June 13, 2014

Greater Minnesota Public Library
Mary Lukkarila

Cloquet Public Library
Ron McGriff recently completed a Space Needs Assessment for the Cloquet Public Library. The City of Cloquet is also doing a study that will look at improvements and space needs for all city buildings.

Rochester Public Library
Wellness Corner:
We have offered information and education with our ‘human format’ to a wide variety of library users. Organizations continue to contact the library on how they be a part of ‘the corner’.

We have had 28 organizations contribute 1236 hours of planning/activities. (We originally had 7 agencies for 690 hours committed at the start of the project). Kudos to Winona State for providing 417+ hours with student nurses doing screenings and health education programs. Influencing social policy and affecting change in the community was one of the goals of Blue Cross Blue Shield of MN Foundation - Kolloh, our project manager has moved on to the Council for Black Minnesotans where she will do just that!

Statistics:
Health Screenings - Oct - Mid Apr 153 persons, 72 female, 81 male. Ages 3-89. Many blood pressure, weight checks. Also issues of pregnancy, injuries, headaches, diet, depression discussed and referrals made. Some regulars stopped by. This is not intended to replace other health facilities but to provide a safe, neutral environment to provide information, make referrals to appropriate places.

Wellness Activities, separate from the health screenings, 494 persons attending a variety of health programs on nutrition and diet, fall risk screening, MNSure enrollment, Online tax filing assistance, homeless outreach, career counseling, citizenship legal counseling, health research report and resource sharing, smoking cessation information. By “leaf” we’ve had 21 mental health activities, 90 occupational activities, and 122 physical activities. I have not included a count of the normal library activities which mostly fall under the intellectual “leaf”.

The weekly schedule has been helpful and several agencies post it regularly. It is also circulated among 60+ agencies through the homeless community network. It’s been hard to get evaluations from participants. 22 received indicate most check out an activity because it’s free, convenient and they are curious about health. 72% rate their experience as Excellent, and 23% rate their experience as good. 66% plan to read the information they received and 42% plan to see a health care provider. 63% plan to changes things they normally did as a result of something they learned. Karen Munoz shared about her students’ positive experiences doing screenings and programs. Several students became quite passionate about public health. They used their motivational interviewing skills. Our future health providers gained a deeper understanding of the community and resources (like Good Sam and Migrant health), working with clients, and the health needs of a variety of populations. Other comments they had: nice to have this at the library as there are other resources at the library (print, AV, internet) to explore further on a topic, clients would approach with other issues while at an educational program, they were able to engage families and students, share stress management skills with homeless and a couple that lost their jobs.

Upcoming activities:
• Bone Builders - osteoporosis prevention exercise program, open to anyone, Tuesday and Thursdays. Mayo PT program would like to explore using the participants for assessments, additional education
• Simply healthy eating - 6 week class by UMN Extension for SNAP and WIC clients on healthy eating
• Resume Drop in - 8 week open computer lab for assistance with resumes or keyboarding skills
• Survey out to providers about their experience with an activity

Future of the corner and sustainability:
• WSU nursing program will continue to staff during the school year with a variety of times with some set weekly hours.
• Public health will continue to do orientations for making referrals.
• Social Services will also help with some training on maltreatment and abuse reporting.
• The self-scheduling software has been deemed easy to use and a great tool, especially for service learning students.
• UMR- CoLab will be doing research and recommendations on reaching 18-34 year olds
• United Way will be doing Online Tax filing assistance and some taxpayer education
• RPL staff will continue to coordinate

Other ideas:
• Discussions on the Science into Screen series (a health topic addressed in a feature film, like Dallas Buyers Club (HIV))
• Participate with CISS (client information sharing software)?
• Work with community networking group for community health calendar and local resource/referral tools
• Working with community disaster preparedness
• Want to do more with foot care - certified foot care person

Needs:
• More Spanish, Somali language activities
• Day care for the parents to attend the activities
• More marketing - farmer’s market, laundromats, 3rd Ave pioneer club
• Telephones in the lab and wellness corner
• More activities during the day
• Consistent time for screenings weekly (especially to cover when the nurses are not available)
• Free parking

This is a list of the providers and the hours (not including prep or professors’ time):

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Rocheister Reading Champions
We received LSTA funding for this literacy project that I mentioned last time, so we are moving ahead. We are in the process of recruiting volunteers and that is going well.

We were able to fill a position that was held open the last couple years for budget reasons, and that person will take the lead on this project.
Gender:
The library board approved removing the “gender” field from the library application. We don’t use the data to do business with our customers. In our Strategic Plan, we have “Goal 2: Engage the Community; Initiative B: Individuals feel part of the community through inclusion and connection”. As we work to make the library a more welcoming place, we learned that the gender question is not welcoming to our transgender community, so we removed it.

Minnesota State Colleges - Twin Cities & Southern Region
Tom Eland

No reports from the Metro/Southern Colleges.

Minnesota State Colleges - Central and Northern State Colleges
Cynthia Jorstad

Minnesota State Community & Technical College (Perry Werner)
Depending on the outcome of the bonding bill that is currently being discussed two of the MSCTC libraries could be undergoing some changes. The Library in Wadena could be moved if money would become available and the library on the Fergus Falls campus could be physically reduced in sized dramatically with part of it becoming housing the Work Force Center. (June 11 note: Perry doesn’t think the monies came through).

Deb Kelman retired May 2. She had been a librarian at the Fergus Falls Community College campus and later the Minnesota State Community and Technical College Fergus Falls campus for 33 years. She will be replaced with a half time librarian who may also have some college wide responsibilities.

Northland Community & Technical College – East Grand Forks/Thief River Falls (Cynthia Jorstad)
Collection shifting is completed in our East Grand Forks Library. Tightly packed shelves are now much more accessible and there is room to breathe ... and grow.

Brian Huschle has been named Academic Dean of the East Grand Forks campus. He has served as interim dean for three years, which followed eight years as an EGF faculty member. The EGF Academic Dean serves as the supervisor of the campus libraries and the librarian.

No reports from: Alex TCC, Central Lakes College, Fond du Lac Tribal CC, Hibbing CC, Itasca CC, Lake Superior College, Mesabi Range CTC, Pine Tech College, Rainy River CC, St. Cloud TCC, Vermillion Community College

Multicounty Multitype Library Systems
Ann Walker Smalley

Arrowhead Library System (Shari Fisher)
• Arrowhead Library System is gearing up for the first ever Camp Read-A-Lot to be held in August at Giants Ridge in Biwabik.
• ALS continues to offer scholarships to all types of libraries for the attendance of continuing education events. Spotlight on Books, the 2014 Enhancing Quality Staff Symposium, and the Lake Superior Symposium were the three most recent events for which ALS provided scholarship funds.
• ALS is also working with academic librarians to promote the use of Brainfuse to college students in the Arrowhead region.
Central Minnesota Libraries Exchange (Patricia Post)

Events
May 9, 2014: ProQuest Historical Minneapolis Tribune: 18 Attendees, hosted by CMLE at Rasmussen College, St. Cloud

eBook Summit Task Force
Patricia Post is participating in the bi-monthly meetings of this group in planning five eBook webinars that began in April and will run through July, culminating in a one-day eBook Summit event on August 13, 2014 at St. Catherine University. Evaluations on the first two webinars have been very positive. View details of the remaining webinars and the Summit.

CMLE Weekly Communication Streams
Continued utilizing WordPress, Facebook, and Twitter, and go on summer hiatus on June 6th to make time for other additional administrative work and program planning for the upcoming fiscal year.

23 Mobile Things program
CMLE coaches are bribing, coaxing, and encouraging participants to sprint toward the finish line to receive an incentive prize and their name in a drawing for a mobile device. The level of engagement is varied, finishers are enthusiastic about how the program enriched their knowledge and skill set around their mobile device and various apps. Our internal goal is to get a 30 percent finisher rate!

Staffing
CMLE hired an Information Specialist (John Meyerhofer) to assist with systems and technology, writing, and administrative work. Interviews are currently being scheduled to also hire a SCSU graduate assistant from the SCSU Mass Communications, Education, or Information Media programs. This graduate student will assist with special CMLE projects for the duration of the new academic year.

Intense daily focus on compressing the operations of CMLE in order to share office space with the SCSU Library Dean’s staff.

Metronet (Ann Walker Smalley)

Activities and Programs
• Metronet is seeking a MILI Program Manager position since LeAnn Suchy went to St. Catherine University Library.
• We working with Minneapolis Public Schools & District 112 to host MILI in 2014-15.
• More than 600 people attended Teen Lit Con May 17. It was a huge hit with all who attended. We are looking ahead to 2015.
• Metronet and MELSA cancelled the Libraries in the 21st Century class through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) because only 5 people registered.
• The director is on the search committee for the Minitex Assistant Director for DCME (Digitization, Cataloging& Metadata Education).
• Minnesota Digital Library has accepted the North Star Author series for inclusion in the Minnesota Stories collection.
• The annual application for state aide that is approved by the Board for submission to the State Library July 1.
• Camp Read-a-Lot has approximately 100 registrants in each section of camp—day camp & virtual camp.
• 23 Mobile Things wraps up June 15. More than 700 people registered; it remains to be seen how many finish.
• MLA has accepted two proposals that the Multitypes submitted for its annual conference.

Northern Lights Library Network (Kathy B. Enger)
Interlibrary loan support for the Viking Library System (VLS): Secured library materials for patrons in the Viking Library System with every-other-day interlibrary loan service to ten member public libraries, one college, and three K-12 schools, and every day service to one public library, the bookmobile, and one college.

Facilitated collaboration, cooperation, and resource sharing between and among libraries throughout the NLLN region and the State of Minnesota by traveling to libraries throughout the NLLN region, attending local, regional, and statewide meetings and conferences, serving on professional library committees, and conducting bi-monthly NLLN Governing
Board meetings. NLLN’s Executive Director conducted or attended 137 meetings throughout fiscal year 2014.

Facilitated better communication about the purpose and benefits of libraries to citizens of the region through ongoing public relations efforts based on a SMART public relations plan including public service announcements and publicity in newspapers, radio and television stations. Distributed NLLN’s brochure and annual report; sent instructional and informative packets to media centers in the region.

Provided added civic support for citizen engagement activities with member libraries to activate the constituent base, increase support, and elect public officials who care about libraries. Held a Library Luncheon with Legislators February 15, 2014, and created a directory of the legislators in the NLLN region. Eight librarians from all types of libraries spoke about issues important to them and two legislators also spoke. Library Luncheon with Legislators was covered on local television station WDAY.

Developed activities that bring all libraries together by creating and sustaining ongoing internships for graduates interested in a career in Library and Information Science and undergraduates interested in a career in Journalism. Hired a Communication Specialist Intern to develop library public relations and social media, Winter 2014. Hired two Summer 2014 interns to work with libraries in the region and support ongoing projects at NLLN, including the Directory of Historical and Cultural Organizations and Museums, ELM training for area library paraprofessionals, and ongoing social media support; a comprehensive Ojibwe bibliography, create a directory of art museums and artists in the region.

Joining together Historical and Cultural Organizations and Museums in order to strengthen their collections, support professionals managing their collections, and make the collections more easily accessible to citizens of the region. Will present a session with Lina Belar, Director of the Wadena County Historical Society, at the American Association for State and Local History (AASLH) Annual Meeting in St. Paul September 17-20, 2014.

Conducted interviews of library media personnel in the region; transcribing and analyzing the interviews; will report results through presentations and publication. Increasing awareness of the importance of and need for library media centers and addressing concerns about the loss of certified teacher librarians managing library media centers.

Participated in the library advocacy activities of the Minnesota Library Association.

Brought professional library expertise into the region by giving scholarships to library professionals presenting at or attending national or international conferences.

Stayed current on library developments by maintaining memberships in library organizations and subscribing to library publications.

Supported literacy initiatives among all types of libraries in North-central, North-west, and West-central Minnesota through the Minnesota Literacy Initiative. From early reading activities to advanced literary discussions, library literacy initiatives bring people together to get to know books in enjoyable and satisfying situations. Literacy promotes personal improvement and enlightenment, insures equality, dignifies, and creates prosperity.

Awarded 53 Career development scholarships as incentive for individual growth and development in order to enhance library services throughout the NLLN region: Mountain Plains Library Association Conference (1); Minnesota Library Association Fall Conference in St. Cloud (13), Branch Out 2013 (2); 10th IBBY Regional Conference, “Book Joy Around the World” in St Louis, Missouri (1); American Association for State and Local History Annual Conference (1); “What’s New in Children’s Literature” (2); MEMO Fall Conference (1); TIES 2013 (3), Library Technology Conference Macalaster College March 2013 (1); Copyright and Electronic Resource Management eCourse, ALA (1); “Power Children’s Program (1); Spotlight on Books 2014 (19); One Stop Shop course from NDSU (1); Public Library Association national conference (2); Online Apps. Course (1); First Annual CYP Conference (1); Minitex ILL Conference (2).

Ongoing library administrative and technical support for the White Earth Child Care Early Childhood Program (WECC/ECP) as they prepare a new community library (Maamigin Achigaade, Gathering Place)
“Poets Across Minnesota”: Encouraged the love of reading, literature, and the spoken word by sponsoring poetry readings and events for regional poets in and through libraries in the region. The backbone of “Poets Across Minnesota” is its close partnership with libraries. Poetry in and through libraries is linguistically rich and as a genre that is read aloud, made literature a public event. The act of writing created empowered readers and writers and promoted the value of libraries in civic life.

Poet Zepper, Professor, Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM), visited Kittson Central School District in Hallock, Minnesota December 18, 2013 and Hancock Public Schools in Hancock, Minnesota December 20, 2013. Sponsored Beads on One String books for Dennis Warner presentation at Osakis Public Schools February 5 and Solway Elementary May 7 with media coverage.

Annual Meeting June 10, 2014: Poetry and Jazz in the Park is a performance of “Just Friends”, a collaboration between poet Mark Vinz and jazz musicians David Ferreira and Bill Law. The rhythmic presentation of poetry along with the lyrical composition of jazz creates an experience for the listener that is enriching, imaginative, and beautiful.

Technology training for librarians in the region assisted librarians in keeping up with rapidly changing technology with a focus on best practices. Developed “Train-the-Trainers” program whereby trained media specialists in the region taught and give on-going support to a group of media specialists they were responsible for training and supporting in three areas: 1. Electronic Library of Minnesota resources. 2. Apps. for librarians and educators. 3. Device usage, including iPads, Nooks, and Kindles. The theoretical model was Vygotsky’s (1978) Social Constructivist Theory, using interactive and experiential activities, including electronic tool usage, skills practice, and discussion, building skills through sharing and dialogue. Garmston and Wellman (1999) and Gusky (1986) have shown that the most effective mode of professional development and the most powerful method to enhance colleagues’ practice is through coaching in daily practice. Trainers worked one-on-one with librarians or paraprofessionals in practice. The trainers are presenting a panel at eLearning Summit, July 2014.

Supported Spotlight on Books
eBook access for middle and high school students through the Lake Agassiz Digital Library and NWRL Overdrive School Initiative, supporting Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) and Northwest Regional Library (NWRL) to encourage schools, teachers, and students to register for LARL and NWRL library cards to access the eBook services provided to them through their local public libraries. Increasing eBook collections at LARL and NWRL by $5,000 each over a three-year period.

Met local library needs collaboratively, through special support programming as needs and resources arose. Carol Sibley, Professor and Curriculum Materials Center Librarian at MSUM, emeritus, served on the 2013 Caldecott Award Committee and gave over 400 picture books she received to six school media centers in the region. Carol also received a donation of 30 children’s book CDs that were donated to the Northwest Regional Library System. Other special projects: Summer Intern, copying expenses for brochure, transcriptions for interviews, website redevelopment, Train-the-Trainers meetings and four iPads, MEMO Fall Conference evaluation and meet the illustrator, “Community and Conversation”; Beads on One String support; support for 45th Anniversary of New Rivers Press.

Supported existing online catalog structure in regional schools by providing training to library media personnel using the Destiny catalog. Conducted two Destiny catalog trainings, one in Bagley and one in Pequot Lakes.

Accessed online bibliographic materials using the OCLC union catalog by supporting the cataloging fee for membership to the OCLC consortium CatExpress, resulting in 1500 titles cataloged in the following libraries: Northwest Regional Library System, Lincoln High School Thief River Falls, Kittson School Media Center, Warren/Alvarado/Oslo High School, Breckenridge High School, Clearbrook Gonvick High School, ADA-Borup Public School, Independent School District #435, Audubon High School Media Center, Lake Park, Perham Dent Public School, BUG-O-NAY-GE Shig School, Grygla School Media Center, Bemidji Public School, Park Rapids High School, Northland Community Schools ISD #118, Fergus Falls School ISD 544, Detroit Lakes Public School ISD#22, Circle of Life, St. Josephs School, Lancaster Public School, Tri-Cnty School, Mahnomen Public School, Frazee-Vergas School, Pine River Backus Public School, Badger School, Blackduck Public School, White Earth Tribal & Community College Library.

Through ongoing interaction with members, determined technology resources available in the region and linked those resources with libraries that needed them on an ongoing basis through 23 Mobile Things, an online instructional for librarians in the state, sponsored by the multi-type library systems. Developed and maintained electronic and social media methods for communicating with members by sending ongoing emails, Constant Contact and Listbox.
messages, and mailings; maintained and updated website; developed a Facebook page and Twitter account; updated Flickr; managed and introduced emerging communication technologies.

Southeast Library Systems (Michael Scott)

**LSTA Grant**
- Work continues on eBooks in Southeastern Minnesota Schools project. In mid-April 2014, SELS let an RFP for a shared school eBook collection to 12 vendors. 10 responses were received by the April 28, 2014 deadline.

Four vendors were chosen to present a 1-1.5 hour online demonstration of their product and speak about their RFP proposal. The four vendors were:

- Baker & Taylor (Axis 360)
- Follett (Follett Shelf)
- Mackin (MackinVIA)
- OverDrive

Demos were reviewed and summaries were created to determine which vendor might be chosen to begin negotiations for a shared eBook collection. It is anticipated by late June/early July 2014 for a decision.

SELS was awarded one of eight competitive LSTA grant awards to bring the Red Wing High School library media center onto the SELCO ILS as a SELCO online library. Work is anticipated to start soon after July 1, 2014.

**SELS/SELC FY2015-18 Strategic and Technology Plan**
- In April 2014, the SELCO/SELS Board of Directors gave their support to the staff-developed implementation plan for the FY2015-18 Strategic Plan.
- Staff will have a kickoff meeting in early July 2014 to discuss Year 1 implementation plans.

**Camp Read-A-Lot**
- The 2014 SELCO Camp Read-A-Lot, for teachers in Grades 2-5, as well as librarian, media center staff, and others interested in discovering new books for students, will be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2014 at the Cascade Meadow Wetlands & Environmental Science Center in Rochester. Speakers will include Kathleen Baxter, children’s literature consultant who specializes in nonfiction book talks and Laura Purdie Salas, an author and children’s poet

Southwest Area Multicounty Multitype Interlibrary Exchange (SAMMIE) (Shelly Grace)

Highlights
- 2 libraries hosted teen author with SAMMIE YA Author Grants
- Held 4th Annual Teen Summit.
- Currently accepting scholarship applications for July - September. To date, SAMMIE has granted requests of about $1,900.
- Granted 29 libraries $100 each through the Teen Summer Read Grant.
- Executive Director visited with six public library directors at their libraries.
- Interviewed two candidates for the Assistant Director position, and will soon make an offer.
- Executive Director spent a day with the Ellsworth Public Schools as they prepare to automate the high school library. The School Library is able to finally automate with a School Library Automation Grant of $5000 from SAMMIE.
- Completed and successfully passed a budget for FY14-15.
- Executive Director attended Legislative Library Day in St. Paul.
- Executive Director attended the Library Technology Conference at Macalester College.
- Scheduled ELM database training for area librarians. This is late this year due to anticipated changes in the databases included in ELM.
- Signed lease agreement with Southwest Minnesota State University's McFarland Library for FY14-15. By this agreement, SAMMIE’s rent will be paid in-kind, with the Executive Director spending 5 hours each week at the reference desk during the academic year.
Traverse des Sioux Library Cooperative (Orrin Ausen)

- Finished major fundraising event, “TdS Library Cooperative Regional Annual Gathering”. We raised $1,600.00 for awarding honorariums to library staff.
- Have made several onsite library visits to introduce myself and discuss library needs/wants.
- Completed process of three RFPs: automation, bank, and telephone. Have only selected vendor for telephone and will make decisions for other two by end of June.
- Met with webpage design company, PresenceMaker, to discuss a total rebuild, responsive design of TdS website. Should be able to make a decision by end of June.
- Have begun conversations with K-12 school media specialists gathering information and interest in converting/migrating automation software to TdS automation system. Don’t know if this will mean continuing with SirsiDynix or BlueCLOUD/Enterprise OR Triple I Sierra/Encore automation SaaS.
- In discussions with Coughlan Foundation, Mankato School District 77, and Mankato Area nonprofit agencies, businesses, and libraries to purchase a subscription to myON Reader for a “Community Reads” project that will implement an early literacy reading program for our schools and community.
- Working on forming corporate sponsorships to help with library projects/programs and purchases of electronic resources for K-12 schools.
- Plan and assist public libraries with summer reading activities/programs and observing their kick start.
- Provide assistance with writing and applying for Arts & Cultural Heritage Funds (ACHF) grants for library events & programming and getting to go see them!
- Rewriting policies to update TdS personnel handbook.
- Plans to establish & promote a “Continental Breakfast with Your Legislators” in each county within our region for board trustees and library staff to discuss library issues.
- Getting ready for county fair season to promote libraries and signup for new patrons.

Private Colleges Report
Kathy Parker

College of Saint Benedict/Saint John’s University (Kathy Parker)
The College of Saint Benedict has concluded its Centennial year, and the Archives played a major role in providing historical material and planning assistance for the celebrations. In our Centennial preparations, we noticed a real gap in narrative history of the College. To help close that gap for future researchers, we have started recording video/oral histories with key figures in the history of the College. This has led us to explore strategies for digital video access and preservation.

We have made some small progress on our renovation efforts at Saint John’s. This summer the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library, our special collections library, is receiving a major overhaul, including some space shared with the University Library. We will have a new graduate reading room in the HMML footprint, and much improved classroom and display space for teaching with special collections.

Finally, our wonderful 81-year-old preservation specialist, Br. Andrew Goltz, will retire at the end of this month. Br. Andrew is a master bookbinder, and we will miss his craftsmanship in repairing, restoring, and rehousing our books. He was also the last member of our monastic communities to hold a position in the Libraries. For over 100 years there have been monks and sisters among our employees, but that era has now come to an end.

College of St. Scholastica (Kevin McGrew)
St. Scholastica is participating in year 2 of the ACRL’s Assessment in Action program. They will be assessing the information literacy skills of students and faculty in our first year program using an authentic assessment tool.

Cooperating Libraries in Consortium [CLIC] (Ruth Dukelow)
CLIC Libraries are in the process of a phased deployment of ProQuest Summon and Intota Management System. We are going live with Summon 2.0 on June 1, 2014. We plan to implement Intota Assessment over the summer, and to begin our transition to IntotaE in the fall.
Hamline University (Amy Sheehan)
Terry Metz has been named as Hamline's university librarian and will assume his duties on July 1st, 2014. In his role as university librarian, Terry will provide administrative leadership for Bush Memorial Library, the Law Library, and the University Archives, and will serve as initial leader of Hamline's newly consolidated library system.

Terry has substantial connections to Minnesota having previously served in various roles in the library and computing units at Carleton College in Northfield, Minnesota. He received B.A. degrees in business administration and geography from Gustavus Adolphus College and an M.A. in library science from the University of Minnesota. From 1986-1992 he served as consortium manager for Cooperating Libraries in Consortium (CLIC), a nonprofit consortium of private liberal arts college and university libraries in the Twin Cities. Prior to working for CLIC, he was employed as a librarian at Hamline University.

Terry has more than 30 years of experience as a library and information technology leader in higher education. He has served as university librarian at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, Virginia, library director at the U.S. Naval War College in Newport, Rhode Island, and as vice president for library and information services at Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts.

Macalester College (Terri Fishel)

Migration to OCLC WMS
Beginning June 2 Macalester will be in live testing of our migration to OCLC WMS. Effective June 3, Macalester holdings will be suppressed in CLICnet and by June 15, Macalester will no longer be accessible via the Minitex Gateway VDX system. We will still be providing access to our holdings through Interlibrary Lending and all our materials will be discoverable via OCLC. Visit our resources.

Media Services Relocated to the Library
The move of the entire media services collection and staff to the library was completed during the week of May 19th. With the relocation, the entire media collection is now available for browsing as well as lending.

LibTech Conference 2015
Planning is already underway for the March 2015 conference. Notices for submitting proposals will be sent out in August.

Collection Management Project
Last fall the library implemented a collection reduction project and we are now getting close to completing the first year of this two year project. Using Moodlegroups we have been able to share files of recommended titles for withdrawal, collect feedback from faculty, and have been able to start to reduce our collection. Over 2000 titles have been removed.

Captive Audiences/Captive Performers
In April the library completed work on publishing a multi-media ebook in our Digital Commons. Seven years in the making, it is the compelling story of the theater performances produced by prisoners of war in Burma during World War II. From the author: this “book tells the story of how music and theatre helped the 61,000 POWs who were sent to these camps survive their ordeal. It is a story that is not well-known to history and it is now being recovered. It is a story about how music and theatre and the other arts are absolutely essential to a society’s life.”

University of St. Thomas (Dan Gjelten)
An early retirement incentive program at the University lead to the loss of two distinguished colleagues from the University Libraries – Linda Hulbert, Associate Director for Collection Management and Services, and Jane Shriver, Cataloger. Both Linda and Jane were huge contributors to UST Libraries’ success over the last two decades. Maybe even more importantly, they were excellent colleagues who became beloved friends. We bid them farewell last week and have received approval to replace both positions. Contact Dan Gjelten if have questions about either position, which we hope to search and fill over the summer.

In addition to those changes, UST is going through many changes campus wide – with new leadership and the development of strategic objectives. The Libraries are very involved in discussions of new directions for the Libraries and the university.
Our department of Special Collections and Archives will be installing a compact shelving system over the summer which will increase our storage capacity by 70%. UST Libraries staff are very involved in the CLIC migration to Intota, our new Library Management System. All CLIC Libraries are now using Summon, the discovery layer, and will be implementing Intota Assessment over the summer. In the next academic year, we'll phase into the rest of the migration.

O'Shaughnessy-Frey Library staff are working on a rearrangement project which should result in our books and periodicals organized in a somewhat more intuitive way in the building. But with collections on six different floors, it is a bit of a puzzle. Thankfully, we have staff here who are brilliant in these matters.

Regional Public Library Systems
Chris Olson

Arrowhead Library System (Jim Weikum)
“Lean” Project
Last Fall, ALS started working with John Huber, author of Lean Library Management, to conduct a Lean analysis of several ALS services. We created a “Cross Functional Team” of ALS employees, along with representation from member public library directors. Additional ALS staff participated, depending on the particular service being reviewed. The most time-consuming process was an analysis of our Delivery service, which consists of an ALS employee driving an ALS vehicle, a contract courier service, and the connection with the Minitex delivery system. The process was complicated by a 6-week absence of a key employee right in the middle of the analysis. The analysis resulted in a recommendation for two potential models for re-structuring delivery at ALS. The most cost-efficient model would have ALS contracting for 100% of the Delivery services, but that also the more complicated model to achieve. ALS administrative staff will be working on implementation options in the weeks ahead.

Three other ALS service areas underwent Lean analyses: the Print Shop, our Mail-A-Book program, and the processes surrounding the acquisition and processing of new library materials. A number of changes were identified for streamlining services, and many of those changes have already been implemented or are now in the works. Most heartening was that in some areas, staff used various Lean tools and took the lead on identifying and implementing process changes. While Mr. Huber is no longer directly involved, ALS will use his services in the near future to make a presentation to our member libraries using the shared Horizon ILS concerning some potential changes to how requested materials are handled and labeled. Mr. Huber alluded to the labeling function during his September 2012 presentation in St. Cloud. ALS plans to keep the “Cross Functional Team” in place as we continue to review other ALS services and processes. We’ve talked internally for several years about the need for more cross-departmental training, and we are starting to make that more of a formalized reality.

Training Opportunities
Although ALS’s leadership team in still one person short with the continued vacancy in the Regional Librarian-Automation position, we are starting to re-build our tradition of a very robust focus on continuing education focus. Mollie Stanford coordinated a major workshop for Every Child Ready to Read 2 training with Saroj Ghoting on Friday, April 4. The retirement of Rebecca Patton in 2012 delayed our implementation of ECRR2 and we're excited to be getting back on track. Mollie is also coordinated some training by Pat Wagner later in April, including a session on “Customer Service,” a topic that never seems to grow old in our region. Mollie is also working with Marge McPeak, President of the ALS Board, to try and develop a programming series centered around older adults.

East Central Regional Library (Barbara Misselt)
Building projects
• Aitkin - Has broken ground for the addition;
• Sandstone – Received architectural plans for the new library on April 29th and are still considering both renovation and new construction;
• Cambridge – Has identified potential locations and is calculating relative costs. Cambridge is planning a spring 2015 bond referendum.
**Library automation**
We just did an uneventful routine upgrade, such a joy that this is now routine. NCIP implementation for interlibrary loan is ready and has been tested. We’re waiting for an OCLC appointment for implementation.

**Decreasing circulation**
Like others we continue on a downward trend for physical circulation. Digital library circulation is increasing at a greater rate than the decline in checkout of physical items, but not enough to make up for the overall decline in total items checked out. We began recording in-house circulation mid-way through 2013. Zinio also began in November, so 2014 may look different.

**MNsure**
We’ve been part of a grant project with Health Access to Minnesota to provide assistance by MNsure navigators at branch libraries. Appointments started out slow, but have recently been booked solid.

**Staffing**
The Reference and Interlibrary Loan position at Headquarters was vacated in December 2013. We reviewed and revised the job description and posted the vacancy internally as Resource Librarian. Sarah Hawkins accepted the position, thus we have a vacancy in Chisago Lakes for a Branch Librarian as well as in Wyoming where Rebecca Hostetler retired at the end of April. Additionally, we’ve had a number of Branch Aide positions vacated (about 10 hours per week). As the unemployment rate declines, it seems that it’s getting harder to fill part-time positions (heard this at Chamber meetings with other employers too).

**Great River Regional Library (Kirsty Smith)**
We celebrated Library Lover’s Month (February) by asking patrons to fill out a leaf for a flower or a tree. They told us they love us! It was rewarding to see all the leaves and read many kind words.

The Public Services Team has been discussing a 2012 Dakota County Library user study, and how GRRL could borrow ideas from the study to better measure library use and communicate its value. This is especially important as our circulation numbers are dropping and are now back at 2008 levels. Some of the reasons we believe the circulation has decreased are:

- More patrons are using e-readers and digital devices (we count them as a separate category).
- Patrons are using our spaces differently than in the past.
- A change in school curriculum has altered the way students use our libraries.
- Economic factors like employment and local business closures have also impacted circulation.
- Weather was cited as a factor in whether patrons were coming to the library.
- Decreased open hours also were cited as a reason for a decrease.

Our initial 2012-2013 Legacy audit results from Minnesota Department of Education Grants Services Division showed that there were no areas of concern for how we are expending Legacy funds.

**Lake Agassiz Regional Library (Liz Lynch)**

**Signatory Shortfalls**
The Lake Agassiz Regional Library Board has created a Signatory Budgetary Shortfall Policy. The intention of the Policy is to inform Signatories of the order in which reductions will be made, in addition to a timeframe in which action will be taken.

**Signatory Budgetary Shortfall Policy**
If a LARL Signatory chooses not to fulfill a LARL budgetary request, according to the LARL Agreement, failure to meet the Board approved Signatory amount results in direct service cuts to that Signatory. For Signatories which are Counties, if both a LINK Site and a branch exist within the county, a reduction in service will be made to the LINK Site before the branch. Reductions will be made within 30 days of shortfall notification.

As stated in the policy, LINK Site service reductions will take place before reducing services in the 13 LARL branches, in
which the LARL Agreement was originally intended.

Due to the Norman County shortfall, the Shelly LINK Site has been closed.

**Bagley Library Facility Project**

The new Bagley Library facility project is nearing completion. The City of Bagley/Clearwater Library Foundation portion of the building/construction project was completed in April 2014. LARL is working on the layout of materials and a purchasing plan. Fixtures and furniture will be arriving in approximately 8-12 weeks, with an opening date sometime in early June 2014.

**eReading Room for Kids and Teens**

LARL began using OverDrive's eReading Room for Kids and Teens in March. This interface is family friendly and provides simplified navigation options for specific genres, reading levels, and lists.

**The Beat Goes On**

The Winter/Spring 2014 Legacy Series: The Beat Goes On includes the following performers and performing groups: Irish Music & History in the Red River Valley with Jim and Bonnie Haney; Irish Music with Poitin; Lake Agassiz Drawn to History with Steve Stark; Clara Dillon Darrow: Pioneering Women with Dawn Duncan; Musical Reading Celebration with the Zinghoppers; Original Folk Songs with Lehto and Wright; Community Drum Workshop with Spirit; and The Magic of Dr. Seuss with Robert and Lynn Halbrook.

In addition, the Detroit Lakes Public Library staff have arranged for a bus trip in May from Detroit Lakes to the Minnesota History Center. Three other LARL branches will be leading bus trips this summer.

**Metropolitan Library Service Agency (Chris Olson)**

**Teen Lit Con Was A Success**

More than 600 people visited the event held at Henry Sibley High School on May 17. The purpose of this day is to celebrate teen literature, promote reading and writing, and to create a community of readers by connecting teens and authors. Reviews show that it achieved all that... and more. Planning for the 2015 event is already on its way.

**FY2013 Legacy Grant Comes To A Close**

MELSA finished expending Legacy dollars for FY2013 in April... and we will be submitting a final report to the State Library by July 1. MELSA also passed through a desk review/monitoring audit from the Department of Education in April. No findings were found.

**BookLens: A Reader's Advisory Tool**

The MELSA member library systems are collaborating with GroupLens, a research lab at the University of Minnesota, to further develop a reader's advisory tool called BookLens for MELSA library users. BookLens began as a basic ratings system for books and has been installed on Saint Paul Public Library site for several years. An expanded BookLens, customized for MELSA, will offer library users and staff more options to contribute content that integrates directly with the systems' catalogs. This virtual, interactive space for library users to share ideas and information will create a “metro-wide community of readers” with the libraries at the center. For the University, the project provides access to [anonymous] data for important research opportunities.

Two of the tool's features, ratings and reviews, will be implemented for staff and library users at Ramsey and Dakota in June with other systems' implementations planned for later this summer. Once these two features are functioning at all systems, the remaining two features, recommendations and lists, will be added. As systems are implemented, we welcome feedback and ideas for improving the tool from all staff and library users.

**Club Book Podcasts Available for Download**

Club Book is proud to bring bestselling and award-winning authors to the Twin Cities, and we are dedicated to making these events accessible to all audiences. That is why we make podcasts of all our events available for free streaming and download. Whether you missed the program, wish to hear it again, or want to share it with your friends, Club Book makes it easy to listen to [podcasts].
Northwest Regional Library System (Kristi Harms)
Things have been rather quiet up here in the far north, but there have been a few significant happenings in the Northwest Region.

The Godel Library remodel is nearly complete. The target date for completion was September 2013, so while we are slightly behind schedule, the library addition turned out really well, and the library now has almost twice the space.

The Dewey Decimal system has been restored to the Greenbush library, with much cheering and fanfare from the staff and the Friends and volunteers who shelve books and search for holds. The Warroad library will return to Dewey in the near future.

We had the Storyland Exhibit at the Thief River Falls library. This interactive display allows children to participate in a hands-on activity in each of three areas. Many area schools and daycares scheduled visits to the display and each child who participated was given a copy of one of the related books to keep.

The Karlstad LINK site celebrated its 10th anniversary on March 5, 2014. Karlstad is only open one day per week, for 4 hours, but can have more than 600 circs in that time.

NWRL and LARL have received a grant from NLLN to provide children's and YA e-books. Each library system will receive $1500 this year, and $5000 a year for the next three years. The money will be used to purchase e-books through Overdrive, and to promote the additional materials in the local school systems.

Pioneerland Library System (Mark Ranum)
PLS is in arbitration with the Head Librarian Union. We expect the hearing in June for the 2014 contract year. The Union asked for step increases and an 8% raise, plus an additional floating holiday. We had one meeting between management and the Union, the Union then demanded we move to mediation, after which the Union filed for arbitration. The Head Librarians are the only bargaining unit in PLS, with 17 members.

We have had more staff turnover at the Head Librarian level, with the announced retirement of several long-term employees and the latest loss of the Willmar Librarian, Ryan McCormick to GRRL. While the process of replacing those head librarians is time consuming, we are refreshing the head librarian staff contingent and that is allowing us to be more nimble and focused as we implement the strategic plan.

Marjorie DeJong has replaced Jean Clark as our new TS Coordinator. Marjorie comes to PLS from Sturgis, SD where she was the assistant director and prior to that position from Rapid City, SD where she was the TS librarian. She has excellent TS and technology skills, and we expect she will be a great addition to the central services staff.

PLS has submitted the job descriptions and survey forms to Bob Bjorklund for a salary survey. We expect him to be done with that project in the fall of 2014.

You can see the strategic plan outcomes form we are using to document our work at PLS. Each month, I send out a reminder to staff to enter information about their programs, services, outcomes, activities, etc. in each area of the strategic plan. It doesn’t matter how many people enter information or whether they fill out just one question box or multiple boxes in each session. I suggest that if a library has multiple staff, the librarian gather them for 20 or 30 minutes together and brainstorm all the activities in the strategic plan areas. The staff has copies of the plan on the desk and posted for staff to be reminded of what areas we have prioritized.

Plum Creek Library System (Mark Ranum)
The Marshall-Lyon County Library has voted to withdraw from PCLS. A mediation process has been established and at this point, a resolution is being proposed. The goal of mediation was to find a path for MLCL to remain a full participating member of PCLS. My understanding is that the MLCL Board has unanimously voted to accept this agreement. The next step will be for the PCLS Board to take action at our meeting on June 18.
PCLS will contract with Zinio starting May 1 for 60-80 titles, to be determined. We are working hard to improve the marketing of this service as PLS has had mixed results with the subscription in the first year.

PCLS and PLS are sponsoring a 2-day camp read a lot this year in August. This will be the first 2-day effort which includes both early literacy and elementary school materials.

PCLS is reconsidering the non-resident card fee of $25 per year in light of the Marshall situation. Currently, the non-resident fee stays with the library providing the card. I will be recommending to the PCLS Board that the new non-resident fee be raised to $60 per year, with $30 staying with the local library and $30 coming to PCLS.

PCLS continues the project to add the 4 school library collections in Murray County to the PCLS catalog. We have weeded and placed new barcodes on the collections and started the linking process on April 1.

Some PCLS libraries are coordinating to add Cypress Resume Builder to their resource lists. This is a terrific resource, and cheap!

The Nobles County Library has been selected to participate in the Northstar Digital Literacy Project, spearheaded by Kit Hadley at St. Paul Public. This program allows people to gain computer and internet skills and document them with tutors who help teach the skills.

Southeastern Libraries Cooperating (Ann Hutton)
Strategic and Technology Plan FY2015-2018
From start to finished product, Library Strategies guided the staff and an Extended Strategic Planning Committee through a Rapid Results Planning™ process that generated a new member-driven strategic and technology plan. The Board of Directors approved three goals and 10 strategies which form the basis of the new plan that will guide the organizations for the next four years. Library Strategies also engaged staff in two days of creative discussion to formulate a first year implementation plan.

Enterprise Implementation
SELCO has configured our new Enterprise discovery layer for all 90 Online Library locations. While the framework for the basic catalog remains consistent from location to location, each library has a wide selection of customized choices that will highlight local news and collections. Introductory rollout meetings were held in January and short focused episodes of SELCOtv highlight specific features. Staff are also willing to go onsite to assist with training.

New SELCO Website
As it was time for a new look, SELCO worked with a graphics artist to design and launch a new website. Initial response has been largely positive and needed only minor tweaks based on user input. We are continuing our practice of one-on-one usability testing to ensure ease of searching.

OCLC Reclamation
Work continues on our multiyear project to secure full OCLC membership for all 90 Online Libraries and take advantage of a free, one-time only, reclamation project to synchronize each library’s holdings with OCLC. All locations undertake thorough weeding, complete collection inventory, and work through a variety clean-up reports.

Viking Library System (Peg Werner)
Enterprise
The official launch of the Enterprise discovery layer was during the week of March 31 – April 4. The VLS site went live with a fairly low-key series of announcements while several of the member libraries will make splashier debuts. VLS staff provided rooms content design and management training on March 11 – 12 and local library staff have been developing their pages since that time. There will be additional staggered launches as more libraries declare their sites completed. Learning to do website design and html as well as training local staff was fine, but keeping up with my day job proved to be more difficult.
Zinio
VLS has also re-upped the Zinio contract for one year with the system responsible for the full cost. Like Plum Creek, we feel we could do a better job marketing the service and so will focus our efforts on that area.

Fergus Falls Public Library Renewal Project
The Fergus Falls Public Library staff has been gathering data using various needs assessments tools: focus groups, area-wide surveys, Futurists, in order to define the future needs of the library. The Needs Assessment Summary recommended hiring an architect and library planner to address the often mentioned need for additional space. Architectural firms are required to form teams of an architect, engineer, and library planner in order to bid the project. It was fun to watch them reach out to the professional library community as they put their teams together. I look forward to the presentations.

State Government/Special Libraries
Brooke Roegge

CALCO Activities
• On July 22, CALCO will hold their annual summer luncheon at the newly restored Union Depot in downtown St. Paul. The event will include a tour of the venue and lunch at Christo’s.
• CALCO will host a professional table and be an associate sponsor during the Oct. 8-9 Minnesota Library Association Annual Conference in Mankato.
• In September, Minnesota State Law Librarian Liz Reppe will join the Minitex Policy Advisory Council, replacing Brooke Roegge as the State Government Libraries representative.

Attorney General Library (Anita Anderson and Karla Gedell)
The Attorney General Library celebrated National Library Week with its 20th Annual Library Open House on April 17. The theme this year was “Law in the Movies.” AG Staff walked a red carpet into the library while library paparazzi shot photos. Votes were cast on Best Lawyer in a movie, Best Law Student or Legal Assistant in a movie, and Best Legal Movie. A legal movie trivia quiz and a homemade dessert table completed the open house. We also screened the documentary Girl From Birch Creek: The Life and Legacy of Justice Rosalie Wahl (highly recommended!) over two noon hours that week.

Library staff also assisted in the move to Bremer Tower for our Capitol staff (Attorney General, her assistants, Human Resources staff, and office financial staff). They will be in residence for approximately two years, while Capitol building renovations are completed.

Dept. of Employment & Economic Development Library (DEED) (Dru Frykberg)
The DEED Library welcomes new staff member Angela Boardman, a graduate student in St. Catherine University’s MLIS program, who starts in June as a student worker paraprofessional senior.

In other news, senior librarian Dru Frykberg and digital information specialist Brooke Roegge received a DEED team achievement award for their work achieving greater efficiency in the library through weeding, moving to online subscriptions, reducing journal costs and promoting the use of ELM databases.

Dru is also coordinating the Minnesota Library Association Annual Conference session, “Got business questions? SBA/SBDC is here to help” with colleagues from the agency’s Small Business Association and Small Business Development Center offices.

The library now offers agency-wide access to the Minneapolis/St. Paul Business Journal through a new digital portal subscription. And DEED recently launched Graduate Employment Outcomes, a tool to help people make informed decisions about careers and education. Use the resource to learn how many recent Minnesota graduates found Minnesota jobs and discover their median wages and top industries.

Please consider following @deedlibrarian on Twitter to learn about DEED resources and services of interest to librarians. Contact the library at 651-259-7188 or deed.library@state.mn.us for help accessing agency information. In addition, the
library is available by appointment to business researchers exploring exporting opportunities.

**Legislative Reference Library (LRL) (Elizabeth Lincoln)**
This year has brought a number of staffing changes at the Minnesota Legislative Reference Library; the most recent hire is Alyssa Novak as a reference librarian. Alyssa's previous experience was as an online librarian for Globe University.

The Library has been working with legislative librarians around the country to plan sessions for legislative librarians as part of the annual conference of the National Conference of State Legislatures scheduled for August 19-22.

Library staff have been working with other legislative staff on accessibility issues related to the Legislature’s website. One of the Library’s publicly-accessible computers now has JAWS screen reader software installed for use by all visitors to the Capitol and for staff programmer testing. The Library is also working with other legislative offices to evaluate the accessibility of the Legislature’s web pages.

With the busy legislative session over, Library staff focus on projects for the summer. A dull but long overdue project is weeding a big part of the circulating collection. The most fun project is assisting Senate staff with composing the Senate State Fair poll questions. An annual summer project is going through all the newly passed laws to track the reports required by the Legislature.

**Minnesota Dept. of Transportation (Mn/DOT) Library (Sheila Hatchell)**
MnDOT Library used some of its John Cotton Dana Award money to purchase shelving for a small storage room within the library to use for locked storage and archival purposes. Additionally, we hired an archivist to sort through and organize the various non-library materials that have been donated to the library by retirees during the past decade. The project was very successful and we are extending the contract with our archivist.

Through participation in the Transportation Library Connectivity and Development Pooled Fund Study, we now have access to LibGuides and are exploring how to integrate our recurrent research topics into them.

We recently hired Law Library Consultants to assist us in identifying a library statistics/metrics tracking program. The need for this was realized during the return on investment study last year. Collecting all of the information that helps us tell our story is currently a time-consuming manual process, and we’re hoping to find a cost-effective solution to automate this process.

Sheila Hatchell was an invited speaker to the Texas Library Association Annual Conference in April to present on library valuation/return on investment for special libraries.

Special Libraries Association Transportation Division presented Sheila Hatchell with an Innovation Award for her work on Library Valuation/Return on Investment. See the [award announcement](#).

**Minnesota State Law Library (Liz Reppe)**
The Minnesota State Law Library, along with the Minnesota Coalition of County Law Libraries, help plan and put on an educational program for public librarians. The half day program was called “Get the 411 on Legal Reference”. It included information on various topics including unauthorized practice of law, legal referrals, how to find people using free websites, the new online legal advice portal and legal websites every librarian should know. The free program was held at the Roseville Public Library on May 7.

**State University Libraries’**
Joan Rocca

**Minnesota State University Moorhead (Brittney Goodman)**
- The Library renovation project is 95 percent complete. We are still installing a few monitors and other technology and awaiting a few furniture items. In addition, Library 100, a 24 hour lounge is still under construction with hopes to be completed within the month.
• The Livingston Lord Library will be having a grand opening/ribbon cutting ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 25th, at 1 pm, as part of Homecoming and the University’s 125th anniversary celebration. Plans are also underway for a speaker and other events surrounding the grand opening.
• We are currently in the process of finalizing hires for a Fixed Term Public Services Librarian (2 year) and also a Circulation Technician.

Minnesota State University, Mankato (Joan Roca)
• Cornerstone, “a Collection of Scholarly and Creative Works,” is our new institutional repository ready to go online and it will be ready for full use in fall semester. We are using Digital Commons from bepress. We are working with the university’s marketing department to promote Cornerstone with printed and online materials.
• We continue to work with PALS to implement the Islandora digital asset management system as the new platform for digital collections from the University Archives. We will be migrating all our files from the current ContentDM system and switching to Islandora soon.
• We are in the process of upgrading to v. 2.0 of LibGuides with many worthy enhancements.
• At the end of spring semester we awarded seven scholarships to library student workers, starting a tradition that we plan to continue every year. Two of the scholarships are named after Ms. Dorothy Van Norman, a retired teacher and alumna of our institution who has established an endowment to support library student workers.
• We negotiated several big journal packages (Taylor & Francis, Wiley, and Springer) increasing our number of e-journals significantly. The license also allows us to ILL these resources, which will benefit other institutions.
• We upgraded our scanning for public use to the latest Scannx machines and installed several across the building. They have proven a total success for ease of use and great functionality. We get feedback from users, who think it’s very nice to have machines that don’t need manuals!
• Librarian Becky Schwartzkopf retired at the end of spring semester after 31 years of service.
• We have hired Zorian Sasyk as Electronic Access and User Experience Librarian and he will be starting in August. Zorian is a recent graduate from Wayne State University’ School of Library and Information Science.

St. Cloud State University (Mark Vargas)
• The Library completed an ASWOT analysis and decided on nine strategic directions. Final strategic planning will take place this fall.
• The Library implemented a revised Code of Behavior.
• The Operational Services Group, which provided administrative services to both the Library and IT, is dissolved. The Library’s administrative functions now are in the Dean’s Office.
• The Library has a new Research Consulting Room for librarians and patrons.
• The Library’s new recording studio will be completed this summer.
• Three 42” mobile digital monitors are now available for general patron use. They can be moved and used by any patron in the Library.
• A new custom-made large display case was ordered to hold items as large as double-elephant folios, and will be installed in late June.
• The Library’s atrium has been redesigned to include a fireplace and new furniture, and will be installed in late June.
• Dean Mark Vargas attended the Library Leadership in the Digital Age at Harvard University.
• Dean Vargas received the Mel George Award from the Chicagoland LIBRAS consortium for service to the organization.
• Richard Rubin, author of The Last of the Doughboys (about his interviews with the last surviving American World War One veterans), presented at the Library. He also met with several classes and local media. The evening’s event included a posting of the colors, readings by Theater students, an audience sing-along of Over There, and a reception hosted by the campus veteran’s organization.
• The Library implemented two Bookscan stations.
• New displays for books, videos, and newspapers were ordered.
• Student worker Colette Jackson began a video project called Your Library, Your Thoughts.
• Collections and Access Services began a weeding program. So far, about 5,000 books have been weeded.
University of Minnesota Coordinate Campus Libraries
Owen Williams

No report from University of Minnesota Coordinate Campus Libraries.

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Wendy Pradt Lougee

Recent Programs and Projects
Initiatives Bolster Interdisciplinary Work
The University of Minnesota Libraries has launched four strategic initiatives which draw on multiple areas of expertise within the Libraries.

- The Content Services Initiative is conceptualizing, implementing, and promoting sustainable services for content creation and publishing for scholarly and creative works for the campus community.
- The Data Management and Curation Initiative is developing a suite of data services, including a more comprehensive data management education for University researchers, iterative assessment of user needs for data management, data curation and repository services for discovery and access, and the development of collaborative solutions with campus and external partners.
- The eLearning Support Initiative is supporting a technology-enhanced learning environment by providing innovative solutions to integrate library content and copyright services and open educational resources into course environments. A Digital Coursepack development pilot created over 90 digital coursepacks for the Spring 2014 semester; the effort leveraged licensed content, instructor assessment of fair use, royalty requirements, and Bookstore accounting to create a seamless process across multiple campus services. The end result reduced student costs significantly. Work on the development of open textbook creation, access, and adoption has been bolstered by a Hewlett Foundation grant to the College of Education and Human Development with Libraries’ collaboration. The Initiative also continues to support the University’s innovative development of MOOCs and other efforts through the University’s newly established Center for Educational 
   Innovation.
- The Initiative on Interdisciplinary Research in the Sciences will collaborate with key campus partners to develop a programmatic approach to supporting and facilitating interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research in the sciences. Their work thus far has included data visualization tools/services to leverage Experts@MN for analysis of campus-wide interdisciplinary research in the sciences and enhancing portals created for interdisciplinary research priorities of the University.

Recognition for Librarians and History Day
In May Libraries staff members Mary Schoenborn and Lynn Skupeko were awarded the 2014 Librarian/Media Specialists of Merit at the State History Day award Ceremony for making a difference in the lives of students through History Day. As Tim Hoogland, Director of Education Outreach Program at the Minnesota Historical Society said of Mary and Lynn: “No library professionals are more deserving of this award. You have consistently gone above and beyond the call of duty to help kids. Wilson library is becoming an agent of academic change because of your efforts.”

He went on to say “the team at Wilson [Library] has become the national model for connecting campus library resources to the K-12 History Day community. In the past 5-8 years well over 25,000 middle and high school students have been served at Wilson. Many of these students are coming from urban and rural schools, and these efforts go a long way at breaking down equity and achievement gaps. We have shared these models with other state programs, and my colleagues are truly amazed at how this all comes together.”

Minnesota Institute for Early Career Librarians from Traditionally Underrepresented Groups
Since 1998, the University of Minnesota Libraries has offered the biennial, week-long Minnesota Institute for Early Career Librarians from Traditionally Underrepresented Groups. This institute for early career librarians underrepresented in the profession provides opportunities to learn about leadership and organizational behavior in institutions of higher education. Nearly 200 alumni of the Institute now provide a rich professional network for attendees. Participants are
urged to explore their strengths and professional interests to shape their careers in academic librarianship. To achieve this goal, the Institute:

- Provides intensive training in leadership, management, and decision-making skills;
- Increases self-knowledge and understanding of behavior in complex organizations;
- Develops skills in grant development, management and outcomes, and in professional writing and publishing; and
- Facilitates the development of a community of peers with whom participants share common experiences and on whom they can rely over time and distance for support and encouragement.

See photos from past participants.

Staff Appointments/Recruitment
Search Launched for Associate University Librarian for Research & Learning
The University of Minnesota University Libraries has launched a search for a new Associate University Librarian (AUL) for the Research & Learning Division. The AUL holds administrative, planning and resource responsibilities for 5 departments (Access and Information Services, Arts and Humanities, Social Sciences and Professional Programs, Physical Sciences & Engineering, and Agricultural/Biological/Environmental Sciences) and collaborates with leadership in Health Sciences and Archives and Special Collections. See the complete description and qualifications.

Current Exhibits
For full information on events and exhibits, visit continuum.

Labor in the Eyes of Artists: Zines, Scenes and In-Betweens
Through Friday, July 11, 2014
T.R. Anderson Gallery, Wilson Library

Vanished Landscapes: European Life, Landscapes, and Architecture before the First World War
Through Wednesday, September 17, 2014
Elmer L. Andersen Library