Central and Northern State Colleges
Cynthia Jorstad

Minnesota State Community & Technical College - Moorhead, Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Wadena (Perry Werner)
Just thought I would let you know that when you are needing something to write about for the next Minitex meeting, you can add that Perry Werner, Minnesota State Community and Technical College librarian will be retiring at the end of this school year.

Northland Community & Technical College - East Grand Forks/Thief River Falls (Cynthia Jorstad)
After hearing how well courtesy notices have worked in other libraries, we began to distribute them at NCTC. Our lost/billed rate has decreased and our academic year ended well with only a few lost/billed items.

All energy is focused on data reconciliation in preparation for the MnPALS ILS migration. The librarian was granted 16 extra days this summer to dedicate to the data work (in addition to normal extra days for ‘open hours’) … we’re currently in the midst of inventory. The East Grand Forks campus library has been without a security gate for years, and the missing item count is uncomfortably high (5% so far). Hopefully, this will make a strong case to fund a gate next year.

Vermilion Community College - Ely (Sharon Evenson)
We created a labyrinth outside the library in last two days. It is a path of reflection and transformative calm for the campus as finals begin. As you follow the path through the maze to reach the center, you can ring the bell and win a chicken flavored dinner (ramon noodles).
Greater Minnesota Public Libraries

Ann Hokanson

I did an informal survey of about 150 Minnesota public library directors, fifty-five responded. Some represented multiple branches, others very small stand alone libraries.

About half report no significant change in their circulation statistics over the past five years. Fifteen percent report a significant increase. Thirtyfive percent report a significant decrease.

75% report the are purchasing about the same quantity of physical items, and half report spending about the same amount of time managing/handling their items.

About half report changing their staffing because of changes in circulation.

Less than half the respondents made comments, and on varying topics, so the summary below is not statistically valid, but a beginning point.

Reasons for circulation changes:
• Increases were attributed to improved facilities, collections, or staff changes.

• Decreases were largely unexplained.

• Quite a number of respondents were in the no change anywhere category, implying business as usual.

There were 2 categories of change for purchasing:
• Recovering budgets. Some institutions reported buying as much or more because of newly recovered funding.

• Reallocating dollars. Some institutions reported they were directing dollars to different areas of the collection.

• There were no reports of voluntary reductions in collections spending to fund other types of library services, like programming.

There were 2 categories of change for staffing:
• Increased time on collections. Some institutions reported finally having needed staff to catch up on backlogged acquisitions, cataloging, weeding, or other collections tasks. The needed staff came from either recovering budgets or reallocating time.

• Less time on collections. Some places reported being able to redirect staff time, found by combining service desks, changing methods or reassigning staff, to outreach, programming, improved customer service, and merchandising. There were no reports of looming or recent staff cuts, or of reallocating staff dollars to collections.

Metro-Area Public Libraries

Susan Nemitz

No report submitted.
Minnesota State Library Services
Jennifer Nelson

Better Together: Strengthening Adult Learning Communities
State Library Services worked with adult basic education, workforce, and library partners to offer three Better Together workshops this spring. The workshops offered 180 library, adult basic education and workforce center professionals a chance to team up to address the needs of students, workers, job seekers, and employers.

Better Together attendees learned more about online resources including the Northstar Digital Literacy Assessment, the Minnesota Literacy Council's digital literacy curriculum, and the Electronic Library for Minnesota’s Adult Learning Centers. According to event evaluations, library staff appreciated “an opportunity to learn what other agencies that may serve the same population as the library are doing.” Likewise, other attendees learned “the resources available at libraries can help in ABE beyond digital literacy.”

Attendees were also offered the opportunity to apply for small grants to increase collaboration between the three partners and improve adult literacy and/or workforce outcomes, especially in the area of digital literacy. Grants are funded through Workforce Innovation Act Incentive Funds. Please contact Emily Kissane (651-582-8508) for more information.

Bring the Eco Experience to Your Library
State Library Services is collaborating with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency on a pilot project to bring a smaller version of The Eco Experience to public libraries. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency has fabricated “Your Resilient Community: Assets to Help Your Community Weather a Changing Climate,” a traveling tabletop exhibit comprised of two large pieces and a portable table with a 6’ x 3’ footprint. This interactive exhibit helps identify community assets that address three changing climate challenges affecting Minnesota communities as well as a button maker so visitors can bring home an exhibit memento. The exhibit will travel to Saint Paul Public Library branches this summer and fall. We are seeking host sites outside of the metro area beginning in winter 2017. Please contact Emily Kissane (651-582-8508) if your library is interested in hosting the exhibit.

LSTA Five Year Plan
Working with an independent evaluator, State Library Services will begin a formal evaluation of our 2013-2017 Five Year LSTA Plan in early August. We’ll be looking at how well we achieved the goals we established. The evaluator will use a variety of different methods, including surveys, interviews and focus groups. If you’re contacted, we’d appreciate your participation. The evaluation is due March 31, 2017. We’ll also soon begin the planning process for a new Five Year Plan, and will seek input through surveys, focus groups and meetings, including a session at MLA. Please contact Jen Nelson (651-582-8791) if you have thoughts to share or are interested in hosting a meeting.

Measuring the Impact of Summer Learning Programs
We’re in the early stages of developing a survey tool to measure the use of summer learning programs and the impact library summer programming has on out-of-school time learning and preventing summer slide. We hope to use this tool to identify best practices in order to develop more successful summer learning programs for youth across Minnesota. Please contact Joe Manion (651-582-8640) with questions.

Public Libraries and Community Engagement
State Library Services was a Capstone client for the Humphrey School of Public Affairs at the University of Minnesota...
this spring. Staff worked with graduate student Pamela Foster to complete her Master’s Professional paper. Public Libraries and Community Outreach: Program Assessment for Serving Homeless Patrons examines how libraries across the U.S. and Canada, including Hennepin County Library, are using public outreach to engage staff, the community, and homeless patrons. The paper also discusses tools and methods libraries could use to measure the impact of their community engagement efforts. You can request a copy of the paper from Joe Manion (651-582-8640).

Steps to a Minnesota Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) Plan Continue
In April and May, MDE hosted ten public meetings to explore ESSA with large, diverse groups of stakeholders. Comments and presentations from most of the feedback sessions are now available on MDE’s website. In July and August, work groups will convene with the goal of informing the framework for Minnesota’s plan. Next steps are listed on this tentative timeline, and MDE anticipates submitting its plan in early 2017. Please send questions and comments to MDE ESSA.

Welcoming New Staff at MBTBL
Etta Thornburg joined the Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library as Audio Visual Education Specialist in early May. Ms. Thornburg will help to re-launch the volunteer recording program that will create digital audio recordings of locally selected materials. Prior to joining MDE, Ms. Thornburg was employed at Planned Parenthood in Des Moines, Iowa as their Education and Health Services Program Manager and brings a great deal of volunteer management and library experience to this position. For more information, contact Catherine Durivage (1-800-722-0550).

Multicounty Multitype Library Systems
Ann Walker Smalley

Arrowhead Library System (Shari Fisher)
Arrowhead Library System just completed a move to Horizon Software as a Service. Now, ALS automation staff members are working out some of the issues that always accompany a major system change. Other system enhancements are planned for late summer and early fall.

ALS will be offering a Summer Resource Showcase for School Library Staff on August 2 from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. This will include training and demos on:

- MackinVIA Regional School eBook collection
- ELM databases
- Brainfuse HelpNow and JobNow

Central MN Libraries Exchange (CMLE) (Patricia Post)
Executive Director Search
The Search Committee work is progressing well. Within two weeks all phone interviews will be completed, with in-person interviews happening the end of June. At this time, CMLE is on track to start a new Executive Director by August 15th, at which time they will work with two weeks with the current director.

Events
- May 5th event @ SCTCC to tour the new library, receive an eBooks MN presentation, and hear from guest author Jess Lourey
- Supervisor Nuts & Bolts Workshop series: April 14 and May 12
- CMLE is again one of the proud gold sponsors of EdCamp MidMN, happening on June 8 at Sartell High School

Other Activities
- This is a busy time with budget projections, the state-aid application, the annual audit, and the Report of Results Accomplished.
- Pre-writing of time-neutral blog posts takes place in the summer as well as necessary project work that increases the efficiency of CMLE.
Metronet (Ann Walker Smalley)

Teen lit Con was held May 7 at Sibley HS. More than 1000 people attended.

Metronet offered Not Your Grandma’s Library: Libraries in the 21st Century through OLLI. This is the 9th year for the class.

MILI finished the second year with St Paul Public Schools. Teachers & media specialists and library paraprofessionals participated.

Metronet's new web site is schedule to go live July 1.

Northern Lights Library Network (Kathy Enger)

Campbell-Tintah School

Roseau Media Specialist, Glenn Heinecke, will be working with Lynette Schwagerl to catalog the high school library collection this summer. NLLN president, Wayne Ingersoll has donated books and DVD's to Campbell School and MSUM donated 120 bookends. With assistance from Northern Lights Library Network, Viking Library System is bringing the Viking Bookmobile to Campbell.

Bemidji Middle School Library

The Bemidji Middle School library is under renovation and NDSU architect, David Crutchfield, graciously offered to visit the library to offer suggestions for renovation. NLLN is covered mileage and a gift card for $100 for the trip to the school library on April 15th.

Tribal College Library Directors

The tribal college librarians in the region meet quarterly. The spring meeting was at Leech Lake Tribal College in Cass Lake on May 11th. A new library will be opening at the White Earth Tribal College this summer and they need help moving and shelving the collection.

The Christiansen Library, Lutheran Brethren Seminary

An initial meeting with Brent Andrews of the Christiansen Library at the Lutheran Brethren Seminary took place on April 7 to determine library needs there. The library was given an organizational agreement to become a member of NLLN.

School Library at St. Joseph School Moorhead

Executive Director Kathy Enger met with Dawn Barrera at the St. Joe School library on April 8 to determine library needs. This is Dawn's first year managing the St. Joseph School Library.

Bookends

Donated from the Livingston Lord Library, Minnesota State University Moorhead and sent to Moorhead Public Schools, Bemidji Middle School, Horace May Elementary in Bemidji, Angle Inlet School, Fisher School, Red Lake Tribal College Library, Waubun School.

Internships

Three MSUM interns worked from January 2016 to May 2016 to create a concept map of the library of the future in order to integrate the ideas into NLLN's website. All three interns donated their time and a very special thank you goes to: Madeline Dixon, Ally Sanford, and Mindy Kraft.

The Library of the Future

A qualitative survey is underway to find out from people anywhere what will be needed in the Library of the Future. NLLN is undertaking this research in order to design a website that reflects the Library of the Future. Funding will be sought for this initiative and NLLN is working with Factor-of-4 to create a website. The survey asks, “Why do people need libraries? Write as much as you like.”

Career Development and Professional Engagement Scholarships Funding

Expended for Fiscal Year 2016.
Thirty-five broadsides each of poets in the NLLN region, Belar, Bennett, Dolence, Lajimoidiere, Vinz, and Zepper have been created by Patrick Vincent, professor of visual arts at MSUM and are for sale at $25/each to raise funds for NLLN’s scholarship fund. NLLN is seeking funding to bring the poets into the region to read their poetry and share their broadsides.

IBBY Workshop
On June 6, 2016, from 10 – 12 noon, in the Faculty Development Center Multi-Purpose Room 124 at Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM), Professor Emerita, Carol Sibley presented a workshop as a result of serving on the International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY), to select USBBY Outstanding international books, thus creating the USBBY Outstanding International Books list for children and young adults (Pre-K through high school). Professor Sibley will discuss the process of selecting the USBBY Outstanding International Books. As a result of Professor Sibley’s work, she has 356 books to donate to those attending the workshop.

Southeast Library System (Reagan Thalacker)
Practical Librarianship Workshop Series

Final two workshops for SELCO/SELS took place in March and May respectively:

Evaluation & Assessment – March 15th with Robin Ewing, SCSU – 23 attendees
When asked what they liked most about the program, comments included:

- “I am rethinking how I imagine/craft the focus of my programs.”
- “Variety of libraries represented and different issues to be measured.”
- “The worksheets – to be able to develop an outcome or goal for your own library.”

Library Spaces – May 17th with Pam Harland, Sanborn, NH Regional School District – 20 attendees

When asked what they liked most about the program, comments included:

- “...Inspired me to think that the library was my space to change to make it work best for our students.”
- “That it was a school librarian! She had great ideas we can implement right away.”
- “Opportunity to learn with other library staff in the region who are thinking and working about similar things.” [sic]

For more information.

SELCO/SELS has planned four new workshops for the FY17 year. They include customer experience, crisis management, state law library and legal reference, and fundraising.

2016 Camp Read-a-Lot
The 8th annual SELCO Camp Read-a-Lot for teachers in Grades 2-5 as well as librarians, media center staff, and others interested in discovering new books for students, will be held on Wednesday, August 17, 2016 at the Cascade Meadow Wetlands & Environmental Science Center in Rochester. Speakers will include Minnesota children’s book author Trisha Speed Shaskan and Lisa von Drasek, Curator of the Children’s Literature Research Collections of the University of Minnesota Libraries. For more information.

Traverse des Sioux TdS Library Cooperative (Bob Boese)
Director Search
Bob Boese began work as the Interim Executive Director in March following the departure of the Executive Director and Assistant Executive Director. A search is underway for a new executive director. The TdS Board Personnel Committee is now receiving applications.

New multi-type agreements
Traverse des Sioux Library has signed contracts for services with all of its public library members and one academic library; these require payment for those services. Many of the other types of libraries had no recollection that they ever “joined” Traverse des Sioux. A new agreement not requiring payment for services was drafted and distributed. Some
academic, special and school libraries have now signed those agreements, which allow access to some services, maintain communications, and an opportunity to vote and serve on the Traverse des Sioux Board of Trustees. The total number of members has gone down, but all of those members are now active participants.

**ELM Expo**
We have begun preliminary discussion with Minitex and member libraries about an ELM Expo, probably late fall or early winter, 2016. Minnesota State University Mankato has offered its library classrooms and assistance in planning.

**School participation in the Traverse des Sioux catalog**
Because of the change in leadership early in 2016, progress at getting schools in the Traverse des Sioux catalog has stopped. One persistent problem is in regard to training and certification of school media staff. Interest in participation is still there, but getting assurances that the cataloging would be done properly is a concern by both Traverse des Sioux staff and Board members. Traverse des Sioux provides centralized cataloging for all of its public library members. A bill to provide assistance to Traverse des Sioux for this purpose was introduced in the legislature early in 2016, but pulled after the change in administration at the Board’s request.

**North Dakota**

Mary J Soucie

Almost 70 library staff from 47 libraries attended the annual Summer Reading Workshops.

NDSL offered a "Blind Date" program for the month of February. This received positive feedback once again from state employees at the Capitol. The State Library held a March Madness Battle of the Books on our Facebook page. Participation increased dramatically from beginning to end. Librarians are saying they’re looking forward to next year’s battle.

NDSL recently launched a YouTube channel. We have begun to add State Documents to the channel. Access the channel at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCcLKQiLcfNrrAIKKhAVMsjA/.

Library Development Manager Peterson and Soucie met with a representative from Dakota Carrier Network to discuss bandwidth speeds at libraries and if there are ways they might be increased without increasing costs too much. Peterson and Soucie also spoke with ITD regarding e-rate for libraries. We may try to initiate a statewide contract for e-rate for libraries that aren’t part of the statewide contract for schools, which includes 8 of the largest public libraries, or for those libraries that have their internet access paid for by the state library. These conversations are part of our participation in the COSLA/ALA Library E-rate Assessment and Planning (LEAP) project. Peterson is developing a guide for broadband and assisting libraries with setting up the EPC accounts as part of the LEAP project as well. Soucie attended an E-rate meeting with Senator Heitkamp, FCC Commissioner Rosenworcel, and representatives from ITD, NDUS, Edutech and several schools. Soucie gave an overview of the LEAP project and how libraries are utilizing E-rate funds, prepared by Peterson.

Soucie gave two presentations at the West Fargo staff development day. Topics were Active Shooter procedures and dealing with difficult patrons.

Digital Initiatives Librarian Baltzer Kom presented a Scan Day at the Grand Forks Public Library.

Public Library State Aid was distributed in March.

Library Development Manager Stroshane visited Dickinson Library and led a staff retreat facilitation focused on drafting new vision and mission statements with a breakout session on weeding. Soucie was supposed to do this as a Librarian for a Day visit but had to reschedule due to a meeting with Senator Heitkamp.

Digital Initiatives Librarian Baltzer Kom conducted a tour of NDSL for the BisMan Historical and Genealogical Society. Stroshane created a Story Map providing an overview of ND public library usage in 2015. Soucie attended National Library Legislative Day in Washington D.C. She met with aides for both Senators and Congressman Cramer. She also visited the Library of Congress. The Spring COSLA meeting was immediately following...
Soucie attended the MPLA Leadership Institute as a mentor. There were three fellows from ND, 2 from a public library and one school librarian. The week offered many opportunities for networking. The Leadership Institute Coordinator and one other mentor were also from ND. Baltzer Kom co-presented a Digital Preservation webinar with Minitex.

Soucie was invited to attend a one-day L3 (Libraries and Literacy Leadership Institute) Summit to discuss what was learned and next steps. A select group of participants and mentors from Minnesota, Wisconsin and North Dakota attended the summit.

**Private Colleges**

Terry Metz

**Augsburg College (Mary Hollerich)**

**Strategic Alliance Initiative**

Augsburg College and Luther Seminary are exploring the possibility of shared services in all “back of the house” (i.e., non-classroom) operations. The IT departments and libraries at the two institutions are at the forefront of this exercise. While the IT departments at Augsburg and Luther have been collaborating on a deep level for the past few years, the library staff members from both institutions met on June 1 to hold preliminary planning discussions and chart a vision for their ideal library in this shared services future. Further discussions will be held this summer and a full set of recommendations is expected by fall 2016.

**Liaison Program**

After months of discussion and careful deliberation, the staff at Augsburg’s Lindell Library have completed work on a significant revision to their academic liaison program. Engagement with users and support for research and learning are now the primary foci of the newly conceived liaison program. New areas of responsibility include support for scholarly communication and grants management.

**Bethany Lutheran College (Alyssa Inninger)**

**Student and Faculty Annual Survey**

The results of our annual spring library survey were largely positive and informative. The top requests students asked for were longer hours and more print books. We hope to extend hours on Fridays and Saturdays this fall, however we will be keeping stats to monitor usage. The most requested books were adult and young adult fiction! The vast majority of students and faculty indicated they preferred reading print for pleasure but used both print and digital resources (nearly equally) for research. Video streaming is preferred over physical media, but DVDs are still popular.

**Interlibrary Loan**

We are working to open up interlibrary loan of our seminary materials. Items already appear in the catalog, but requesting them will be much easier. It is a rich collection of primarily Lutheran writings. We have also opened up our children’s and young adult collections to interlibrary loan.

**Marketing and Student Outreach**

Successful marketing and outreach strategies this year included game nights, consistently updating digital signage, and a coloring station during finals. Interactive book displays and voting opportunities effectively engaged students. Students regularly vote for the next flavor of coffee we offer as well as for the annual Booketology contest. Harry Potter ultimately won in our Heroes vs. Villains display this year!

**Carleton College (Brad Schaffner)**

**Integrated Library System**

Through the Bridge collaboration, the Carleton and St. Olaf libraries will bring up their new joint catalog on June 20. Bridge is migrating to the Ex Libris products Alma and Primo.
College of St. Benedict/St. John's University (Kathy Parker)

Integrated Library System
The CSB/SJU Libraries migrated from Ex Libris’ Aleph integrated library system (ILS) to OCLC’s WMS ILS effective June 2016. Our excellent cataloging staff spent the last few months doing as much bibliographic database cleanup as possible and, as a result, our data migration went off without a hitch. While we are still learning how to maximize efficiencies in this new system, so far we are happy with the intuitive structure and more efficient workflows from the start.

Building Renovations
Work has begun in earnest on the Alcuin Library renovation and expansion at SJU. Groundbreaking was held April 22. The day after commencement we began relocating our collections, most going into warehouse storage until our new shelving is installed. We had investigated using a library mover, but in the end decided to do the work ourselves. CSB and SJU are not work colleges in the traditional sense, but there is a strong tradition of student employment for many purposes on both campuses. It took us just over three weeks to move about half a million items. Students are now disassembling the old shelves and we expect to vacate the building entirely by June 15. Alcuin Library will reopen in January 2017.

Media Services
Our hard-working media team is catching their breath after a busy year. We’ve experienced an increase of faculty requesting assistance with class assignments using traditional audio and video resources as well as classes working with new technologies in data visualization, 3D printing, and language analysis. The media staff have also deepened their work with our student media organization, Johnnie Bennie Media, to extend our impact in co-curricular services as well.

College of St. Scholastica (Kevin McGrew)
President
Our new President arrives July 1 and we recently received news our Vice President for Academic Affairs is leaving the college at the end of August. MnPALS will be migrating to a new integrated library system.

Cooperating Libraries in Consortium (Ruth Dukelow)

Professional Development Event
CLIC sponsored an April 12, 2016 conference, “Designing the Library’s Learning Space – the Architecture of the Library’s Curriculum.”

Integrated Library System
In 2017, CLIC will migrate from Innovative Interfaces Millennium product to Ex Libris Alma and Primo (now owned by ProQuest). CLIC is in the process of finalizing a license addendum with ProQuest and Ex Libris for the two new products. Our target date for migration is May 31, 2017.

Hamline University (Terry Metz)

Integrating Library/IT Service Points
In early September 2015, the Bush Library combined its circulation and research service points. In addition, Academic & Client Technical Services (ACTS)—a division of our university’s IT unit—relocated the IT help desk, academic computing, and personal computing support elements—from the library’s lower level to the main floor.

All of these library and ACTS service points are collocated into a single, temporary arrangement—dubbed the Combined Service Desk (CSD)—near the library’s main entrance. Planning is underway to relocate this service point to a more permanent and elegant location on the library’s main floor during July 2016.

Information Literacy Tutorials
Five online tutorials and a post-tutorial quiz were provided to all First Year Seminar students at the beginning of fall semester. Both student and faculty feedback have been moderately positive and our average class score on the post-tutorial quiz was 82%. Research & Instruction Librarians were also more able to engage students in meaningful, small-group, active learning activities in a way not possible without “flipping” some of our content into the online tutorials.

This summer Hamline research & instruction librarians are revising these tutorials and considering possibly migrating
them to a new tutorial platform.

**SIPX**
The Bush Library has begun a soft roll out of SIPX with select faculty as another means of enhancing digital course support.

**MLIS Practicum**
The Bush Library is hosting a summer practicum for a student in the St. Catherine University Library and Information Science program.

**Macalester College (Terri Fishel)**
**Open Textbook Workshop for Faculty**
Ron Joslin coordinated an all day workshop for faculty on May 24th on the topic of adopting, adapting, or creating an open textbook for their course. We had 12 faculty participate along with members of ITS and a guest. We have an entire language department that is interested in creating an open access textbook for their students. We will be monitoring progress during the summer and give an update on how many faculty implemented an open textbook for their courses in spring 2017.

**Creating New Group Study Spaces**
The library received funding to renovate a space on our third floor to accommodate increased demands for group study spaces for students as well as address a need for a larger space for faculty conversations that take place on Monday and Friday at noon and are sponsored by our Center for Scholarship and Teaching. New furniture along with a new smart board and additional white boards will help us create a space that can be used during the day for presentations and at night by students.

**Digital Scholarship Conference**
The library is hosting the first annual Oberlin Digital Scholarship Conference from June 10-12th. Archivists and librarians engaged in digital scholarship will be meeting Ellen Holt-Werle who coordinated the organization for the conference.

**Northwestern Health Sciences University (Anne Mackereth)**
**Participation in Minnesota Digital Library**
Susan Vossberg, Technical Services Librarian, was appointed to the Minnesota Digital Library/MN Reflections selection committee for new applications to that collection.

**Expanding Support for Online Course Offerings**
The library is positioning itself for expanded online course offerings. We have traditionally been a university of hands-on programs, but are now expanding programs, such as the one in Applied Clinical Nutrition, that allow for distance learning.

**Archival Exhibitions**
Our Archivist, Monica Howell, created a Tumblr site to document exhibitions and started an Instagram account to share library and archives materials and university events (@nwhsulib).

**History of Minnesota Chiropractic Schools**
Monica also co-researched and co-created a presentation on the history of Minnesota chiropractic schools that she presented at the Association of the History of Chiropractic 2016 annual conference at NWHSU on June 4, 2016.

**University of St. Thomas (Dan Gjelten)**
**Linking with Teaching, Learning, and Research Mission**
The University Libraries, collaborating with Information Technology Services and Faculty Development, are developing STELAR (St. Thomas E-Learning And Research), an initiative that is designed to promote “transformative uses of technology to enhance the teaching, learning and research missions of the University.” The center will include services for designing, building, training and delivering online and blended courses, advanced research support and other innovative services which explore new and emerging technologies and their potential impact on teaching, learning and
research. The center will be located in the O’Shaughnessy-Frey Library on the St. Paul campus.

**Recruiting Two New Professional Positions**

The UST Libraries will be hiring two new staff this summer – the first, an Associate Director for Access and Digital Services who will be responsible for access to the library's content in both physical and digital space. The second

**Regional Library Systems**

Barbara Misselt

**Arrowhead Library System**

March 22 marked the 50th anniversary of the first meeting of the Arrowhead Library System (ALS) Governing Board. The current ALS Board is still determining the best way to celebrate that milestone.

At ALS, a great deal of time and effort in 2016 will be devoted to major improvements and upgrades to our Horizon ILS. On May 24 and May 25, ALS migrated the Horizon operations to a SaaS (software as a service) environment where SirsiDynix now host all ILS-related servers. This is a continuation of efforts to dramatically reduce server management at ALS. Last November and December, ALS moved its e-mail system to a hosted Gmail environment. From February through April, a new ALS website was developed and then launched. It is also now hosted off site. Last November, after nearly 50 years of ALS providing bookmobile services, ALS implemented the MobileCirc on our Bookmobile, using iPads and scanners, eliminating manual circulation. ALS libraries are excited about MobileCirc as well as it allows them to use mobile devices to perform inventories of their collection. To facilitate that process, ALS has purchased two “kits” that include iPads and wireless scanners that libraries can borrow. MobileCirc can also be taken to community events where staff can register new borrowers. Later this summer (August-September), ALS will begin implementing BLUecloud Analytics (reporting), Enterprise (SirsiDynix’s flavor of a discovery interface), and the e-Resource Central product that will improve how downloadable content (e.g. OverDrive) is interfaced with the regional catalog.

In July 2015, ALS discontinued its agreement for the Zinio e-magazine service and subsequently replaced it with OverDrive’s version of the product. A recent comparison of circulation data indicated a 57% increase with the OverDrive product, probably attributable to users having just a single interface for e-books, downloadable audio, and e-magazines.

**East Central Regional Library**

**Building for the Future**

The City of Cambridge is in high planning gear for a new library, including space for the regional ECRL Headquarters. For the last year, it appeared that the city had the perfect location in the Heritage Greens development, a mile south of the current 50 year old building. The city acquired a complete undeveloped city block that could eventually accommodate the new library, potential recreation center, and open green space. The plans were drawn, a 3D model was constructed, a fund-raiser was contracted by the Friends of the Library, and the city council approved a fall referendum for a .005% sales use tax. An unrelated weekend work session with the Minnesota Design Team put the whole project into a tail spin when the Team recommended that the city’s plans were all wrong with regard for downtown development. The Design Team recommended that the new library be constructed in downtown, taking advantage of the potential spending that could be done by the library’s visitors – according to numerous studies done by municipal planners. The City Council continues to deliberate . . . .

**New Branch Librarian**

Kirsten Vaughn is the new Branch Librarian at the Chisago Lakes Area Library. Kirsten began working with ECRL as a Branch Aide and has held a variety of positions in Technical Services, Interlibrary Loan, and most currently as Branch Librarian at Hinckley. She will complete her MLS degree by the end of 2016.

**Floating Collection**

ECRL is moving towards a floating collection across our 14 branch consolidated region. During the pilot period, floating non-print (CDs, DVDs, and books on CD) has demonstrated increased circulation in those areas. We are considering what format to add next.

**Great River Regional Library Proctoring Policy change**

Based on recommendations from our Public Services Team, the resident eligibility requirement was removed from our proctoring policy in March. Requests for proctoring have increased at GRRL – up 3 percent in 2015. GRRL charges $10
per session for proctoring.

**Patron Services Reorganization**
In April the GRRL Board of Trustees approved elimination the Associate Director - Patron Services position and reallocated resources to add a librarian position to focus on outreach. We also increased time available for library services coordinators for programs and local outreach initiatives. We are in the process of hiring this new outreach-focused librarian position.

**Minitex Director presentation**
We hosted the biannual Regional Staff Meeting on Tuesday, February 23, for all library services coordinators, librarians and department heads. Minitex Director Valerie Horton presented a session on 21st Century Library Skills which included an overview of trends impacting library work. She also discussed how to adapt personal skills to match future needs and how to develop a personalized learning plan. The remaining portion of the meeting was dedicated to small group table talks to brainstorm and share ideas for local action plans. As part of GRRL Strategic Plan Service Priority Literacy Goal 1, each library is formulating a local plan to improve or expand literacy efforts to a specific target audience.

**Tech Tutors**
Building off the success of our Book-A-Librarian program, Patron Services Librarian Connie Laing and Ariel Kirst have begun offering Tech Tutors sessions throughout the region. During these sessions, the librarians help patrons with any of their tech-related needs, including ebooks and computer help. It is hoped that allowing patrons to just drop-in and receive help will make this service more appealing to those who may have been hesitant to schedule a more formal appointment.

**Local interlibrary loan delivery**
Starting in July, Great River Regional Library will pilot local interlibrary loan delivery for regional partner libraries including St. Cloud State, St. Cloud Technical and Community College, the College of St. Benedict and St. John’s University. We are taking over this service from SCSU after analyzing the cost effectiveness of several options, including hiring a courier service.

**New Catalog**
Associate Director - IT Jay Roos has been working non-stop since the beginning of the year on a new Vufind discovery-layer catalog. The new interface will be responsive and include faceted browsing and Google-like searching. The new catalog can be found at vufind.griver.org.

**New Website**
GRRL will be launching our new website in mid-June. One primary goals of the redesign project is to make our website more responsive to provide a more optimized user experience across many different devices and screen sizes. This will be a great improvement over our current website which has been in place since 2008. A team of GRRL staff are building the improvements on our Drupal platform. Watch griver.org in June to see the new site!

**Staff changes**
In March, we celebrated the retirement of Deb Luken, library services coordinator for Monticello. Deb had been with GRRL for 27 years and was a leader in developing community-focused programming and services. Sarah Seeley, a Buffalo library assistant and recent MLIS graduate, was hired as her replacement in April.

Waite Park Library Services Coordinator Marilyn Patterson retired in April. She served in that role for nearly 10 years. The position is in the process of being filled.

**Lake Agassiz Regional Library**
The Moorhead Public Library received a grant from the Otto Bremer Foundation to update the Library’s community meeting rooms. The grant for $20,000 with an additional $10,000 in matching was used for new carpet, paint, furniture and equipment for the heavily used meeting rooms. The project completion date is set for June 10th.

The Ada Public Library was a recipient of a grant from the Dekko Foundation. The City of Ada provided new carpet, while the grant funding was used for new furniture and fixtures for library.

LARL locations have been introducing community members across the region to the new LARL mascot, Booker the Owl. Booker will be making appearances at summer reading program events and community events throughout the summer months.
School Libraries
Robin Weber

Saint Paul Public Schools
About 25 SPPS secondary students attended Teen LitCon and loved it. See photos in follow-up email. They were thrilled with Jason Reynolds.

SPPS summer school elementary sites will be staffed by licensed librarians who will be facilitating a connection with SPPL summer reading programming in all sites.

We continue our planning for the Obama ConnectED Library Card project and hope to issue Saint Paul Public Library cards all SPPS students and educational staff.

Finally, SPPS will be adding licensed LMS at 6 middle schools for the coming school year. Horace Mann and Mayfield hosted Chris Rylander.

Fillmore Central Elementary Library Preston
Our small district would have no databases if it weren't for ELM. I have ELM and individual ELM resources linked from our school website and library page. We go to them regularly for research. I made use of some of the tutorials, scavenger hunts, and Jeopardy games in library classes this year. We love and depend on these resources.

We also make use of the Demco discount.

Henry Sibley High in Mendota Heights
TeenLitCon - my students helped host the conference. 1,000 people were in attendance.

Every Friday the library club, called the Page Warriors, sold Caribou and donuts in the hallways. The money raised goes back to the library and the Page Warriors.

Seniors can letter in library at our school by completing a checklist of criteria. Two seniors lettered this year.

Our school library will be open in June 2 days a week to the community. Students and non-students can stop in to check out books and use our resources.

Our library has teens called Tech Warriors that assist other students and teachers with technology assistance. This is the first step before the person is sent to our District Technology Department.

We have small literary contest where students can win Caribou gift cards for $5. The contest are super small. Some just require students writing one sentence.

I compose a library report at the end of every month that has documented how many students have visited the library and for what purpose (homework, computer use, hybrid class, etc...). The report is also broken down by grade level and hour. It reports the most circulated books in the library, which grades checked out the most. The number of books ordered for the month is listed with the number of how many students and how many teacher requested new items.
State Government Libraries
Liz Reppe

Attorney General
Attorney General Library staff celebrated National Library Week on April 14 with their 22nd Annual Library Open House. This year’s theme was Rarities in the Library: Rare Books, Rare Book Collections, and Rare Book Thieves. Attendees entered a drawing for a gift certificate from Subtext Books and took a Rare Books PowerPoint quiz (e.g., Q: What volume is often missing from the A.G. Library? A: Vol. 1 of A History of Minnesota by William Watts Folwell. It is currently missing from the library. A second copy was recently purchased. Library staff is considering having it chained to the shelving.).

Staff also created their own “biblios.” Here are a few samples: Biblioblab (one who annoyingly tells how the story ends); Bibliocanine (a dog that chews books); and Bibliocheater (one who reads the last chapter first). The Open House included a book display called A Rogue’s Gallery of Book Thieves, information about local rare book collections, and the usual array of homemade cookies and refreshments.

State Law Library
In January and March the State Law Librarian, Liz Reppe, visited the LeCrescent and Rochester public libraries to talk to staff and patrons about legal resources and State Law Library services.

During the first quarter of 2016 the law library offered four free continuing legal education courses. Topics included Minnesota Legislative History Research (taught by Liz Reppe), Indian Child Welfare Act 101, Social Media: An Overview of the Ethical Implications, and Tribal Sovereignty and Tribal Courts.

In February the State Law Library hosted the “Why Treaties Matter” exhibit. It drew many visitors to the library. To complement the exhibit, library staff put together two display cases of materials from our collection on treaties and other Indian law topics.

We hired a new Electronic Services Librarian, Elvira Embser-Herbert. Elvira has the distinction of having worked at all four twin cities law schools over the years, in various capacities.

State Universities
Joan Roca

No report submitted.

Twin Cities & Southern State Colleges
Tom Eland

No report submitted.
University of Minnesota Coordinate Campuses
Owen Williams

University of Minnesota Crookston

The UMC Library is in the process of concluding a total inventory of all resources in the library. Keri Youngstrand spearheaded the project and will be cleaning up the catalog to complete the project.

The library went live with a new website the second week of May. This involved a total overhaul of all pages. UMC migrated to Drupal as a content manager.

A number of new titles have been added to the UMC Digital archives. This ongoing project adds items to preserve and to add access to titles that would otherwise be behind closed doors.

University of Minnesota, Morris

Briggs Library is looking forward to the arrival of a new Metadata and Technical Services Coordinator. Naomi Skulan will join the library staff on June 20th and will be focusing on managing and expanding our institutional repository and digital collections as well as cataloging our resources. The library and archives will host the second annual Archives Summer camp the week of June 20th. Six UMM alums will spend the week in the library focusing on various projects related to preserving the history of our campus, including the Indian boarding school and residential school of agriculture eras. Finally, the library staff is in the final stages of creating a new library website using Drupal with a goal of a rollout by July 1st.

University of Minnesota Duluth

Construction of the new Securian Math Learning Lab in the Kathryn A. Martin Library will begin on Friday, June 10 (pending Friday’s official approval from the Regents). This lab will double the space of the current lab and will involve a remodeling of storage and work space, as well as relocating some offices of our Learning Commons partners. Construction is expected to be complete in mid-September. We are wrapping up the implementation of our re-organization in the library; one significant result is that the re-organization brings together the circulation and technical services departments into one team, and the reference and archives & special collections into one team. We also created a new Digital Services team in the re-organization. In addition to re-building these new teams, we are also in the middle of a few hiring processes as a result of retirements, including a liaison librarian, a scholarly communications librarian, and a cataloger. Our Assessment in Action project, focused on the effects of librarian involvement on the research persistence in first-year writing classes, has wrapped up and will be presented at ALA this month. We’re working toward a go-live date in Drupal for January 2017, and are also working on migrating our Database A-Z list from E-ResEdit program to LibGuides.
**Bio-Medical Library Complete**
We are pleased to share news that the Bio-Medical Library has completed its renovation project. The library now has an open floor plan and a centrally-located service desk. New furniture creates distinct spaces for collaboration, productivity, learning, and study. Wayfinding has been enhanced with painting and signage, and a large-screen digital display will promote library services and showcase digital collections. The new space also provides greater visibility to librarian expertise and brings in new resources such as a data visualization center, productivity computers, a one-button video production studio. A virtual reality studio will be added to the Bio-Medical Library this summer.

**Capital Planning**
The University Libraries is on the University’s Six-Year Capital Plan priorities for a combined project of off-site storage (renovation of a warehouse) and planned renovation of Wilson Library. As preparation for predesign phase of this combined project two planning groups have been established. The first is working on a comprehensive collection management plan to address policy issues around print storage and retention. The second is a group working on assessing needs for programs and users in Wilson Library. Reports from both groups are pending.

**Wilson Library Digital Studio**
The University Libraries are in the final design phases for the Wilson Research Collaboration Studio (Wilson Studio). Construction is scheduled to begin in late fall 2016, to redesign the space that currently houses the reference collection and individual computing. The Wilson Studio will be a flexible, experimental space where faculty, librarians, technologists and students work together on projects that leverage digital tools and methods to create and disseminate knowledge. Designed for scholars at all levels--undergraduates, graduate students and faculty--and in all disciplines, the Studio is a destination for collaboration and consultation with librarians and other experts in digital scholarship, online publishing, geospatial data, entrepreneurship, and learning innovation. The Studio will be part of a developing network of spaces where the Libraries and its campus partners support and advance innovative research and teaching. The Studio is linked to programs such as Digital Arts Sciences and Humanities (DASH), U-Spatial, and Publishing Services, emphasizing its role as a physical anchor for collaborations with partners across the University.

**Libraries Completes Contract for Ex Libris Rosetta Digital Preservation System**
The Libraries has completed procurement and contracting for a state-of-the-art digital preservation management system, Ex Libris Rosetta. We expect the implementation and training process to begin in summer 2016. This is a component of a larger University-supported program, led by the Libraries, to bring digital preservation policy and services to the University of Minnesota’s libraries, museums, and archives, as well as to the assets in the Minnesota Digital Library, contributed by over 175 cultural heritage organizational around the state.

**Libraries Open Sharing Policy Approved**
The University Libraries Open Sharing Policy has been approved and implementation strategies are in planning. The policy asserts the Libraries’ positions on three major rights-related areas: 1) Uncopyrightable materials produced by the Libraries; 2) Copyrightable works (including computer code) produced by Libraries staff and works for which the Libraries has acquired rights by transfer or license; and 3) Copyrightable works owned by Libraries’ faculty-like staff members.

**Partnership for Affordable Course Content**
One of the primary goals of the University of Minnesota eLearning Support Initiative is to save students money by providing affordable course content alternatives. A number of efforts comprise the Partnership for Affordable Course Content program. Digital Course Packs (DCPs) provide faculty with the flexibility to combine library licensed resources, openly licensed content and other freely available online materials, and readings that may require a royalty payment. Our eLearning and subject specialist librarians often work with interested faculty to identify content and build DCPs to replace expensive textbooks. With the transfer of Copyright Permission Services to the Libraries in 2015, we had
the opportunity to review and remove DCP royalty payments for content we already own, providing further savings, in addition to offering more streamlined access to all of our course content support services.

The University of Minnesota Bookstores have been active partners in the DCP project which led to new opportunities as well. The Bookstores now share information about required course reading each semester. The Libraries then compare the required reading list with multi-user ebooks in our catalog or license the ebook. The Libraries was able to provide students with access to an online version of their resources in over 400 courses in Fall 2015.

Finally, the Libraries have now provided Partnership for Affordable Content grants for 39 unique projects. Several of the grant projects utilized the infrastructure created to support faculty publication of openly licensed textbooks (available to instructors around the world to reuse, redistribute and remix). The Partnership grant showcase (provides an overview of some of these projects.

The Partnership for Affordable content involves librarians and staff from across the Libraries and has potentially saved students $1.3 million in Fall 2015 and Winter 2016 terms. This number will continue to grow as we reach more students and faculty in future semesters.

Spring Semester = Lots of Requests for Textbooks!!

Interlibrary Loan Borrowing has had a busy Spring semester, as they processed 10,859 requests in January and February alone and also worked on the Bookstore Partnership Project. The significant increase in ILL requests is largely attributed to the ILL/Reserves Required Reading program and U Borrow (a resource sharing program of the CIC institutions); however, the overall increase could mean that the service is becoming more popular in general. In comparison to the beginning of Spring semester 2014, ILL received a 71% increase in requests to borrow books and a 22% increase for articles, which translates to an overall increase of 47%.

GRANTS
James Ford Bell Library received $15,000 from the Gladys Krieble Delmas Foundation to support Celebrating Venice: At the Center, a humanities-centered series of lectures, exhibits, and cultural events planned for September through December 2016.

Alfred P. Sloan Foundation awarded $88,725 to the Libraries to support planning of a consortial model for data curation resource sharing among six academic libraries.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS
Connie Bongiorno joined the University of Minnesota Libraries in March as a Clinical Information Librarian. She previously served as librarian at Saint Mary's Hospital, part of the Mayo Clinic Libraries.

Jennifer McBurney, formerly with the MERIT Library (the education library) at the University of Wisconsin- Madison, joined the Libraries as the Research Service Coordinator and Liaison for Social Sciences and Professional Programs in March 2016.

Shanda Hunt was named Public Health Liaison and Data Curation Specialist in the Health Sciences Libraries on March 1. Shanda was previously a research coordinator in Epidemiology and Community Health within the University's School of Public Health.
In February, Amy Riegelman was appointed to a new role at the Libraries, Social Sciences and Professional Programs Librarian. Amy has been with the University of Minnesota Libraries working in the Government Publications department.

CURRENT EXHIBITS
For full information on events and exhibits, visit continuum.

Knights, Memory, and the Siege of 1565: An Exhibition on the 450th Anniversary of the Great Siege of Malta
June 1 through August 19, 2016
Wilson Library, fourth floor, T.R. Anderson Gallery

The Misadventures of Sherlock Holmes
June 13 - September 30, 2016
Elmer L. Andersen Library Gallery

Kiss Me Over the Garden Gate
July 12 through October 28, 2016
Elmer L. Andersen Library Atrium Gallery

GLBT History Pavilion at Twin Cities Pride
June 25 and 26, 2016
Loring Park Community Arts Center

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