computer use; World Wide Web; using e-mail, Microsoft Word; Windows 7; and Mac OS X. Once you finish an assessment you get your results. Patrons might use the assessments to determine areas where taking a class might help improve their skills. So far, over 12,000 assessments have been taken on the public site.

The Northstar Digital Literacy Project also offers a certificate if you get 85% of the questions correct. You can then use the certificate in your job search. To get a certificate you have to take the assessment through a sponsoring agency.
Certificates are being awarded by 43 organizations in 10 cities. To date, certificates have been awarded by three metro library systems: Anoka County, Ramsey County and Saint Paul.

It has been a worthwhile effort. It helps our patrons with basic workforce skills and job search. It has improved the quality and consistency of instruction at SPPL and other community organizations. And we have been networked with others who care about basic workforce skills in ways that benefit each of us and the public.

Washington County Library

New Hours & Days of Service in 2013
The Washington County Board increased the Library levy by $284,000 for 2013 in order to add back Monday service from 9:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. at five large libraries and from 10 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Library in Lakeland. Staff has been busy interviewing and hiring additional library clerks, assistant librarians and librarians in order to meet the January 1, 2013 deadline for increased service. While we are all exhausted, we can still shout: “Hurrah!!”

Minnesota State Libraries - Central and Northern State Colleges

Cynthia Jorstad

Alexandria Technical and Community College – Alexandria (Sheree Cochran, Librarian)
A change for Alexandria Technical and Community College this year is that our library technician accepted a full-time position at BSU. This position was not filled; various responsibilities of that position were reassigned and/or discontinued. Currently there are two positions in the library; Director and an Instructional Technology Support Specialist.

Northland Community & Technical College – East Grand Forks/Thief River Falls (Cynthia Jorstad, College Librarian)
NCTC saw a nearly 4% enrollment increase fall semester and it’s been busy in libraryland. After imposing some limits on library instruction last fall (as we transitioned to a ‘one librarian for the college’ staffing model), I was able to accommodate all requests for instruction this fall. Fall ’12 saw a 35% increase in the number of instruction sessions presented and a 75% increase in the number of students attending those sessions. (I am the only person presenting instruction sessions, so am happy to report I’m still standing). Although these increases appear impressive, they are tempered by the fact the Fall ’11 numbers were lower than normal, so a comparison to Fall ’12 is a bit skewed. Even with this increase, the total number of sessions and participants is well below participation numbers achieved when the college employed a librarian on each campus.

NCTC has an active College in the High School program and I continue to make connections with high school faculty teaching these classes. Each fall I make a presentation to them and their NCTC faculty mentors at the on-campus Faculty Retreat and highlight the resources available to their students. Many of the schools participating are small districts and many no longer have a media librarian. I am happy to be involved with this group of students and feel it makes a difference in their college and/or life-long learner preparedness.

We continue to work on a major weeding project at the East Grand Forks campus and are adding new titles to support expanded Liberal Arts course offerings on that campus.

Norma Konschak, who was Academic Dean at the Thief River Falls campus and the strongest (often only) library advocate at our administrative level, resigned in August to accept a position at St. Cloud Technical and Community College. Her guidance, insight, and support was always appreciated and is greatly missed.

Northwest Technical College – Bemidji (Ann Campbell, Library Technician)
As of this July, NTC has a new provost in John Centko who was previously a dean at M State Moorhead campus. John has brought new focus and vision to our campus. In the last year our alignment with Bemidji State University has increased in the areas of admissions, financial aid, and business services. We also combined our nursing programs with BSU and now have one College of Nursing. One of the library goals is to try and combine nursing resources and
databases for the nursing students on both campuses. Not sure how that will work but meeting on a continual basis about it. Proctoring online exams continues to be a huge part of my job. I have been in meetings with BSU about starting a testing center for both campuses. As I write this update, doesn't look like a reality in the near future unfortunately.

We continue to add new resources to our collection and will look more extensively into e-readers and e-textbooks next year. We are looking at finishing a construction project in the library that started 5 years ago! Happy to finally get a completed ceiling in the library. Starting to pull data for the ALS survey.

Pine Technical College Learning Resource and Technology Center – Pine City (Ron McGriff, College Librarian)
As usual, it has been a very fast moving semester for Learning Resource and Technology Center services. At last report, after four plus years of substantial enrollment growth, the college is just slightly down for this semester. Despite increasing use of E-Tablets/Smart Phones/Laptops by students, computer stations in the LRTC are still heavily used on a daily basis. We are reminded periodically that some of our students do not have computers at home or access to high speed Internet.

Breaking news here is that our IT Director will take a one year leave of absence, beginning next Monday. This is a very nice development for him but may prove to be a bit of a challenge for this .5 FTE librarian and the five IT employees in our shared word and service space. Today, I was notified that the Facilities and Maintenance Manager will be the formal substitute for payroll, employee needs, leave requests, etc. but, of course, he will not be in the area very much. If I had a little time to flesh it out, I see here the potential for a great comedy film (maybe featuring someone like Chevy Chase in the lead role) with he, the head of maintenance, bringing his blue collar approach into the world of mysterious and powerful technology at a small, mid-west college.

With the weeding of our Curriculum and Kits collections, we should now have some shelving space for the expansion and improved display and storage of the Child Development collection. Then perhaps we will tackle a collection inventory project. Our last inventory was conducted in 2004, just prior to the transition to Aleph.

Minnesota State Colleges – Twin Cities & Southern
Julie Setnosky

Representative Julie Setnosky, Minneapolis Community & Technical College
Colleges represented: Anoka Ramsey CC, Anoka TC, Century College, Dakota County TC, Hennepin TC, Inver Hills CC, Minneapolis Community & Technical College, Minnesota West College (Canby, Granite Falls, Jackson, Pipestone, Worthington), Normandale CC, North Hennepin CC, Riverland CC (Austin, Owatonna), Rochester CC, South Central College (Faribault, North Mankato), Southeast TC (Red Wing, Winona)

Anoka Ramsey Community College (Gina Pancerella-Willis)
To help assure that our students are off to a great start, Anoka-Ramsey Community College will begin offering a “First-Year-Experience” course starting in Spring 2013. A total of 24 sections (16 in Coon Rapids and 8 in Cambridge) are planned in Spring, with as many as 40 planned for Fall 2013. The Library faculty on both ARCC campuses have been working closely with FYE faculty in hopes that information literacy will be a core component of the FYE class. We hope to provide information literacy instruction in these classes, including help with research skills, evaluating sources, library services, and information on how librarians can help students succeed.

Century College (Maura Smith with input from Randi Madisen and Jane Young)
Century is circulating Kindles and Nooks. The Kindles are loaded with purchased ebooks; the Nooks are handled differently. The Nooks are checked out at the circulation desk, brought to the reference desk where the library staff downloads an ebook from the library collection (EBSCO ebooks or ebrary) onto the device. Students can start using the ebook right away. A preliminary look at a recent statistical report indicates that the ebooks are getting a little more use and that students are spending more time with a title, which could be attributed to many things including making
them available on the Nooks. Century has made a first foray into asynchronous customized and recorded online instruction in a pilot program in conjunction with online sections of their two English composition courses. After the shakedown period, their goal is to offer this sort of instruction more widely by January 2014.

The switch to LibGuides officially happened at the beginning of Fall semester 2012 and they are now tweaking them. Maura, who does much of the instruction, says that she is using them more in instruction.

**Dakota County Technical College (Michael Kirby)**
They just got their first iPad which they are using as non-circulating ready reference. They have loaded all of the available apps for their database subscriptions and a few others like Merriam-Webster, Google Maps, Google Earth, a calculator, yellow pages, weather, etc. They also have a shortcut to the page where students can manage their account, which is a common request this time of year.

They have started a subscription to Access Science database.

**Hennepin Technical College (Jennie Simning)**
They will be moving into the new library spaces on both the Eden Prairie and Brooklyn Park campuses during winter break. The new spaces will have windows, internally and externally, and study rooms.

**Inver Hills Community College (Julie Benolken)**
IHCC is finalizing architectural plans for a complete remodel beginning mid-May 2013. We will be gaining a larger instructional room, from 24 to 40 seats as well as more group and individual study spaces.

Our credit-based Information Literacy courses continue to create a buzz.

We are continuing to experience budget pressures.

[Julie Benolken has] been a 2012 qualifying judge for the Minnesota Book Award for Young Adult Literature. [She] has been appointed to the YALSA Quick Picks for Reluctant Readers group to begin on February 2, 2012. This ties in well with close coordination of the library with the Reading Department.

**Minneapolis Community & Technical College (Julie Setnosky)**
We now have a metadata standard for our zine collection that we are calling Zinecore. Elissah Becknell and a subgroup of metro area members the Upper Midwest Linked Data Interest Group who are interested in metadata will be meeting soon to develop a linked data project with a subject authority for our zine collection.

John Daniels was awarded the SSPIN Una Lamb Paraprofessional of the Year award.

**Minnesota West College (Marcia Johnson)**
Replacement of the librarian position mentioned in September has been delayed. That librarian covered the Canby, Granite Falls & Pipestone campuses as well as the distance services. Now, we have two additional staff changes, both retirements. One at the Jackson Campus retired this semester and one at Worthington will retire at the end of this semester. Because the Student Services area of our college is undergoing changes to a One Stop Model, there are no plans to do any changes for library staffing at this time. We are hoping for replacements next fall. For now, we have two librarians based at the Worthington Campus. I cover the Jackson Campus, but do not spend as many days there as previously when I would be there one day a week. Sandi Mead has been at the Canby Campus and Granite Falls Campus for class presentations this semester, and I went to the Pipestone Campus one day. Due to less coverage at the Worthington Campus next semester, we probably will not be able to travel much to the other campuses. Our tutoring person is based in the library at the Worthington Campus, so she helps with library coverage. We are open four days a week until 8 PM, and also open from noon until 4 pm on Sundays. We are still doing class presentations when asked.
South Central College (Ala Garlinska)
Construction starts on the building extension that will include a new library space. During the next 18 months, the current library will function with construction all around, but the new library will be great.

The acquisitions module is working well and Johnna is now starting to use the serials module at Mankato.

Multicounty / Multitype Library Systems
Ann Walker Smalley

Arrowhead Library System (Jim Weikum, Director)
During September and October, a 21-member ALS Strategic Planning Team held three day-long retreats to work on mission and vision statements and a set of goals. The Team was comprised of all 13 ALS Board members (including librarians from the four “types” of libraries), along with five ALS staff, two additional public library directors, and additional K-12 media specialist. Out of that process have come the draft mission and vision statements along with five goals.

We have now established a Planning Oversight Team which consists of three ALS Board members and three ALS administrative staff. Each of the above five goals now has a Goal Team that is working on activities for the first year of the new Plan (2013). The Goal Teams will complete their work by the end of next week, and then the Oversight Team will reconvene make sure that the Goal Team recommendations are “accomplishable” for next year. The development of the new Plan should be complete by the end of this year.

Central Minnesota Libraries Exchange (CMLE) (Patricia Post, Director)
New CMLE communications strategy using social media Staff now create 8-15 blog posts each week, then compile them in a CMLE Weekly Review email message where member libraries can click on a link to get to the full blog post. We are studying the stats for clues to the following factors:

Engagement...how many unique users are utilizing the weekly email messages

More Engagement...we are beginning to receive some blog comments and interaction within our social media venues, which is exactly what we want!

Interest Areas...we are carefully studying which blog posts garner the most interest. There have been some surprises, but as time goes on, we feel this data could support the direction of some of our programming.

Our CMLE Facebook page continues to gather followers. We hope to use our Facebook page as a sort of discussion forum on topics from time to time....looking for the easy, less formal opportunity to engage folks.

Twitter is indeed more ephemeral in nature, but used in our communications strategy to reach librarians wherever they are!

FY 2013 CMLE Book Discounts Program
Many of the negotiated discounts are offered solely through our CMLE Discount Program. Each company has a Promo Code this year, and at year end, we will make contact with each of the eleven companies to see how much usage has occurred against those promo codes. This information will help us assess whether there is a great enough return on our staff investment to offer this service. The data will also help us tell our story about cost savings to the region when working with legislators. Of special interest and difficulty this year are the discounts on e-books, which are new. Eight of the 11 companies are offering e-book discounts, some vastly different in scope. In alignment with our new Strategic Focus Area of Refined Focus on K-12 School Media, six new companies who sell predominantly to schools, were offered in this years’ lineup. We are engaging in early discussions with vendors who serve the Iowa AEA’s in their group purchasing for regions. I am hopeful that something will develop for our region this year in this area to support our Stretching Dollars Strategic Focus Area.
Interlibrary Loan Service
Kate and our students continue the process of responding to ILL requests while moving toward sunsetting this physical service. Letters were recently mailed to 45 libraries/school media centers that have used the service in the last three years. In some cases, only one item was requested, but we still want to ensure that everyone who uses the service is aware of this change. As we schedule school visits, priority will be given to those on the ILL service who need assistance in internalizing this service change.

E-Book Events
CMLE paid the group rate for the SEFLIN Virtual Conference eBooks: Benefits, Challenges, and the Future. Within that full day, presentations were done by national big name presenters on the nuances of ebooks, and we found the programming to be just excellent. SEFLIN is a multitype organization in Florida, so the presentations had appeal for different types of libraries. We will take this content on the road to convene librarians in our region to watch select presentations for their library type, and then provide a space for a facilitated conversation. We will start with academic libraries to perfect our model, and then hope to do additional similar events out in the region. Group work on an e-book consortium or group buy will continue this year.

“Bridging” Information Literacy Survey and Video Production
A small group of high school media specialists and college librarians continue to work with CMLE in our attempts to Bridge Information Literacy Efforts Across Libraries. The first stage of this work has been between high schools and colleges; next, we would like to fold in the thoughts and engagement of public librarians in phase two. Recently, we crafted and implemented a college-student survey that basically asks college students:

Based on your experience, if you could tell a high-school student three thing to help them prepare for college-level research, what would it be?

We would like to produce a short video capturing some of the responses from this survey, and eventually, make it available widely through YouTube. Presentations on our work to date were shared at the MLA and MEMO Conferences and I continue to hear from individuals outside of our region about expanding the reach of this programming. The video would be an easy way to do so, and we hope to use it as a conversation starter at an event that is open to all types of libraries.

Libguides
We hope to “go live” soon with a small beginning collection of our subject guides. Our staff has completed guides on 21st Century Learning, copyright, fair use and plagiarism. We will be promoting these guides and soliciting collaborators for new guides.

Shadowing Program
Our staff is pairing librarians across library type to experience a day in the life of a colleague. We hope these experiences will further solidify all types of librarians, and provide a better understanding of what it means to speak in one voice on behalf of libraries. This program will support advocacy efforts and further our “bridging” work across library types too.

Metronet (Ann Walker Smalley, Director)
MLA and MEMO were successful conferences for Metronet staff. LeAnn organized and presented the Things in a Flash at MEMO. Ann managed the Connections Café, sponsored by the multitypes, at MLA. It included a variety of special events, including Meet the Presidents and opportunities for networking.

LeAnn was even more involved in MLA:
Organized and presented at Appy Hour Breakfast
Presented on the MILE panel
Organized and moderated the Things in a Flash presentation
Organized a lot of the communication for the conference, including conference program, marketing, and taking pictures at the conference.
The Wind Down survey offered these results:
Most popular day Thursday (78%) followed by Wednesday (63%)
Time 5-7pm (59%) followed by 3-5pm (53%)

Top topics:
- Ebooks/ereaders
- Social media
- Tablet technologies
- Management/leadership topics
- General networking
- Readers’ Advisory
- Library tours/collections

Next Wind Down is Jan. 24 at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center. It will include how libraries can help veterans by connecting them with various online services and include a tour of Tour the VA Medical Library and Patient Education Center. Ann is starting a group of media specialists to consider how K-12 libraries/librarians can connect with academic libraries. LeAnn is working on planning STEM Day Conference, Building Partnerships for STEM Education, is Feb 14. The keynote speaker, Dr. Anthony Murphy (pictured right), is the newly-appointed director of The GLOBE Program (http://www.globe.gov). Minitex, MELSA, & Metronet are the co-sponsors. The conference sessions will focus on building partnerships and resources that support and advance K12 STEM Education in Minnesota.

Legislative Day is Wed, March 6. MELSA & Metronet are working together to get multi-type library groups to visit as many legislators as possible. This is an important year; many new legislators to inform about libraries and it’s a budget year.

MetroBriefs continues to be popular with library staff in the Twin Cities. To date, 72 issues have been published.

LeAnn continues to serve on these MLA Committees: Conference Planning, MI/E, and chairing Communications Committee.

SELS Report for Minitex Advisory Council (Michael Scott, Assistant Director)

Delivery Services
SELCO staff recommended to the SELCO/SELS Board of Directors to enter into a 3-year contract with Alliance Courier based in Bloomington, MN to provide delivery services to the region. Alliance began providing delivery service on November 5, 2012 through 5 delivery routes. After nearly a month of service, things seem to be going well. Change can be difficult for nearly all of us but we seem to working through those challenges.

LSTA Grants
SELS applied for an LSTA grant through State Library Services to enable the school library media centers at St. Charles High School and the Glenville-Emmons Elementary and High Schools (two media centers for Glenville-Emmons) to become SELCO ILS online libraries. Work has begun and the hope is to have them online in late February 2013.

SELCO received an LSTA grant through State Library Services to support library efforts as SELCO and its online libraries (which include public, school, academic, and special libraries) conduct collection-by-collection data enhancement procedures required by OCLC to become full OCLC members. Though the larger project is a three-year project, the grant will enable SELCO to hire a cataloger for one year to manipulate bibliographic records based on customized reports from OCLC. The cataloger has been hired and started November 26, 2012.

Multitype Library Collaboration
In order to further support History Day efforts in the SELCO/SELS region, a number of tour/open houses/workshops are being planned with SELS-member historical societies to provide teachers, home school providers, and others interested in History Day (HD) the opportunity to see what resources are available locally to assist students with their HD projects. Winona County Historical Society in Winona will host such a gathering on January 10, 2013 from 4-7 PM. Additional gatherings are in the works for the History Center of Olmsted County in Rochester and the Freeborn County Historical
Museum and Library in Albert Lea.

**Continuing Education & Training**
The inaugural Readers Advisory workshop in the SELCO Readers Advisory series took place on November 8, 2012 focused on History Readers Advisory. Kim Edson from Rochester Public Library presented on Historical Fiction, Donovan Lambright, SELCO Automation Librarian presented on Civil War literature, and Sarah Nagle finished the workshop with a presentation on Historical Nonfiction. The audience of about 20 was very engaged in the presentations and showed a high amount of participation. Two staff members from Preston Public Library and SELCO staff in historical costume doing walk-abouts during the breaks were a definite hit! Handouts from the workshop can be found here: http://www.selco.info/display/readadvis/Reader’s+Advisory (Click on the RA Workshops tab.) The second workshop in the series is scheduled for March 12, 2012 and will focus on award-winning readers advisory, such as Minnesota Book Award winners and other award programs that are still being determined.

**Southwest Area Multicounty Multitype Interlibrary Exchange (SAMMIE) (Reagen Thalacker, Director)**

**Scholarships**
SAMMIE has decided to up its individual scholarship amount to up to $400/person per quarter in response to the ever-increasing costs of some pieces of professional development. As usual, these scholarships can be utilized to attend conferences, workshops, webinars, SAMMIE events, etc.
SAMMIE’s Governing Board concluded its Strategic Planning process and approved its new Plan on December 1, 2012.

With the advent of the academic year, SAMMIE’s Executive Director is continuing her site visits to area school libraries to meet and converse with the school librarians in regards to what SAMMIE is currently able to aid them with and what we might be able to do for them in the future.

SAMMIE is currently establishing a School Library Committee from which we’re hoping to establish tangible programs and assistance for school libraries in the area. With this Committee, we’ve entered into a partnership with SW/WC Service Co-Op, a local organization with excellent ties in education and the surrounding schools.

The Executive Director is one of 15 successful applicants nationwide to join approximately 35 key stakeholders from the areas of libraries, education, technology, adolescent development, and the for-profit and nonprofit sectors to participate in the Summit on Libraries and Teens in Seattle this coming January. The Summit “will feature two days of speakers, panels and small group discussions to examine the current state of library services for and with young adults, and to explore how library services may need to evolve to meet the needs of 21st century adolescents.” This is part of a YALSA grant received from the Institute of Museum and Library Services to hold a yearlong National Forum on Libraries and Teens.

Preparation has begun for SAMMIE’s 3rd Annual Teen Summit, scheduled for April, held in conjunction with area Summer Reading Program presentations.

**NO REPORTS**
Southcentral Minnesota Inter-Library Exchange (Dayle Zelenka, Director)
Northern Lights Library Network (Kathy Enger, Director)
North Dakota State Library
Hulen Bivins

Continued Programs and Services

• As appropriate, reports regarding programs and services are shared with the state’s library community via the Flickertale newsletter, list serves, news releases and directed correspondence.

• NDSL continued, via contract with OCLC, to provide CatExpress cataloging for grant libraries in North Dakota. This program provides OCLC bibliographic records for the use of libraries and their patrons. The program has been expanded with the inclusion of four more public libraries in the year 2012.

• NDSL continues to oversee the state’s ILL and E-rate programs.

• A program that provides for advanced education (MLS) support was continued; presently three individuals are receiving aid.

• Online library resources provided in the state’s database collections (ODIN) were maintained. Included in the collection are the databases offered in a multistate consortium (MINITEX) and those offered by the state library. A new database was added to the state’s collection --- Credo Reference. For the benefit of school and publics as well as tribal libraries, the Literati function has been acquired.

• NDSL continued to provide libraries throughout the state with Training opportunities in the form of personal instruction and by the use of webinars. Trainings are now a part of Field Services operations.

• NDSL continued to participate in a national cooperative to provide the libraries of the state with prepared Summer Reading Program materials and promotional items. Children’s services will be the emphasis theme of the NDSL Spring Workshops (April).

• Public Library Statistics for FY 2011 that show the status and usage of the public libraries in the state continues to increase. The data is available on the IMLS website.

• The state library agency continued to handle the State Document Depository Program which ensures the inclusion and retention, on a permanent basis, all documents published by North Dakota state agencies. A new program is scheduled for the year 2013 that shall involve the conversion of the documents to a digital format. Statewide Cataloging Services and the Talking Book Program were a continued labor of NDSL.

Modified Programs and Services

• The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC) provided grants during the year (approximately $130,000). Additionally, the NDLCC developed a set of public library standards; the standards are presently under public review. On final approval, libraries making an application for a NDLCC grant must comply with the standards.

Notes of Interest

• The State Librarian provided testimony before the North Dakota OMB (October ‘12) in support of the NDSL budget with the increased request for State Aid. The budget, as requested, has been adopted in the Governor’s budget recommendations that go before the Legislature in 2013. The NDSL request includes a 17.9% increase in State Aid to public libraries and the creation of a Renovation & Repair grant programs ($275,000).

• The State Librarian was elected in 2012 to the ASCLA Board. Service as the Chair of COSLA Statistical Committee continues with IMLS. Also serving are the State Librarians of Kansas, Kentucky and Rhode Island.

• Work in the year was completed on NDSL’s 5-Year Evaluation of LSTA and new 5-Year plan.
Private Colleges
Kathy Parker

Bethany Lutheran College (Orrin Ausen)
- Preparing for finals and working on reports.
- Continued work on starting a Bethany Archives collection.
- Working on major weeding project of (PR-ZA) collection range.
- Continued work on vinyl record and music CD conversion digitization project.
- Working on a project to digitally display purchase of new materials.
- Working on IPEDS report.

Carleton College (Brad Schaffner)
- Ann Zawistoski has been appointed Head of Reference and Instruction. She has served the past 1 1/2 years as Interim Head of Reference and Instruction.
- Carleton Reference and Instruction librarians and ITS staff have taught a faculty learning community about iPad applications. Two sessions included meeting jointly with the St. Olaf College iPad learning community.
- Library Reference and Instruction, Special Collections, and Exhibition staff members assisted with the class exhibition for History 137 - Early Medieval Worlds. For exhibition information and videos, see https://wp.carleton.edu/monkmanuscript/

College of Saint Benedict/Saint John’s University (Kathy Parker)
We continue to plan for facility improvements at both the CSB and SJU library. In advance of major construction, we have been testing furniture, equipment, and space configurations. Last year we participated in development of a pilot classroom design at SJU; this year we are creating a pilot group study room at CSB. We are finding that in addition to allowing us to try out offerings from different vendors, these spaces help us show potential donors how learning can be transformed by appropriate space.

We recently completed a readership survey to determine patron preferences for print and ebooks. One major finding was that many patrons were not familiar with the range of ebooks we provide. We have recently expanded our ebook offerings with titles from ebrary, Wiley, and Cambridge Books Online.

Christmas Greetings from all of us at CSB/SJU.

Concordia College (Sharon Hoverson)
This has been a busy fall. New Instruction librarian, Beth Willoughby, joined us. Her main responsibility is to act as liaison to the new School of Business. Our Instruction program continues to take up most of our time during first semester. This fall we taught 157 classes so far, mainly to the Freshmen Inquiry Courses, and answered 2672 reference questions.

Amy Soma, Access Librarian, left us in October for the Fargo Public School system as the supervisor of their school librarians. We are currently searching for her replacement.

We are busy working with Facilities Management to plan for a new elevator which will be installed next summer. The new elevator will affect the south area of the Reference room; therefore, we are developing new figurations for that space.
This fall two candidates for the Library Director position were interviewed. At this time we have not heard the outcome of this search; however, Sharon Hoverson is expecting to retire sometime during the 2013 spring semester.

Cooperating Libraries in Consortium: CLIC (Ruth Dukelow)
CLIC is in the midst of our "Year of Assessment." We will have four mini-workshops on select assessment topics in early 2013, culminating with an assessment conference featuring ACRL’s Megan Oakleaf on June 4. In January, we will convene a Task Force to investigate and recommend selection of a next-generation library system, for migration in 2014.

Gustavus Adolphus College (Barbara Fister)
Our zine collection is ready for circulation and ILL. We have some original cataloging yet to do before all of our zines are available, but it's a nice start. We decided to use shelving freed up by our shrinking newspaper collection, so it's in a highly visible, browsable space. I'll be using them in my January course, Books and Culture.

In honor of Open Access Week and because we could, we published an anthology derived from faculty statements submitted for tenure and promotion. There's some pretty inspiring reading in this -250 book, which is available in html, pdf, ePub, and mobi formats. We used Hugh McGuire's Pressbooks platform, which is extremely cool. Rock on, Canadians. The anthology is at https://gustavus.edu/library/TSSanthology.html

We are doing some brainstorming about rehousing our special collections, as we anticipate getting a really special collection early in the new year. I'll have more to say when it's ready to go public, but it's a well-developed collection of materials by and about a major 20th century author, plus some letters and whatnot, though it's not a lot of original material since the author’s papers are at Harvard. Beyond that, my lips are sealed.

Our reference stats really jumped this fall as faculty have been requiring students to stop by and visit about their research projects.

Clayton Johnson of Albert Lea has loaned us his hand-built replica (not to scale, luckily, but much bigger than a ship in a bottle) of the Vasa warship, which (perhaps an early indication of a more pacifist future for Sweden) sank on its maiden voyage in 1628 before it could be used in battle. It’s on display on the main floor of the library.

Macalester College (Terri Fishel)
Digital Humanities Workshop - Macalester participated in a two-day workshop, Sept. 21-22, held at Carleton for faculty and staff at Carleton, Macalester, and St. Olaf, who are engaged in developing digital humanities projects that are being funded by a Mellon grant. Ginny Heinrichsen participated in a session with librarians from Carleton and St. Olaf to provide information on copyright and author rights for digital projects.

The Library has launched a mobile site - as part of our campus mobile site, we can be found at: M.MACALESTER.EDU/LIBRARY

It is a website designed to work well on mobile browsers and it includes a mobile-friendly WorldCat Local search, as well as links to research databases, contact options including a mobile chat option, and news and events. The library’s mobile site can be found in the Academics section in the College’s new mobile site.

Open Access Week - Oct. 21-25
As part of Open Access week, library staff member Chris Schommer designed a tee-shirt that was worn by staff and given as a prize to participants in our OA Daily Quiz. Grand Prize was a Kindle.

Shelf-Ready Project Update - Macalester
In September we reported that we had begun a project to increase the number of shelf-ready books we purchased. Shelf-ready consists of automating collection development, ordering, receiving, invoicing, cataloging and physical processing of materials such that they are nearly ready to place on the shelves when they arrive. Based on our first semester of use we are able to report that we have seen great improvements in reducing the time from order to having the book in-house and available for use. Faculty have been using our online ordering system in increasing
numbers and we have seen a great improvement in streamlining our services. An additional benefit has been the reduction in staff time for ordering and processing and the ability to transfer attention to more personalized service and addressing hard to find items for purchase. All early indicators have demonstrated that this has been a very successful project. We will be able to fully evaluate at the end of the budget year.

Northwestern College (Ruth McGuire)
We are adding a nursing department to NWC. The targeted time to begin offering the new degree is with Fall semester 2013. The newly hired program director is working very hard to get reports, clinical sites, etc. up and going. The visit from the MN Nursing Board is scheduled for January. Since we’ve never had a program like this before, the library has been prioritizing the acquisition of core collections to support this curriculum.

The college has been awarded a 5-year grant to begin a newly combined BA/MDIV degree that can be completed in 5 years of study. The library will receive a portion of that grant each year for the next 5 years in order to develop an appropriate masters-level collection that supports this program.

The Berntsen Library facility turns 20 years old in January. In its honor, we are planning a fun birthday party-type event for the community at the end of Jan/first part of February and a poetry reading event to be held during National Library Week.

Our ILL Supervisor is retiring mid-December. My Circulation Supervisor is taking on that workflow and once the transition is made will largely rely on student worker labor. I’m working with my HR department to re-position the fte vacated by this retirement.

University of Saint Thomas (Dan Gjelten)
We’ve been working closely with CLIC on various assessment activities, including an ongoing research project aimed at learning more about the level of information seeking/literacy skills that our incoming students have, what our faculty expect, and the extent to which our students improve in their research skills while at St. Thomas. We’ve sent staff to the University of Rochester for a workshop in ethnographic research, and to the ACRL Immersion workshop which this year is on assessment. At the end of the year, Megan Oakleaf will be coming to the Twin Cities to present on the ACRL Value of Academic Libraries project.

O’Shaughnessy-Frey Library has been given a collection of Folio Society publications, including a facsimile of the Hereford Mappa Mundi, one of the earliest maps of the world. We’ve had it mounted in a large plexiglass case and it now hangs on the wall in our O’Shaughnessy room. We are working on creating a space there in which we can safely store and display the items in this collection and make them available for use by students and faculty - to create a space which honors the book as art.

UST Libraries staff are working with others on campus to develop better strategies for the efficient use of electronic course materials – from e-books to e-course packs, in ways which avoid the duplication of materials in the course management system which already have been purchased by the libraries.

The Libraries hosted a series of voter registration events and registered over 400 students.

Our institutional repository (UST Research Online) has experienced rapid growth, including the addition of student theses in our Master’s in Social Work program. As of 11/12/12, the collections include 609 papers which have been downloaded 45,000 times in the last year.

Our staff have been working to “anticipate” certain request by identifying “predictable assignments” (especially from core courses) and have addressed blog and Facebook postings and tweets aimed at students who we know are working on certain projects. For example, our blog posting for classes in moral and philosophical reasoning:
Regional Public Library Systems

Chris Olson

Arrowhead Library System (Jim Weikum)
See the Multitype report for information on the planning process that took place during the fall months at ALS.

Telecom Changes
Earlier this year, ALS accepted the proposal from the Northeast Service Cooperative (NESC) to provide telecommunications/Internet connections for 26 ALS member public libraries as well as the ALS headquarters building. 19 of the public libraries and ALS will be connected via 100MB fiber optic technology (speeds will be 1GB between participants within the network). As of the preparation of this report, not one of the NESC sites is connected via fiber. It seems unlikely that any sites will be connected before Spring 2013. The good news was that the NESC has now contracted with the cable company Mediacom to bring fiber to five of the six of the remaining ALS member public libraries in Itasca County. These sites were all outside the original NESC fiber project. As we enter the next e-Rate cycle, ALS will continue to pursue high speed options for our remaining member public libraries. Duluth continues to get Internet access via the City of Duluth. The two remaining member public libraries are open less than twenty (20) hours per week and arrange for their own cable/modem Internet connections.

East Central Regional Library (Barbara Misselt)
Two Commissioners who have long provided positive support on the ECRL Board are ending their terms of service this month. Kanabec County Commissioner Kathi Ellis has served the maximum term (9 years) and Mille Lacs County Commissioner Jack Edmonds (7 years) was defeated for re-election. We will be recognizing them at the December meeting.

All counties have approved the 2013 budget, including Isanti County, who did not meet their full obligation in 2012. According to terms of the JPA, ECRL reduced services in Cambridge, ECRL’s largest branch and the sole branch in Isanti County, which resulted in reducing hours from 57 to 43 hours per week in 2012. The Friends of the Cambridge Library did an amazing advocacy job, promoting restoration of library service to previous levels and, thus, Cambridge Branch will again be open 57 hours per week in 2013.

With the restoration of hours at the Cambridge Branch, the City of Cambridge now feels confident in doing a needs analysis for a new library, to launch in the spring after the snow birds return to allow for their input. The Mayor is strongly behind the project, and suggests that a joint use facility to be shared with the Senior Activities Center might be a good option for Cambridge.

The City of Aitkin is pursuing a fund-raising project to add public space to the Aitkin library. The current meeting room is too small to adequately hold the number of people who typically attend programs. The library also does not have adequate room for library activity or teen space.

Sandstone is developing a plan to remodel a former school as a community building that will house the library, as well as some other occupants. They have employed an architect and are having public meetings.

The Chisago Lakes Library Commission is investigating installing solar panels in the Chisago Lakes Branch. Energy consumption is very high in that building, and considering the available incentives, they believe they’ll save considerably in the long run. The cities of Lindstrom, Center City, Shafer, and Chisago City make up the Library Commission and jointly maintain the building.

We have advertised for bids to replace our 4-year-old delivery van. We put 100,000 miles a year on, and the current diesel vehicle will soon have over 400,000 miles, with minimal maintenance and no problems so far. After opening the first round bids, the Board decided to re-advertise and accept bids for a gasoline-powered engine, which is significantly less expensive.
Great River Regional Library (Kirsty Smith)

CollectionHQ
After nearly a year of experimentation, GRRL staff members are beginning to see how CollectionHQ is changing the collection. For example, since December 2011, 8799 dead items (not checked out in more than 395 days) have been transferred from one library to another, resulting in 9857 additional circulations. Prior to CollectionHQ, most of those 8799 items would have been weeded from the collection.

Automated Donation Evaluation
The IT Coordinator and Web Developer worked with Collection Development staff to create an automated system to evaluate donated materials. The system uses metrics within GRRL’s Integrated Library System (ILS) and measures them against predefined levels to automatically make a recommendation on whether they should be added to our catalog or need further review. In addition to the hard figures, there are a number of soft factors to be considered including materials that are seasonal and titles where the donation is a newer volume than we already own. The new system will allow volunteers and staff to sort through donations more quickly and empower branch staff to make decisions about which donated materials should be sent in to Collection Development to be added to our collection.

Compensation & Classification Study 2012
Consultants Matt Weatherly and Jim Laumeyer presented the status report on the 2012 Compensation and Classification Study to the GRRL board on November 20, 2012. Weatherly, the President of Public Sector Personnel Consultants, has 10 years of experience as a human resources management professional consultant, specializing in position classification, compensation, recruitment and selection. Laumeyer, the CEO of Laumeyer Human Resource Solutions, summarized the process at staff briefings, PAQ’s and individual meetings with staff. Laumeyer complemented GRRL on the accuracy of all job descriptions and the tremendous cooperation of staff during this process. Drawing on his past experience, Weatherly indicated he is pleased with the progress of the study thus far. The consultants projected the completion of the study within 60-90 days.

Retirements
Halloween was the final day of work for Michele (Mick) Stoffers, long-time branch manager at the Elk River Public Library. The mayor of Elk River, John Dietz, proclaimed October 31 to be “Mick Stoffers Day” in honor of her 27 years with the library. November 2nd marked Mic Golden’s retirement after 30 years at GRRL. The staff put on a mini-state fair for her since “fair time” was sacrosanct for her.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library (Kathy Fredette)
The Minnesota library community was saddened by the death of long-time Moorhead library director, Anne Fredine, in early December. Anne most recently served as the Assistant Director at LARL before her retirement last summer.

New LARL Director Named
After an extensive search and selection process, which began in August, the LARL Board announced on Nov. 16 that Liz Lynch has been offered and accepted the position of LARL Director, effective Jan. 1, 2013.

During January and February Liz will be working with me on transition to the new role which will be fully effective in March. She will start in January with hiring a new Assistant Regional Library Director (the position previously held by Anne Fredine) and two Hub Supervisors (Crookston and Moorhead) - one to replace herself in Moorhead and the other to replace Sr. Eileen Beutel who just announced her retirement from Crookston on Feb. 8 after 25 years of service with LARL.

Bagley Library
Is our farthest branch from the Regional Office in Moorhead (2.25 hours away). At a Sept. 5 meeting the Clearwater Library Foundation announced that the USDA accepted the Foundation’s bid for the Wee-Care Early Learning Center building in Bagley.

Mayor Mark Edevold noted that many thanks go to the Library Foundation, local Library Board, Tuesday Study Club, and all the donors and supporters who have persevered for 14 years to acquire a quality library for the City of Bagley. A new library in Bagley was one of the Mayor’s goals and he’s been a great supporter of the Foundation’s efforts. With this news he declared it “a great day in Bagley!”.
The Wee-Care building will become a multi-use facility. In addition to the library, the City has a need for office space for the Clerk (Utilities needs room to expand at the current city hall), and the community room at Wee-Care would be a welcome improvement for City Chambers.

Next steps: David Crutchfield, NDSU (volunteer) architect, is helping develop preliminary building plans. The Foundation realizes they have more meetings and fundraising to do but they are very excited to know that the past 14 years of fundraising has resulted in a building that is much improved over the current facility and holds much potential for the future.

Self-checkout was installed at the current library location on Sept. 11. No date has been set for moving to the new facility.

Final Report
This is my final written report after almost 15 years in LARL and 40 years working in public libraries (Kansas, Connecticut, South Dakota, and Minnesota). I don't feel dated until I think about the card catalog, 16mm films, filmstrips, and typewriters! Wow...what a ride it's been to digital! There have certainly been challenges over the years but for the most part, it's been extremely rewarding and a joy to work in the public library and to earn a living doing work I enjoy. My first year in the public library I earned $4,000 (but back then college tuition was $14 a credit hour!). Thanks to the libraries/systems I've worked in, I've seen a good many parts of this country, visited more libraries than I can count, been inspired by so many librarians from all parts of the country, and worked with some of the most talented and dedicated employees anywhere. Thank you all for the great colleagues, advisors, and friends, you've been since I've been in MN!

Metropolitan Library Service Agency (Chris Olson)

Region-wide 3M Cloud Library Interlibrary Lending Project
After hearing a presentation about the 3M Cloud Library (e-books) and its initiative at the Saint Paul Public Library earlier this year, the Advisory Board decided to explore the possibility of working with 3M to develop an interlibrary lending software product. Within the context of this first presentation, 3M explained that they were working with the State of Kansas to develop this project that would be available the first quarter of 2013.

Working with a subgroup of MELSA member library directors and 3M business team staff, a proposal to submit a letter of interest to 3M was agreed to by the MELSA Trustees. Significant highlights of the project include:

A letter of interest...not intent... was sent to 3M in September. Before any funds are paid, the software development would need to be complete and 3M must demonstrate that the catalog of potential e-book purchases is robust. The measurement of these conditions still needs to be determined by the Advisory Board members.

If the project continues, MELSA will use part of its fund balance to cover the cost of member libraries’ access fees for a three-year period.

MELSA will commit to contributing a significant financial base for the purchase of a collaborative collection of e-books. While each system would be allocated specific dollars for purchase into their own collections, it is agreed that these items would be available to all MELSA member library systems when they were not checked out nor had holds placed upon them.

A New Look at the Summer Reading Program
MELSA received the news that it received a LSTA grant in the amount of $85,500 to develop a new and expanded approach for the summer reading program. The Youth Services Team has already established a subgroup to start working on the project and expects to implement the new concepts in Summer 2013. The two goals of the project include improving participant’s engagement and expanding the outreach of the program. While a print program will continue, the main emphasis of this project is to create an online program that features the use of user reviews and social media in contrast to the recording of materials used or time of reading.

MELSA Hosts Delivery Summit
On Nov. 27, a group of ILL and circulation staff, as well as directors and other interested folks, gathered to discuss the varied delivery systems within the MELSA member libraries. Kathy Drozd of Minitex gave a presentation on the NISO working group that she participated in and has recently released a best practices document on delivery. The group also reviewed a delivery survey that MELSA conducted last spring that identified delivery times for specific items in the MELSA delivery system. Between this discussion and the implementation of some Lean Library Management concepts, we hope to see some improvement in the amount of time it takes for ILL items to be moved in the region.

Northwest Regional Library
Bob Boese has been named as interim director of NWRL during the current search for a new regional director.

Pioneerland Library System (Mark Ranum)
PLS continues to work through a challenge to the policy on confidentiality and the interpretation of MS13.40 that data privacy covers an individual’s use of the library facility as well as records specifically linking patrons to information. The system has hired Marshall Tanick, an expert lawyer in privacy and related issues, and he helped strengthen the policy and back up our interpretation of the policy.

The Policy Committee approved the new policy, but the PLS Board discussed the issue for an hour and re-referred the issue back to the Policy Committee. After another hour of discussion, the Policy Committee approved the policy again, with minor revisions, and is sending it to the Board in January.

The city of Cosmos is set on building a new library to replace the one which burned down a few years ago. This project is higher on the city priority list than a new city hall, which tells you something about their priorities!

Major upgrades to library websites have begun. You can see the new format for branch library websites at www.fairfax.lib.mn.us.

Upgrade to Sierra on III is planned for late Spring 2013. This will involve a new server, UPS, and significant software upgrade to accommodate III’s new RDA setup in cataloging and public catalog display options.

Willmar installed the new Smart Play Spot on Monday, and kids have been all over the new learning tools! The Children’s Museum used Legacy Grant funding for half the cost, and local funds were raised for the other half. The total cost was $50,000 for the original Play Spot equipment and maintenance and props for a number of years. Local funding was donated by BNSF Railway, Jennie-O Turkey Store, Empower: Women United in Philanthropy, Minnesota Early Childhood Initiative and the Southwest Initiative Foundation. From the local paper (http://www.wctrib.com/event/article/id/100593/) -- “The plan for the Smart Play Spot is ‘to develop literacy through play,’ McCormick said. ‘Part of the goal is to make parents aware of their role in developing literacy.’” The Willmar spot is the 8th of 18 planned around the state.

Plum Creek Library System (Mark Ranum)
PCLS is purchasing a new delivery van, as the old one is 5 years old and has almost 300,000 miles. This purchase was delayed as a direct result of the Education shift, leaving PCLS with too few dollars in the budget to include a new van. I wrote a grant for $25,000 to the Carl and Verna Schmidt Foundation last spring which was funded, and the total vehicle cost will be around $33,000. It’s a Ford E450 with a Unicell box, which is one piece and so does not leak and is also aerodynamically streamlined for best gas mileage.

PCLS is losing, through retirement or election loss, several terrific, supportive county commissioners. I am working with county administrators and newly elected commissioners to get library supporters appointed to the PCLS board.

Southeastern Libraries Cooperating (Ann Hutton)

Update of LSTA Projects
SELCO received notification on Oct. 2, 2012, that two of three LSTA applications were approved. Work could not begin until MDE prepared the Official Grant Award Notifications (OGAN). These arrived electronically on Nov. 9. Since the OCLC project really needs the full 12-months as proposed and approved by the Commissioner, I am seeking an extension
beyond September 2013.

SELCO has hired a temporary LSTA Project Cataloging Librarian for the OCLC Reclamation and Integration Supplementation project.

**Update on New Delivery Service**

After several weeks with Alliance Courier as our new delivery service provider, Michael Scott, Assistant Director, reports: “Everything seems to be going fairly smoothly with new delivery routes, schedules, and drivers. We continue to see some adjustments in times and further adjustments may be necessary. Our Delivery Team (Cindy, Bob, & John) has been busy working on adjusting their workflow and processes to ensure that we continue providing the best service we can for our libraries receiving delivery.”

**New Discovery Layer**

After nearly three years with AquaBrowser as the discovery layer when searching the SELCO shared catalog, we will move to SirsiDynix Enterprise. Based on initial discussions, the Enterprise implementation should take 6-8 months.

**Traverse des Sioux Library System (Dayle Zelenka)**

We are still on track to merge on Jan. 1, 2013. This has been taking up lots and lots and lots of my time and effort. For various legal reasons, we will not be dissolving both organizations as originally planned, but only SMILE. We will be changing our name to the Traverse des Sioux Library Cooperative.

Some of you may have heard that one of Waltco’s delivery vans was in an accident on Nov. 15 on Hwy 14 outside of Sleepy Eye. The accident was bad enough to close down the highway in both directions for almost six hours. The Waltco driver ended up in the hospital, but sadly, the driver of the other vehicle involved was killed. We have been working on sorting and cleaning recovered materials, and compiling a list of damages. Materials from all over the state were involved, so if you get questions/complaints from staff or patrons, please give them our regrets and let them know we are trying to get reimbursements out as quickly as we can.

**Viking Library System (Peg Werner)**

**Server Upgrade**

In August, Viking Library System completed a total hardware and software upgrade for its Horizon system. All servers and power supplies were replaced and the software went to Horizon 7.51 and Hip 3.21. The entire upgrade took three days and the libraries came up with very few issues – mostly that the scanners were missing a beep. The contract with this upgrade runs for three years.

**ROI Study**

Viking Library System did a companion piece on the ROI study that was done for public libraries in Minnesota as part of the VLS annual report. While the first part covered the statewide ROI report, the majority of the VLS report did a return on investment for each county on the funds contributed to VLS.

**Zinio**

At its November meeting, the Viking Library System board approved a one-year pilot project for Zinio access for all member libraries. Member library directors were very supportive of offering 100 titles in the initial purchase. More titles can be purchased as they become available. Zinio, an electronic magazine database, was recently named Library Journal’s Best New Database for Public Libraries 2012.
State of South Dakota
Warren Wilson

SDLN
• A RFP for a new ILS was issued and is being evaluated.
• The CONTENTdm program is being upgraded to version 6.2

State Library
• In January, work will begin on a new 5 Year Plan for the State Library
• Through the change of an outdated law, the South Dakota State Library is able to increase public access to state publications through its digital collections. Senate Bill 5 redefined what constitutes a state publication and changed how they are distributed, allowing the State Library to increase education and outreach efforts through a statewide network of depository libraries.
  • The previous documents distribution law limited what could be considered a state document by format, and didn’t make any provision for digital documents. The previous law also called for state agencies to send the State Library 13 copies of each document.
  • Now, South Dakota Codified Law designates any public information created under the authority of a state agency, regardless of format to be submitted.
  • With the new law in place, citizens will have easier access to state publications, and state agencies will save money since they won’t have to provide as many print copies for the associate depository libraries.

Minitex Services
• Since SDLN will be paying for the Minitex ILL services and the State Library will be paying for the courier services, the Executive Director of SDLN and the State Librarian will alternate annually as representatives to the Minitex Advisory Committee.

Notes of Interest
• Daria Bossman is the Interim State Librarian at the State Library.
• Dan Daily is the Interim Library Director for ID Weeks Library at the University of South Dakota.
• Warren Wilson is the Interim Library Director for E.Y. Berry Library at Black Hills State University

State Government/Special Libraries
Brooke Roege

CALCO Activities
This fall, the Capital Area Library Consortium (CALCO) began accepting associate memberships. In the past, CALCO has only been open to librarians working within state government. With an associate membership, interested parties can now attend CALCO meetings, join our listserv, and more. To become an associate member, you must complete an application and pay a nominal fee. We’re happy to report that we’ve already received a handful of applications! You can find out more about associate memberships, and download the application to become one, here: http://www.libraries.state.mn.us/calco_resource.html

On October 4th, six CALCO librarians teamed up to present “CALCO Covers the State: Tips and Resources from Government Libraries” at this year’s Minnesota Library Association conference in St. Paul. The presentation highlighted unique government resources that are not available elsewhere, including information on the arts, business and economics, health, legislation, education, transportation, and more. Approximately 40 people attended the session. Presenters included Karen Neinstadt (Mn/DOT), Chris Anning (Revenue), Dru Frykberg (DEED), Betsy Haugen (LRL), Brigid Shields (MHS), Qin Tang (Mn/DOT).

CALCO welcomed new State Law Librarian Liz Reppe during a Nov. 14 coffee at the Minnesota History
Center. Librarians from the Minnesota Department of Transportation, Minnesota Department of Revenue and Minnesota Historical Society attended. Liz joined the Minnesota State Law Library in September. Her career has included positions at Dakota County Law Library, Washington County, Hamline University, Thomson West and Chicago Kent College of Law.

Dept. of Employment & Economic Development Library (DEED) (Dru Frykberg, Senior Librarian) DEED librarian Dru Frykberg co-presented two sessions at the MLA 2012 Annual Conference in St. Paul: “Looking Global: Business is Changing and So Should Job Seekers” and “CALCO Covers the State: Tips and Resources from Government Libraries.”

The library recently added two Moody’s Analytics databases to its collection to support the work of the agency’s economic analysts and business development officials. They are Precis and Dismal Scientist.

Frykberg reports on the growing demand for employees with social media skills in the December 2012 Minnesota Economic Trends, the agency’s quarterly magazine. The article will be available at www.positivelyminnesota.com/trends and may be of interest to libraries wanting to hire social media professionals and increase their online presence.

Legislative Reference Library (LRL) (Robbie LaFleur, Director)

At the Legislative Reference Library, what can be more momentous than elections? Before the elections, we answered dozens of questions about constitutional amendments. The Library hosted reception for new House members on their first day of orientation. Before the legislative session begins in January the librarians are contacting all of the new members about library services. Robbie is presenting sessions on the Legislative Web Site to members at their orientation sessions.

All of the librarians, and in particular Mike Schatz, the Library’s programmer, worked feverishly to update the Library’s Web pages in time for the roll-out of the redesign of the Legislative Web Site on November. All the same reliable information is more easily accessible through a redesigned top navigation menu.

Minnesota Dept. of Transportation (Mn/DOT) Library (Sheila Hatchell, Director)

Several staff members attended the Minnesota Library Association Conference. Qin Tang and Karen Neinstadt participated on CALCO’s panel session “CALCO Covers the State” and Qin assisted with staffing the Minnesota Special Libraries Association table.

The library hosted the MnDOT Diversity Committee’s presentation on Autism, providing Social Return on Investment of our remodeled space.

In our efforts for continued staff development, we toured the Minnesota Traffic Observatory at the University of Minnesota, and also MnDOT’s Regional Traffic Management Center (RTMC). Library staff meetings were enhanced with presentations from MnDOT’s Office of Land Management who shared information about land appraisal, right-of-way, platting, photogrammetry and surveying. Two MnDOT staff involved with MnDOT’s recruitment and internship programs relayed valuable information at a separate meeting.

Project librarian Marilee Tuite worked with another transportation librarian to create a Wikipedia article on Transportation Libraries. It is a great starting point with plans to enhance the information content as time allows.

Library staff had a celebratory lunch at the Nicollet Island Inn to celebrate our John Cotton Dana Award. Upper managers who supported our efforts were presented with cookies featuring the JCD Award seal.
Three Commissioner’s Reading Corner (CRC) events were held (one each month) with presentations and discussions on the books Mindset: the New Psychology of Success, Who Moved My Cheese, and The Courageous Follower: Standing Up to and for Our Leaders. Library staff have been trained on Adobe Connect which we use for broadcasting the CRCs to staff in remote locations including our District Offices.

In partnership with the Minnesota Digital Library, the Legislative Reference Library, the Minnesota Historical Society and the Center for Transportation Studies Library, a project is underway to digitize 63 bike maps (approximately 4,839 scanned pages). This has been prompted by an increasing interest in cycling in the Twin Cities as well as around the state, and a demand for these maps that could not otherwise be met. The Minnesota Bikeways maps, legislatively mandated, were prepared as a convenient guide to help bicyclists select their routes. Each map is unique; containing specific information to the area portrayed, and signifies a historical reference as to the state of bicycle trails at the time of publication. The maps serve as a reference guide illustrating major historical and cultural points of interest, public park lands and facilities, and equipment and safety information. They also depict road analyses for bicycle travel, location of paved road shoulders and off-road bikeways, and controlled access roads where bicycles are prohibited.

Requests for information on Flashing Yellow Arrow Signals, Zipper Merge, SMART Lanes, MnPASS, and Roundabouts continue to be filled on a regular basis.

**Question of the Quarter:** Who moved the airplane (fighter jet) that was located at the lightning and transients research lab (former University of MN Lightening Research Center, located near Highway 280)?

**Quote of the Quarter:** “I’d be lost without you guys.”

**And for fun:** A Helena Hernmarck tapestry located at the Transportation Building?

**Minnesota State Law Library (Liz Reppe, State Law Librarian)**

The new State Law Librarian, Liz Reppe, started on September 4. Liz previously was previously employed as the Manager of the Dakota County Law Library.

The State Law Library continues to coordinate a read-aloud program, in which adult reading volunteers are paired with inner city school students at Benjamin E. Mays Elementary School in a weekly reading session. The program began its 17th year in October. Most readers are judicial employees, although some are from other agencies, including staff from the Office of the Attorney General. Currently, 75 adults are reading to 46 students in the first grade. The volunteers serve as both role models and mentors to the children and help instill within the students the love and pleasure of reading.

The Law Library Service to Prisoners Program solicited and collected library materials for the two libraries and two reading areas on the Security Hospital’s campus, which serves approximately 375 patients and staff. Due to a non-existent library budget, the Hospital was in desperate need of donated materials to enhance their outdated collection. Over fifty boxes of books were provided to the hospital libraries.

The law library has recently created a self-help collection. Books that guide unrepresented parties with legal issues have been pulled out of the main collection and grouped together in a more accessible area - the Reserve Room. The collection was also updated with dozens of new titles. Some of the topics covered by the collection include landlord/tenant, family law, debt collection, estate planning and probate.
**State Universities Libraries**

Joan Roca

**Metropolitan State University (Bruce Willms, Acting Dean)**

The first phase of the David Barton Labyrinth and Reflective Garden, located on the grounds of the Metropolitan State University Library and Learning Center, is now complete. The labyrinth was finished in October and is now available for use by the university community, those in the neighborhood, as well as the general public. We see it as an asset for the entire community, not just the university. The second phase, the garden portion of the project, will be completed in the spring, and will be followed by a “grand opening” event. Fundraising for the second phase is in progress. Anyone who wishes to contribute may contact the University Foundation at 651-793-1801 for information.

“We recently did a soft launch of the Summon discovery tool and have had a good response to it. There are still a few minor issues to be resolved, but the implementation is substantially complete.

The Library just received approval to fill a new faculty librarian position as part of an initiative to hire ten new faculty at the University.

**Minnesota State University, Mankato (Joan Roca, Dean)**

The university is searching for a new Provost after Dr. Scott Olson became the President at Winona State University this past summer. Interviews will be in the spring but the whole campus is following the process with interest. This is also a key position for the library.

During the December break we will remodel two spaces on the main floor of the library to create new spaces designated for quiet study (one with computers and one without). Students have been asking for these and are looking forward to having them online.

Searches for the two new librarian positions have started and we plan for interviews in the spring. The vacancy notices for the Digital Initiatives Librarian and the Instructional Services Librarian are posted on the university’s web site: http://mnsu.edu/hr/vacancy.

**Southwest Minnesota State University (Kathleen Ashe, University Librarian)**

Librarians continue to be pleased with increasing use of our Reference services. We have replaced outgoing Meebo with Library H3lp as our chat service and have added texting capability. However increases are mainly in the face-to-face exchange with librarians at the desk. We are preparing for our program review and our reference numbers over the past few years show growing usage of reference services, contrary to the trend in Redefining the Academic Library.

Library faculty have met several times this semester to discuss plans for the future. Sandy Hoffbeck, long time acquisitions librarian, will be retiring at the end of this academic year. We hope to hear yet this semester if we will be able to replace with a probationary position. Recognizing the need to prepare for a transition we are implementing the ERM from PALS.

FY13 is the first year that funds from our new endowed fund, the McFarland endowment, are available. Mr. McFarland's will specified that the funds go to library resources for biology, chemistry, physics, and the business department. We have met with the scientists and have a plan in place. We continue to work with business faculty.

The Library will be awarding a $750 scholarship to a library student worker next week at our annual holiday party for library students. We are also giving two research awards to eligible students presenting in SMSU’s 7th annual Undergraduate Research Conference.

The Library was awarded two small university grants at the end of spring semester to implement a mobile site for the library and our mobile enhanced services. We contracted with PALS to develop the site. The university brought up their mobile access to SMSU's site and the link to the Library was ready to go. We are still working on it but are very pleased with the initial product.
This year the Library faculty will begin discussions on a five-year plan for the library, which will include developing a process to include library staff, faculty, and students.

Winona State University (Thomas Bremer, Dean)
Carol Daul-Elhindi begins as our Liaison and Instruction Librarian spring semester. She is currently the Instructional Services Librarian at St. Mary's University of Minnesota, Winona. She replaces Joe Mount who retires at the end of the year.

We completed our library classroom remodeling project. The room is now updated with new carpet, furniture, equipment, and improved connectivity.

We installed a walk-up scanner (the Zeutschel Zeta) in our Information Gallery. This easy to learn face-up book scanner features and touch screen panel, and produces high quality images for originals up to 19” x 14”.

University of Minnesota Coordinate Campuses
LeeAnn Dean

University of Minnesota, Crookston (Owen Williams)
As are all the University of Minnesota libraries, UMC is preparing for the migration to Alma. This preparation includes cleaning up existing records, training of library staff, and students. The UMC Library expanded their collection of ebooks by adding the Ebsco collection. UMC now holds about 150,000 unique titles.

University of Minnesota, Duluth (Liz Benson Johnson, Interim Director)
UMD Library Director Bill Sozansky retired in early August. He worked at the UMD Library for almost 21 years. He worked as a librarian at the University Libraries for 20 years. A search for a new director is in progress. The complete position announcement is posted at https://employment.umn.edu/applicants/jsp/shared/Welcome_css.jsp

We initiated a DDA E-Book initiative similar to the one initiated by the University Libraries in May. So far we have purchased 98 e-books.

Library staff have planned a variety of stress relief events for students the week before final exams, December 10 - 14. Events include yoga, chair massages, coffee with UMD mascot Champ, and a workshop on how to manage test anxiety.

A Learning Commons is being planned for the second floor of the UMD Library. Key services will be the Multi-Media Hub (a unit of Information Technology Systems & Services), the reference desk, and the Tutoring Center. The Learning Commons is tentatively scheduled to open August 1, 2013.

The Lake Superior Libraries Symposium, a conference developed by librarians from northwestern Wisconsin and northeastern Minnesota, is planning a free mid-winter “unconference” to be held Friday, January 11 at UW-Superior. More information is available on their website http://lakesuperiorlibrariessymposium.wordpress.com/symposia/midwinterun/

University of Minnesota, Morris (LeeAnn Dean)
Briggs Library staff has begun its traditional end of semester activities, with extended hours, coffee and snacks after 10:00 pm, fruit on Study Day (subsidized by Student Affairs office), stress relief sessions, short massages and the monthly library game night on the last day of classes. Briggs Library is in the process of setting up an Archives and Special Collections Advisory Council made up of representatives of alumni, retirees, current faculty and staff and appropriate library and alumni relations staff. This council will provide support and advocacy for both print and digital archival materials and projects. Three members of the Briggs Library staff are serving on working groups for the Ex-Libris Alma implementation. There is also clean-up activity involved in the lead-up to migration. There is continuing planning for the Learning Commons to be located on the main floor of the library.
Recent Programs and Projects

New Videos from the University of Minnesota Libraries
Through the use of videos, we are bringing University of Minnesota Libraries' exhibits and services to life by featuring real people—librarians, staff members, and users—and having them tell the Libraries' story. It's an effective additional tool that can accompany a written article and has generated increased interest in our work from media outlets. The links to current videos can be found under the Short Stacks playlist of the University Libraries YouTube channel: http://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLsqxtHlAYQnbwxT7yfWKhV4mo9ZloHQgf&feature=view_all

Leadership Program at the Libraries
The Libraries recently concluded a 9 month selective, individual leadership program provided to 12 staff members from across the Libraries. Learn more about it and hear from the facilitator and some of the participants at http://z.umn.edu/ae8. A new cohort will begin the program this January. An additional leadership program, "Core Leadership: Supervisor Fundamentals," is wrapping up this December. Nearly 50 staff supervisors participated during the fall semester.

Minneapolis Newspaper Index Now Available
The new Minneapolis Newspaper Index was launched this fall at: https://www.lib.umn.edu/newspapers
This online application provides full-text searching of the following newspaper card indexes that were previously available only in print at Wilson Library:

- Minnesota Daily, 1900 through 1922 and 1963 through 1977
- Minneapolis Star, 1964 through 1970
- Minneapolis Tribune, 1940 through 1945 and 1950 through 1954

Alma Implementation Date Set
The Twin Cities and coordinate campus libraries staff have now set an official implementation of December 20, 2013 (not this year!) for Alma, the next-generation, cloud-based integrated library system by Ex Libris. The University is a North American Alma Early Adopter site. Information about the Alma Implementation Project can be accessed at: http://wiki.lib.umn.edu/AlmaImplementationProject/HomePage.html

Digital Preservation Policy Framework Available

New Staff Appointments
Janice Jaguszewski, Associate University Librarian for Health Sciences and Director, Health Science Libraries. Janice previously held the position of Director of Physical Sciences and Engineering Libraries at the University of Minnesota. Valerie Horton, Director, Minitex. Valerie previously held the position of Executive Director of the Colorado Library Consortium.

Mark Engebretson, Director of Communications. Mark previously held the position of Director of Digital Media Strategy at the University’s School of Public Health.

Current Exhibits
Celebrating Venice: On Land and Sea
Through Tuesday, January 15, 2013
T. R. Anderson Gallery, James Ford Bell Library, O. Meredith Wilson Library
Harry Potter's World: Renaissance Science, Magic and Medicine
Through Saturday, January 26, 2013
Second floor tunnel entrance, Bio-Medical Library, Diehl Hall

If we can get the beast out of his lair...
Through Monday, December 31, 2012
Andersen Gallery, Elmer L. Andersen Library

Seeing Symmetry
Through Friday, March 8, 2013
Great Hall, Second Floor, Walter Library
http://blog.lib.umn.edu/lib-web/events/seeing-symmetry-math-has-never.html

Sense of Place in Artist Books
Through Wednesday, December 12, 2012
Architecture and Landscape Architecture Library, Rapson Hall