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Ridgewater College – Hutchinson/Willmar

(Carolyn Kelleher, College Librarian)

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Youth Services: Be @ school at Your Library named one of the top five programs for Excellence in+ Library Services to Young Adults. (http://www.hennepinattorney.org/StudentsYouth/be@school/ ProgramOverview1.aspx)

The Young Adult Library Services Association (YALSA), a division of the American Library Association, selected innovative teen programs to be featured at the 2013 ALA Annual Conference and included in a sixth edition of Excellence in Library Service to Young Adults. Senior Librarian Bernie Farrell will accept the award at ALA in Chicago this summer, and she will present an overview of the truancy intervention project which is administered in cooperation with the Office of the Hennepin County Attorney.

E-Book Collection: HCL was recognized with an honorable mention by ULC for collection innovation for implementing and integrating eBooks into the collection. Ebooks as a format is the “new normal” with titles increasingly integrated into the thinking of readers and the content of our catalog. The process developed for introducing a new format—from purchasing to distribution—has been so successful that it will be expanded to other new formats as the Library adds those to the collection. HCL first added eBooks to the collection in July 2010. (http://www.hclib.org/pub/bookspace/eBooks.cfm)
The challenges the library faced include:

- the need to provide technical solutions to add eBooks to the collection and catalog;
- how patrons are provided access;
- monitor use and gather statistics;
- provide support for staff and patrons for this new format and the new technology used to access eBooks.

The greatest opportunity was for HCL to enhance customer service and create a consistent, sustainable process for adding increasingly complex formats to the collection. Because the addition of eBooks to the collection affected collection management, IT, public service staff and patrons there was also an opportunity to bring together a cross-functional team to work on a solution. By inviting more stakeholders in to address the challenges, it allowed more people to participate in creating change from across the organization.

Key elements to the process had to address all aspects of implementation of the new format. Parameters for eBook selection initially included the requirement of the ePUB format. Other key elements include: tools used for collection acquisition and maintenance; is there an API available from the vendor that will allow us to integrate information from the vendor into the Library's catalog?: and ease of patron experience/how will the library validate patrons?. And, how and when the format will be represented in the Library's catalog is considered (for example, will MARC records be provided or will HCL create records for the items?

**Eden Prairie Library’s Daughter/Mother Book Club** was featured in the May issue of Women’s Press ([http://womenspress.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&SubSectionID=670&ArticleID=4298&TID=54512.26](http://womenspress.com/main.asp?SectionID=1&SubSectionID=670&ArticleID=4298&TID=54512.26))

**Richfield’s Augsburg Park Library** is partnering with the Children’s Museum of Minnesota to implement an early literacy space for children called the “Family Play and Learn Spot.” ([http://www.hclib.org/News.cfm?ID=6156](http://www.hclib.org/News.cfm?ID=6156)) These spots are a part of a larger Hennepin County Library system renovation. HCL states that spaces like these are needed because the library “plays an important role in the early learning of young children and in ensuring they enter kindergarten ready to learn.” Since play is vital to a child’s early learning, HCL is “committed to creating spaces in libraries where children and caregivers can talk, sing, read, write, and play together.” To get a better idea of what these play areas look like, check out Hopkins Library’s “Main Street Hopkins” ([http://www.hclib.org/News.cfm?ID=4692](http://www.hclib.org/News.cfm?ID=4692)).

**Hennepin County Library – Roosevelt** ([www.hclib.org/roosevelt](http://www.hclib.org/roosevelt)), 4026 28th Ave. S., Minneapolis, re-opened after 15-month renovation on Saturday, June 1. An addition of a multipurpose community room expanded the square footage overall, including the new multipurpose room, is 4,511 square feet. Project budget is $3.2 million. Funding was provided by City of Minneapolis bond proceeds from the city-wide 2000 library referendum. Accessibility and technology upgrades also were part of the project.

The Roosevelt Library serves residents in the neighborhoods of Standish, Ericsson and Hiawatha. Project budget was $3.2 million. Funding was provided by City of Minneapolis bond proceeds from the city-wide 2000 library referendum.

Roosevelt Library was built in 1927 by Minneapolis architect Jerome Paul Jackson to serve the adjacent Roosevelt High School and the Roosevelt neighborhood. The library was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in May 2000 and designated a Building of Cultural Significance by the City of Minneapolis through its Historic Preservation Commission. The building’s renovation plans met the commission’s standards in order to proceed.

To maximize the space in the new building, 12 iPads are available for in-building use as a supplement to traditional desktop computers. To use a borrowed iPad, patrons will log in with their library card and PIN as they do when using a desktop computer at the library. Loan period is two hours at a time.

The Art Selection Committee for the Roosevelt Library selected artist Sheryl Tuorila to design, fabricate, and install mosaic tile artwork for the newly renovated building. Her pieces will be installed in summer 2013. The public art is funded by Hennepin County’s One Percent for Art initiative, which provides for the acquisition of public art in Hennepin County Library building projects of $1 million or more. One percent of the construction cost is dedicated to the selection, purchase and installation of works of art. Library hours will be noon-8 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays, and 10 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturdays. Photos at ([http://www.flickr.com/photos/hennepincountylibrary/sets/72157631887153165](http://www.flickr.com/photos/hennepincountylibrary/sets/72157631887153165)).

Also:

- Congressman Keith Ellison visited the Brookdale Library on Tuesday April 2, 2013. He was interested in celebrating library services during National Library Week. He has a special interest in Homework Hub. Following his visit he tweeted, “Learned how to use Hennepin Co. Library e-book rental today. Love our libraries! @hclibpic. twitter.com/yakzjdM1D.”
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Saint Paul Public Library

**Read Brave with Lady Gaga and author, A.S. King** SPPL teamed up with Avalon School; A.S. King, author of Everybody Sees the Ants; Lady Gaga, and the Born This Way Foundation to promote teen empowerment and to lead the community in a conversation about bullying. Over 160 students at Avalon School participated with writings, artwork, and videos, and nearly 300 teens and teen volunteers came to Lady Gaga’s Born Brave on February 6.

**World Language Story Times** We have two new additions to our World Language Storytimes offerings: Mandarin Chinese at Saint Anthony Park Library and Karen at the Bruce Vento Elementary School. We have been offering storytimes in Amharic, Hmong, Somali, and Spanish at library and community locations. We added more Karen storytimes at Arlington Hills and Rice Street libraries in May.

**Northstar Digital Literacy Project** Basic computer skills are necessary for most jobs in today’s workplace. To address this, the library partnered with the Saint Paul Community Literacy Consortium to develop free computer skills assessments and certificates to help with job search. Launched in late 2012, over 50,000 people have now taken an assessment. Over 50 organizations throughout Minnesota offer the assessments in a proctored setting where learners may also earn a certificate. The project has grown to include agencies in California, Illinois, Maine, and Wisconsin.

**Createch for Teens** Saint Paul Public Library and the Science Museum of Minnesota partner to bring teens and technology together to create the Teen Tech Crew to introduce other teens to new technologies at Createch labs held each week at four locations: Arlington Hills Library, Hayden Heights Library, Rice Street Library/North End Teen Zone, and Rondo Library.

**Books on Wheels** West 7th Library is partnering with the West 7th Community Center’s Meals on Wheels program to offer Books on Wheels, a pilot program to deliver books, CDs and DVDs to Meals on Wheels recipients who request them.

**St. Anthony Closed for Renovations** Read all about it at (http://www.startribune.com/local/east/210021141.html)

Washington County Library

**Citizen Survey** In early 2013, Washington County in partnership with four other Minnesota counties conducted a mail-in survey of 1500 of its citizens. The Library used the opportunity to include one question as a way to publicize services about which users may not have been aware. With a 40% response rate, the results are in and were great for library services.

94% of respondents aged 18 and older rate Washington County libraries excellent or good. The library was in the 2nd rank among 26 benchmark counties nationwide and rated “much above” average.

- 57% say that it is essential or very important to invest in **free computer and wireless access** at libraries.
- 55% say that it is essential or very important to invest in **children’s programs**.
- 55% say that it is essential or very important to invest in access to **government information**.
- 52% say that it is essential or very important to invest in library **staff assistance**.
- 46% say that it is essential or very important to invest in **online access** to magazines, newspapers and research databases.
- 40% say that it is essential or very important to invest in **ebooks**, and another 37% say that it is essential or very important to invest in **downloadable audiobooks**.


In a national survey, 91% of Americans aged 16 and older say public libraries are important to their communities; and 76% say libraries are important to them and their families.

- 80% say **borrowing books** is a “very important” service libraries provide.
- 80% say **reference librarians** are a “very important” service of libraries.
- 77% say **free access to computers and the internet** is a “very important” service of libraries.

Reference by Appointment Reference by Appointment has been officially inaugurated at Washington County Library. The new service has been added to the Ask a Librarian (http://www.co.washington.mn.us/index.aspx?nid=842) page with a link to the Reference by Appointment online form (http://www.co.washington.mn.us/FormCenter/Library-6/Reference-by-Appointment-65). Branches will display the flyers at the Information Desk. Information staff are encouraged to refer customers who would likely benefit from an appointment with a librarian with a specific area of expertise, e.g. genealogy, a foreign language or a specific area of business.

The Reference by Appointment staff were surveyed to determine their areas of expertise and interest. 81% of librarians and managers completed the survey. Overall, the majority of respondents reported that they were “proficient” in most of the subject and technical skills listed. 64% reported being “expert” in internet searching and 59% in searching MnLINK.

Multicounty Multitype Library System Report
Ann Walker Smalley

Arrowhead Library System
(Jim Weikum, Director)

Arrowhead Library System will soon announce that the combined Multi-County, Multi-Type and Regional Public Library System position - Regional Librarian - Youth Services and Training has been filled. Several goals of the ALS Strategic Plan have been placed on hold in anticipation of this important position being filled.

Arrowhead Library System has budgeted $11,000 in MC/MT funds to be used for continuing education scholarships for regional members. A scholarship form has been made available for members to complete and send to Jim or Shari at ALS.

A cataloger’s meeting was held in April with a follow-up meeting to be held in July. We will slowly implement RDA into the regional catalog that is shared by public and school libraries in the region.

The ALS interlibrary loan department has assumed the inter library loan role of the MC, MT on a fee basis. From July through April, 184 MC, MT ILLS have been filled.

Camp Read-a-Lot registration is open; there are still some spaces left. Virtual Camp registration and Day Camp registration are about equal.

MELSA & Metronet have completed another OLLI class of Libraries in the 21st Century for OLLI. We visited more than 8 libraries in the course including the Minnesota Wild archives, Digital Public Library of America (virtually!), Wescott Library, and Roseville Library.


The multitypes as a group are sponsoring a Trivia Night at the MLA Conference as a social/networking opportunity for all.

The multitypes are experimenting with crowdsourcing a logo for the group as an umbrella identity to use when doing events such as the Trivia Night or 23 Things. We are using CrowdSpring.

LeAnn presented at the Library Technology Conference on Things In a Flash: IPad Apps.

Ann participated in an advocacy survey for ALA, including an interview with the consultant.

MILI will be offered in Minneapolis Public Schools, District 279, & Brooklyn Center Schools in the 2013-2014 school year.

Metronet is working on a new “23 Things” online training program that will focus on mobile apps.

Ann has been re-appointed to a second three-year term on the Minitex Policy Advisory Council as the multitype representative.
Northern Lights has been working on its new three-year strategic plan for FY14. The process used to create the plan for Northern Lights Library Network is below. (For a complete copy of the strategic plan, call the NLLN office at 218-477-1750. The draft of the strategic plan has circulated to 20 NLLN members and will be approved at the June 15, 2013, NLLN Governing Board meeting.)

Process: An electronic survey system was used to gather qualitative data from 23 NLLN members attending the 2012 annual meeting using 22 questions to determine core values, environmental scan, SWOT analysis, and needs analysis. Once responses to the qualitative data were analyzed, a survey was developed. The survey was pilot tested with NLLN Governing Board members (11) at the November 2012 meeting. When the pilot was completed and the survey edited, the online survey containing 39 questions was sent to the entire NLLN membership during the month of March 2013.

Responses were based on a simple Lickert scale of Strongly Disagree; Disagree; Undecided; Agree; Strongly Agree. Out of 232 members sent the survey, 72 members completed the survey (nearly a 40% response rate). The population used for this survey was the entire population, not a sample of it. A Cronbach’s Alpha was run on the questions to determine reliability of the survey design, and it was found that reliability ranged from 0.835348 to 0.852987. A value between 0.8 and 0.9 is the ideal range, showing that the questions were reliable.

From the survey results, the vision statement, a mission statement, identification of core values, and the development of goals and objectives of the organization were developed. To determine program development and implementation that arise from goals and objectives, a logic model was developed for each for planned work and intended results, including: activities, outputs, and impact.

SAMMIE
(Reagen Thalacker, Executive Director)

Highlights:

**Teen Co-Op Grants**
- Teen Tech Week Grants from March 2013 paid out $1205.75 to 15 libraries in the region for teen programming.
- Teen Summer Read Grants have a total of 23 library applicants for an approved amount of $2300 towards summer reading programs for teens.
- Finalizing a new grant that will build on partnerships between school and public libraries to bring YA Authors to visit the area.
- Proposed amount will be $1000 per grant, two grants awarded on a first come/first serve basis for a total of $8000. This first year will be a pilot year to see how the project will go.

**Teen Summits**
- Held in conjunction with the area Summer Reading Program rollouts in Willmar and Marshall. Provided a half-day training with lunch on teen libraries topics such as programming, gaming in the library, and YA fiction and nonfiction. There were 35 attendees in total.

**ELM Trainings**
Held three on-site trainings around the SAMMIE region in May 2013 (Willmar, Slayton, Marshall) for a total of 37 people (20 school, 17 public). Many had not worked with ELM much before so it was a great introduction to all that this service can do. Will be working with the location that did not get enough registrants for a webinar version of the training.

**Scholarships**
- Quarter 4, FY12-13 - approved $5938.18 in scholarships. Reports on events attended can be found on our website at: www.sammie.org/scholarships
- Quarter 1, FY13-14 has 3 applicants so far with a requested amount for $1125.00

**Camp Read-A-Lot 2013**
- Providing assistance to Plum Creek and Pioneerland Library Systems in the execution of the third annual regional Camp Read-A-Lot to be held in Marshall, MN at the Ramada Inn on Thursday, August 7, 2013. So far there are 43 registrants.
School Library Committee

- Creation of new SAMMIE committee who will aid the SAMMIE office in the board directive of building stronger relationships with our area school libraries. The committee is made up of a 3 school librarians, 1 area school related cooperative, 1 academic librarian, and 1 public librarian. The first meeting will be towards the end of June 2013.

MILE 2013

- Executive Director Reagen Thalacker was selected to be part of the 2013 class of the Minnesota Library Association's Institute for Leadership Excellence. Class members were required to read Strengths Based Leadership to learn more about their individual strengths and then attended a leadership retreat mid-May at the Breezy Point Resort where they were able to get to know their other classmates as well as attend sessions that addressed leadership in all its aspects: emotional, creative, advocacy, professional association, etc. There they also formally met their mentors who will help guide them over the next 18 months of the program.

UnConference

- To address the issue of low registration at previous SAMMIE initialized workshops, the Member Council (Advisory Group) will be planning on executing a regional UnConference for the SAMMIE members in June 2014. Research has begun for locations, structure, and marketing. The hope is to provide a local event in which librarians from the area can gather and discuss ideas they’re using or questions they have with like-minded individuals; to capitalize on the talent and knowledge already in our region.

In preparation for the next fiscal year, the SAMMIE office is updating their office equipment and technology, bringing the office up-to-date. Near future projects include rearranging offices and filing systems for better usage and the creation of a manual for the office.

Southeast Library System

(Michael Scott, Assistant Director)

LSTA Grants

- Work has been completed on the SELS LSTA project to enable the school library media centers at St. Charles High School and the Glenvile-Emmons Elementary and High Schools (two media centers for Glenville-Emmons) to become SELCO ILS online libraries. Nearly 21,000 item records were added to the SELCO ILS, and all three libraries are not only utilizing the larger shared catalog (both borrowing and lending), but have just begun utilizing MnLINK as well.
- Work continues on the SELCO LSTA project 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. Work is progressing steadily with the first group of libraries (13 libraries including public, school, and an academic library) collection inventories completed and submission of data to OCLC beginning. A second group of libraries (19 libraries including public, school, & one special library) has kicked off the reclamation process.

Minnesota Book Awards (MNBA)

- In anticipation of the 2013 Minnesota Book Awards, SELCO staff book talked the 32 finalists on SELCOtv (http://www.selco.info/display/selcotv/SELCOtv; click on the Reader’s Advisory Series tab).
- As part of its Legacy program, SELCO hosted an MNBA 25th Anniversary Gala on May 7, 2013, at the Rochester Civic Theatre. Over 100 people attended to hear presentations by Anton Treuer, Catherine Friend, Erin Hart, and Paddy O’Brien.

Continuing Education & Training

- It was a challenging winter and early spring for CE workshops in the SELCO region due to a higher amount of inclement weather. Our Mystery Readers Advisory Workshop is NOW scheduled for June 11, 2013, after both the scheduled date AND snow date had to be cancelled.
- The “Beyond an Apple a Day” Consumer Health workshop with NNLM/Greater Midwest Region Consumer Health Coordinator Samanthi Hewakapuge was held on April 11 at the Owatonna Public Library despite yet another winter storm. A last minute addition of an online option for attendees resulted in nearly full attendance at the workshop. Lots of great information shared about the free and high quality resources available from the National Library of Medicine and National Institutes of Health. Highly recommend this workshop and Samanthi as your instructor.
• Upcoming CE events in the region include:
  • Mystery Readers Advisory on June 11
  • Sharing Between Friends workshop for Library Friends’ groups featuring Chris Olson, MELSA Executive Director on June 18
  • SELCO’s Camp Read-A-Lot on August 6th at Cascade Meadows in Rochester

**Library Legislative Day(s)**

• Several SELCO staff and Board members attended the 2013 Minnesota Library Legislative Day on March 6. We were able to visit with 20 of 22 legislators in our region. The visits were well-received by legislators who continued to voice their support of libraries.

• Michael Scott, SELCO Assistant Director, was one of eight attendees from Minnesota at the 2013 National Library Legislative Day in Washington DC on May 7 & 8. The group was able to meet with staff from all 10 Congressional offices, with special emphasis on LSTA funding, school libraries, and eRate funding. A special highlight was attending the Minnesota Breakfast hosted by Sen. Al Franken.

**Private Colleges**

*Kathy Parker*

**Carleton College (Brad Schaffner)**

St. Olaf and Carleton libraries are sending our entire bibliographic database (aka “the Bridge catalog”) to Backstage Library Works for processing to make our records compliant with the newest cataloging rules (RDA), update name and subject headings, and fix various problems with obsolete and invalid data.

This spring the History Department offered a 100 level course entitled “Carleton in the Archives,” with archive staff playing a major role in the instruction portion of the course. Eighteen students took the class and, by all accounts, it was a success.

Staff members are completing work on a new strategic plan for Gould Library.

April Fool’s Day is the designated birthday for the beloved campus cat, Toff, who died several years ago. Inside the Library is a statute of Toff. The statue of Toff is important to students, and Toff is supposed to impart good luck to them when they touch his nose or pet him when leaving the library. He receives many pets during finals! This year, in honor of Toff’s birth date, Library staff renamed the Library for a day to Toff Memorial Library. The campus loved this April Fool’s joke.

**College of Saint Benedict/Saint John’s University (Kathy Parker)**

We are in the midst of celebrating CSB’s Centennial, and our Archives has completed an exhibit on the history of the College. We are now moving to parallel digital exhibits and are learning to use Omeka to manage online displays. Although it’s a work in progress, our first project Readers and Writers at the College of Saint Benedict, helps illuminate the central role of literature in the institution’s culture. It’s good to be focusing on digital library projects, since our physical library is quite a mess as we install new carpets.

At SJU, we received a donation to upgrade our classroom to create a showcase teaching and learning space. We are working on plans this summer to design a space that is flexible, comfortable, and highly functional. We’d love to hear from others who have recently created new or renovated library classroom space.

**Macalester College (Terri Fishel)**

Spark Fest, Twin Cities Digital Humanities Symposium, May 14-15, Macalester co-sponsored with the U of M, CLIC, and others for the first regional gathering for faculty, information technologists, grad students, librarians, and others interested in exploring collaborative work in the digital humanities. The plenary address featured Mark Tebeau, Director of the Center for Public History and Digital Humanities and associate professor of history at Cleveland State University. His talk, “The Challenges of Curation in the Digital and Mobile Age,” gave an excellent presentation on his work with Cleveland Historical, a mobile app that is available and being developed for other city projects including initiatives in Minneapolis and St. Paul. Another feature of the symposium was a series of presentations by faculty currently involved in projects. More details and a copy of the talk will be found on the SparkFest website.

During the summer, the DeWitt Wallace Library will be having some minor renovations. In addition to new carpet, we will...
be consolidating our two service desks to one central desk. We should have photos to share for the fall Minitex meeting.

Northwestern College (Ruth McGuire)

For the past couple years, the college’s administration has been working to change the college to university status which also necessitated a name change in some fashion. On May 8, President Cureton announced that Northwestern College will become University of Northwestern – St. Paul on July 1, 2013.

Along with the change to university status, Academic Affairs will undergo a reorganization. Next year, I will report to the Senior Dean of Academic Administration, rather than the VPAA.

New programs: Northwestern's nursing major was approved by the MN Board of Nursing in February 2013. The first group of students began classes this May. In January, the first students in the new MAED (master of arts in education) began classes.

University of St. Thomas (Dan Gjelten)

O’Shaughnessy-Frey Library at UST is working to create a new space for its media and music collections by sectioning off a portion of the reference room with Steelcase’s architectural wall and post and beam products. The glass walls and enclosures will allow natural light in the space and since the walls do not go all the way to the ceilings, will require no HVAC adjustments. This project is part of an ongoing effort to reduce points of service and to consolidate service on the first floor of the library in an effort to find efficiencies in staffing.

The UST Libraries will be installing a number of digital signs in OSF Library and the Keffer Library in Minneapolis. Also in the digital arena, we have completed a total website redesign and launch (including full mirrored mobile capability); redesign of our ILLiad pages to improve user experience; and added functionality to Serials Solutions A-Z pages (including the addition of Ulrich’s data.)

Dan Gjelten attended the Harvard Institute of Higher Education’s “Library Leadership in a Digital Age” in Cambridge, MA, in March. The faculty for the symposium included Lawrence Bacow, former President of Tufts University; Maureen Sullivan, President of the American Library Association; Kevin Guthrie of Ithaka; David Ferriero, United States Archivist; John Palfrey, one of the founders of the Digital Public Library of America and others. UST Libraries’ staff participated, along with faculty, in the Twin Cities Digital Humanities Symposium, sponsored by CLIC, Macalester College and the U of MN Libraries. We also had three librarians attend and present at the Electronic Resources in Libraries conference in Austin, TX.

We also have been very directly involved in the CLIC work on selection of the next ILS for the consortium.

Minnesota State Libraries – Twin Cities and Southern Colleges

Julie Setnosky

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 Technical College (Karen Bronshteyn)

The College Library will close for part of the summer for re-carpeting, the dates are to be determined. The library is currently seeking funding for the next fiscal year to expand and update our eBook collection, which has not had major additions since 2006. Underutilized databases may be cancelled to fund this initiative. The library is serving as beta-tester for a new event handler that connects ISRS with DataCard software for live data transfer so that student library barcodes are immediately activated. The 1-credit course INFS 1000, Information Access, received MN transfer approval for goal 2, critical thinking. On July 1, the aligned colleges of Anoka Tech and Anoka Ramsey will have their new shared President in place, Kent Hanson.

Hennepin Technical College (Jenny Simning)

Due to budget cuts, we will be losing our two part-time evening positions (1 at each campus). We are also being asked to close for 3 weeks throughout the next fiscal year to save additional personnel dollars.
Minnesota West College (Marcia Johnson)

Three new people have been hired at Minnesota West. One full-time librarian will begin the Fall Semester in August, and two part-time staff members will begin sooner. In the next report, their names will be listed. With a staff shortage, we have had a very busy year keeping the libraries open during the regular hours, but we all survived! Tomorrow is my last day with Minnesota West after being a librarian here since 1992. (Total Library Career - 1973-2013.)

Ridgewater College Hutchinson and Willmar Campuses (Carolyn Kelleher)

Yvonne Johnson at Hutchinson retired, and I am now the librarian for both campuses. It will be a big challenge, but I am hopeful that technology will be my friend. We will be using TeamViewer, software installed in my office on both campuses so we can share each other computers and communicate one-on-one. And, Ridgewater plans on becoming a participant of AskMN this summer so this service will also be available to students. The campus is an hour away so it will be a commitment to divide my time equally. There will be no additional staff added but there is a very capable library technician on the Hutchinson Campus as well as the Willmar Campus so I feel good about that. Administratively the two libraries will be merged with one proxy server, one budget, one website, etc. This is all taking place this summer so by fall everything should be in place.

Riverland Community College (Jeannie Kearney)

Riverland Library had a great week celebrating National Library Week. We had never acknowledged this before, so it made quite an impact! We had free food several days, held a drawing at the end of the week and even had a contest to see who could guess how many items are in the Riverland library catalog. The students seemed to appreciate it and it definitely increased our traffic flow! We hope to start planning earlier next year for an even more exciting week!

South Central College (Johnna Horton)

The Faribault campus library is under renovation right now. The anticipated completion is Fall 2014. The North Mankato campus library will reclassify the majority of their holdings from Dewey to LC this summer. Both libraries are implementing Google Forms as a way to track reference statistics and people counts.

University of Minnesota Coordinate Campuses

LeAnn Dean

University of Minnesota, Crookston Library (Owen Williams, Library Director)

The UMC Library continues to prepare for migration to Alma in December. UMC Library staff appreciate all of the assistance from all of the other U of M campuses. This summer the 2nd floor of the library will be carpeted and painted. This project will involve moving the books stacks and books. This will make for a busy summer for staff.

University of Minnesota, Duluth Library (Liz Benson Johnson, Interim Director & Head of Circulation Services)

New Director: Matthew Rosendahl has been hired as the Director of the UMD Library. Matt comes to UMD from Wisconsin Indianhead Technical College (WITC) where he is the Director of Learning Resources. Matt served as the director of two public libraries before joining WITC in 2009. He received his MLIS degree from the University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee. Matt’s first day at UMD is June 24.

Learning Commons Construction Project: The second floor of the UMD Library is being transformed into the Learning Commons this summer. Crews are currently removing library carrels and temporarily relocating the reference collection in preparation for the installation of new carpet and the construction of walls. The plan is for construction to be completed by Friday, August 16. The Multi-Media Hub, Tutoring Center, reference desk and a new writing center will be located in the Learning Commons.
Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards (NEMBA): The 25th Annual NEMBA event was held on Thursday, May 23 on the UMD campus. The purpose of the event is to recognize books that are about the history, culture, heritage, or lifestyle of northeastern Minnesota. It includes a book fair, awards ceremony and featured speaker. Kevin Kling was the featured speaker. NEMBA is a public event put on by the UMD Library, the Friends of the Duluth Public Library, and Lake Superior Writers. This year’s awards were presented for books published in 2012. Forty-nine books were nominated for one of six categories. For more information, go to [NEMBA](#).

Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys & Let’s Talk About It: Muslim Journeys: This winter, the UMD Library was selected to receive the Bridging Cultures Bookshelf collection on Muslim Journeys, sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) and the American Library Association (ALA). The program aims to familiarize public audiences in the United States with the people, places, history, faith, and cultures of Muslims in the United States and around the world. The collection includes 25 hardcover books, four DVDs, and a year’s subscription to Oxford Islamic Studies Online. In conjunction with the Duluth Public Library, the Library held a three film series showcasing the DVDs from the collection. UMD Library is one of 125 libraries selected to participate in the scholar-led reading and discussion program Let’s Talk About It: Muslim Journeys. There is a five-part reading and discussion series around one of the five themes covered in the Bookshelf collection. The reading program is scheduled for next winter and includes a lecture by author Dr. Ingrid Mattson, author of The Story of the Qur’an.

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The situation was pretty much “business as usual” for end of academic year activities with extended hours, a stress-free zone in the library, free massages, late night coffee and snacks provided by the Briggs Associates friends’ organization, student library employee recognition and appreciation event and gearing up for summer projects. The latter includes a significant reorganization of materials as we move print journal back issues to the 4th floor and open up more areas for collaboration and study on the main floor. We are also shifting materials and relocating many items to storage in order to accommodate crowded sections. Thank goodness for capable and energetic student summer coworkers!