Central and Northern State Colleges
Cynthia Jorstad
Lake Superior College, Bridget Reistad

One bit of news is that this fall Kate and I are co-hosting this year’s FIG (Faculty Inquiry Group). We’re using the book *Understanding the Digital Generation: Teaching and Learning in the New Digital Landscape* to engage faculty and promote library resources.

Minnesota State Community & Technical College Moorhead, Detroit Lakes, Fergus Falls, Wadena, (Doreen Hauge)
Paula DeMers will join the MState team as the new college librarian. She begins work Sept. 6.

Northland Community & Technical College
East Grand Forks/Thief River Falls (Cynthia Jorstad)
Enrollment has ticked up a bit and we’re off to a busy start. Our traffic is up and we have already have18 instruction sessions on the calendar. Inventory was started over the summer … we didn’t get finished and will continue working on it when we can this fall, with a goal of being finished by the end of the semester. The week of Sept. 12 we will be celebrating Constitution Day, with the theme “Have YOU Read the Constitution?” We will distribute free pocket Constitutions, flag pencils and have a display of relevant books on each campus.

Despite most departments seeing a budget decrease for FY16, the library budget did not get cut. A small victory, but we’ll take it!

We’re working on filling a temp position in East Grand Forks, the library technician will be on maternity leave the second half of the semester.

Northwest Technical College Bemidji (Ann Campbell)
The temporary position they had at NTC has expired and I don’t know what they are doing over there. Thought they were posting the job but who knows.

No Reports: Central Lakes College, Pine Technical College,
Alexandria Technical & Community College, St. Cloud
Technical and Community College, Vermillion Community
College, Rainy River Community College, Itasca Community College/Hibbing
Community College (shared librarian), Mesabi Range Community college (no librarian)
Minnesota State Library Services
Jennifer Nelson

Social Security Express Webinar
State Library Services and the Social Security Administration’s St. Paul office will present a webinar on Tuesday, October 4, from 10:30-11:30 a.m., introducing libraries to SSA Express. This program gives people easy access to the most requested services, such as requesting a replacement card and estimating retirement benefits. The webinar will cover how to install a secure shortcut on public computers and also how to provide access via your library’s website. Register today, and then attend the webinar on October 4 by clicking here. For more information, please contact Emily Kissane (651-582-8508).

Jumpstart Early Literacy Efforts with Early STEM
Library staff can play-learn with Science Museum of Minnesota instructors at hands-on workshops this fall. Attendees will discover how early literacy and early science learning go hand in hand and deepen their understanding of early childhood scientific thinking, problem solving and inquiry. They’ll also explore curriculum and activities designed by the Science Museum to help Minnesota libraries offer high-quality early STEM experiences, and leave prepared to facilitate children and caregivers in playful STEM learning experiences to capture their imaginations and get them ready for kindergarten. Dates and locations are pending. Please contact Jackie Blagsvedt (651-582-8805) for more information.

Evaluating the LSTA Five-Year Plan
We are working with Management Analysis and Development (MAD) on an Evaluation of Minnesota’s LSTA program. We are evaluating the progress we have made with our federal 2013-2015 allocations towards the goals stated in the 2013-2017 Five Year Plan for LSTA. Part of the evaluation will include stakeholder input. We will be send out surveys to all listserv subscribers and invite selected stakeholders to participate in three facilitated group discussions across Minnesota this fall. Please contact Jackie Blagsvedt (651-582-8805) for more information.

LSTA Grant Awards Announced
As a result of our most recent LSTA grant round, we awarded twelve grants for innovative projects with diverse beneficiaries. The projects are wide-ranging and include the creation of programs and resources to strengthen families affected by incarceration, the expansion of a science fair initiative that connects third- and fourth-graders with area STEM professionals, and the development of creative in- and out-of-school-time digital learning opportunities. The grant abstracts are located on the LSTA web page. Please contact Jackie Blagsvedt (651-582-8805) for more information.

Public Library Annual Report News
The 2015 Public Library Annual Report has been vetted and accepted by IMLS. The 2009-2015 data for each Minnesota public library can be found on our Library Statistics web page. Customized reports for 2002-2015 data is available from LibPAS—the state’s online library survey tool, or by contacting Joe Manion (651-582-8640).

Summer Learning Program Survey
SLS is developing a Summer Learning Program survey to better understand how Minnesota public libraries are moving beyond traditional summer reading to more intentional summer learning programs that focus on a variety of academic and developmental areas. The survey will include learning program components beyond reading, partnerships and level of engagement, how libraries address students most in need of summer learning, outcome evaluation, and what libraries are doing differently that contribute the most to the success of summer learning programs. Please contact Joe Manion (651-582-8640) for more information.

Traveling Exhibit Available to Public Libraries
State Library Services, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and Minitex are collaborating to bring part of State Fair favorite Eco Experience exhibit to libraries. Libraries will be able to borrow a table-top version of Resilient Communities. We’ve been testing out delivery in the metro area, and will begin lending the exhibit statewide in January. Please contact Emily Kissane (651-582-8508) for more information.
Multicounty Multitype Library Systems
Reagen Thalacker

Arrowhead Library System (Shari Fisher)

*Arrowhead Library System* recently added a new Systems Analyst position. We are happy to announce that Chadd Niles accepted this position and began working at ALS on July 5. ALS is gearing up for the start of school. Some highlights follow:

- A Summer Showcase training event was held on August 2nd at Arrowhead Library System. Training on Brainfuse, ELM and MackinVIA was provided.

- A school packet of information is being sent out to schools in the region. This includes information about the online automation system, delivery, research databases, Brainfuse and MackinVIA.

- ALS has moved to a Software as a Service (SAAS) Horizon environment. Training and training materials are being provided to Horizon schools and public libraries within the region.

Central MN Libraries Exchange (CMLE) (Mary Wilkins Jordan)

**Executive Director’s Search**

After a careful search process, a new Executive Director was hired: Mary Wilkins Jordan.

**Other Activities:**

- Completion of assorted annual reports, audit
- Regular blog postings to provide education (and some entertainment) to our members
- Regular social media updates (Twitter, Facebook); deliberately working to build our connections
- Preparing a needs assessment survey for our member libraries
- Soliciting Guest Bloggers to contribute expert knowledge
- Preparing series of librarian-themed programs, and continuing education programs

Metronet (Ann Walker Smalley)

- Multitype Directors met in Marshall. At the meeting, we agreed to sponsor an event at MLA & an event at ITEM. The MLA event is at Glensheen Mansion on Sept 29 from 6-9. ITEM will have a trivia event on Fri evening Oct 14.

- We started a new MILI cohort in Minneapolis Public Schools in August.

- Olivia Moris is presenting iPad tips & tricks at St. Paul Schools opening day for elementary teachers.

Northern Lights Library Network (Kathy Enger)

**The Skills Media Specialists Impart to Students**

Executive Director Kathy Enger and Roseau Media Specialist, Glenn Heinecke, completed writing an article on the research they conducted about media specialists and submitted it to the American Educational Research Journal on August 26th.

**Campbell-Tintah School**

Both the elementary school and high school library collections were cataloged, Summer, 2015 and Summer, 2016. Prior to cataloging, the collection was on a card catalog. 9,000 elementary school items were cataloged on Destiny and 7,000 high school items were cataloged. NLLN supported cataloging efforts with volunteer hours and stipends. The cataloging project is completed.
**Career Development, Professional Engagement, Scholarships, and Library Service**

Funding for library staff scholarships in the region continues, with $15,000 allotted for Fiscal Year 2017, which began July 1st. Already nearly $5,000 has been committed for this fiscal year.

**Quilt**

A Quilt made by Kari Anderson of Alexandria for the 16th Annual Communities Collaborative Brain Development Conference sponsored by the White Earth Child Care Program was donated to the Silent Auction at the conference, with proceeds going to the Autism Foundation.

**Retired Media Specialist**

Adell Bridgeford (Walker) donated several thousand children’s books, along with accompanying puppets, storyboards, and costumes to the MSUM Library Curriculum Center. The items not used at the Curriculum Center will be donated to libraries throughout the NLLN region.

**CatExpress Consortial Support** for 24 libraries in the region continues on through Fiscal Year 2017.

“Minnesota Loves Libraries” buttons have been created and are available for distribution among libraries in the NLLN region.

**SAMMIE (Shelly Grace)**

- Co-Sponsored 2 days of Camp Read-A-Lot with Pioneerland and Plum Creek Regional Library Systems
- Executive Director visited the directors of four area libraries
- Sent vendors a RFP for a web site redesign
- Coordinated a move to new offices on the SMSU campus
- Hosted a multitype directors’ meeting
- Worked with TdS and SELS to schedule an ELM Expo in Mankato on November 5, 2016
- Hired and trained a new Administrative Assistant, Anita Talsma Gaul
- Helped area libraries identify possible funding for capital projects
- Submitted to the State Library the Report of Results Accomplished for FY2016
- Provided scholarships for member library staff to attend Camp Read-A-Lot and Koha – US Conference
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**Traverse des Sioux Library Cooperative (Bob Boese)**
Planning for the November 5th ELM expo is proceeding and we’re looking forward to Minitex staff and vendor representatives demonstrating the ELM databases to southern Minnesota librarians.

**North Dakota**
Mary J Soucie

Our Summer Reading Celebration was a huge success this year. We had over 3,000 attendees. Our Dignitary Guest Readers included Secretary of State Jaeger, Lieutenant Governor Wrigley, Bismarck Mayor Seminary and Bismarck Police Chief Donlin, who contacted us after last year’s event and asked to be included this year. State Librarian Soucie read throughout the day.

The State Library hosted a Summer Reading Bingo game for state employees and members of the public. The Summer Reading Book Bingo concluded at the end of August. We gave out 73 cards to patrons and received 21 completed cards back; 12 out of 13 completed staff cards were returned.

Soucie participated in a [Librarian for a Day](#) at the Valley City State University’s graduate student field day. She presented a keynote on “Staying Positive in a Negative Environment” and spent the day assisting the students with their project, which included reclassifying books and replacing call numbers. Soucie also visited Maddock Public Library for [Librarian for the Day](#). She presented storytime, had lunch with the library board, attended a webinar on new books and discussed open meetings act, library organization and related topics with the librarian.
Our State Documents Librarian is learning how to digitize the oldest, most fragile state docs so that they will continue to be accessible to the public.

Library Development Specialist Meier attended the ALA Annual conference in Orlando. She presented “Active Shooter Policies” on Soucie’s behalf. Digitization Librarian Baltzer Kom also attended ALA as part of her Collective Wisdom cohort.

Public Services Manager Peterson continues to assist libraries with filing their E-rate forms. As part of the LEAP project, we’ve been discussing a statewide contract for libraries for E-rate with Duane Schnell from ITD. A group of us met with Duane to discuss a floor for the contract. The first year, the contract will be open to the libraries that NDSL pays for their internet costs. Peterson has contacted those libraries to make them aware of the statewide contract and necessary steps to join. Libraries have the option of joining; if they don’t join, any increases in cost due to increased speed will have to be paid for by the library rather than NDSL.

Library Development Manager Stroshane facilitated a discussion amongst our states bookmobile librarians/library directors and comprised a list of useful and obtainable statistics to be incorporated into our Public Library Annual Report.

Digitization Librarian Baltzer Kom started the ND Digital Action Planning Group. The purpose of the group is to establish some kind of central portal where people looking for info on ND can search across collections and institutions. There are reps from UND, NDSU, Minot State, Theodore Roosevelt Digital Library, Bismarck Public, NDSCS, Fargo Public and Grand Forks Public.

Baltzer Kom took the Digital Archives Specialist Exam. She also presented at the Upper Midwest Digital Collections Conference.

We hosted a Pokémon Go event that had over 275 attendees. We received great coverage in the media, including two different TV stations and two radio stations. There was even an article in the San Francisco Chronicle about the event.

Stroshane, Mosser, Byram and Kurtz presented a drone event at the Mandan Public Library, as part of the summer food program. They showed patrons how to use the drone, allowing the kids to fly the drone. One hundred people participated in the program. The drone is part of a video editing kit that was created as an ILEAD project and should be circulating to our libraries soon.

This year’s Summer Summit was held in four locations. A total of 45 people attended. Topics included working with different personality types, standards compliance for public libraries and board/director relations. Each Summit also served as a focus group for our five year LSTA evaluation and plan. We garnered good information on what services are important to the public libraries.

I thought you might find it interesting to see our annual statistics.

Public Services Annual Data July 1, 2015- June 30, 2016

PUBLIC SERVICES INFORMATION
Number of telephone calls: 5,739
Number of statelib account e-mails sent: 4,125 Number of walk-ins: 9,049
Number of items mailed: 15,122 Postage cost: $35,231.21
Number of items checked out: 25,131 Number of photocopies: 13,084 Number of printouts: 5,493
Number of Cards Added: 904

REFERENCE DEPARTMENT
Number of reference questions answered: 2,017
Types of questions asked (in person/phone call requests):
Quick Question: 906
Subject Request: 237
In Depth: 248
Reader Advisory: 146
Database/Catalog/Computer/Fax: 307
Number of questions answered by work station: Sue - 1,415
Reference Desk: 602

DATABASE STATISTICS:
Britannica Queries (NDSL): 98,569
EBSCOhost searches: 184,692

- Auto Repair Reference Center Searches (Statewide): 3,073
- eBook Collection Searches: 97,478
- Literary Resource Center: 35,691
- Novelist (Statewide): 628,691
- Novelist k-8 (Statewide): 8,637

Gale/Cengage searches: 14,338
Learning Express Sessions (Statewide): 3,922
ProQuest Newspapers searches: 86,820

- Ancestry Library Edition (Statewide): 272,702

Tutor ND Sessions: 7,507

Private Colleges
Terry Metz

Bethany Lutheran College (Alyssa Inninger)

**Nursing Program Approved**
The state of Minnesota has approved the BLC’s nursing program! The first cohort of nursing students will begin in fall 2017, and we are very excited to further develop collections to support them.

**Library Instruction**
We have developed a new library instruction session that focuses on using popular resources as stepping stones for research. Let’s face it. Students already use Google and Wikipedia, so we will show them how to use these tools more effectively.

**Marketing and Student Outreach**
Finally, we will be trying out a new marketing and outreach tactic: the pop-up library. It entails a small display of interesting items set up outside the cafeteria, and students can check items out right there. It provides a great opportunity to casually chat with a librarian, advocate for the library and its many resources, and show off some fun items that easily get lost in the stacks.

College of St. Benedict/St. John’s University (Kathy Parker)

**Curriculum Changes, Information Literacy, & The Liberal Arts**
CSB and SJU are currently planning a major revision to their general education requirements. Faculty are currently debating three different models, and I am happy to report that all three contain significant outcomes related to information literacy, media literacy, and critical reading. We expect the Libraries to be actively partnered with faculty in developing learning strategies to help students meet these outcomes. Related to our work on general education, CSB and SJU hosted a national conference on the value of liberal arts last June. Many presentations from that conference, Liberal Arts Illuminated, are available on our institutional repository.
Building Renovations
Work continues on our building renovation and expansion at Saint John’s. We are on schedule to open the existing building in January 2017, and the addition in Summer 2017. The Special Collections area (rare books and archives) has been completed and we have successfully relocated all our protected collections in new high-density shelving. Since our new building will bring new partners, including the Writing Center, Student Accessibility Services, and IT Services, we have already begun having conversations about ways we can collaborate more effectively to make a truly hospitable community for all of our many constituencies.

Concordia College Moorhead (Laurie Probst)

Quasquicentennial
The college is celebrating its 125th anniversary this year. Among the various festivities planned throughout the year, our college archivist, Lisa Sjoberg, along with colleagues and students in our Heritage and Museum Studies program, have been busy planning an exhibit to celebrate the college’s history. The exhibit will start Homecoming Weekend (Oct 9-11) and run through the fall. We are also engaged in planning for a major curriculum change at the college, an integrative learning program that will offer students opportunities throughout their four years where “theoretical elements of the curriculum are connected to problem-solving in the world.”

WorldShare Migration
While these activities are happening around us, the library will also begin work in earnest on implementation of the OCLC WorldShare Management System. We will go live on the new system next summer. This change will mark our departure from the PALS consortium. Having been among the founding members of PALS, we keenly sense the end of an era as we build differing relationships with our Minnesota colleagues.

Staffing
We have had two staffing changes. Connie Jones, our education and curriculum librarian, has retired to spend more time with her family. We will be conducting a search this coming year for her successor. We are pleased to announce that Allison (Allie) Thome has joined the Carl B Library as our Systems and Web Services Librarian. Allie recently completed her master’s degree at the University of Illinois (Urbana-Champaign).

Cooperating Libraries in Consortium (Ruth Dukelow)

Professional Development Event
CLIC is sponsoring an E-Resources Licensing Workshop on Friday, October 28, 2016. Attendance is capped at 30 with priority is given to CLIC members, but others may register if there are open seats. Registration will be online in early September.

Integrated Library System
CLIC has begun the process of migrating from Innovative Interfaces Millennium to Ex Libris Alma and Primo. Our migration cutover date is May 31, 2017.

Hamline University (Terry Metz)

Integrating Library/IT Service Points
The library’s Central Service Desk (CSD), which was housed in a temporary location during FY16, was relocated to a new, elegant location on the library’s main floor in mid-July.

The CSD serves as the primary physical point of presence for both the library and Academic & Client Technical Services (ACTS)—a division of our university’s IT unit.

Information Literacy Tutorials
The developer of the tutorial software system we were using last year was sold and will not be available for this fall. After some investigation, we decided to expand our suite of Springshare products and migrated an edited version of our tutorials to their LibWizard product.

We will continue using this “flipped” instruction method with our first-year undergraduate students because it allows us to fully engage them in relevant, small-group learning activities when we visit the classroom. We are also adding a pre-
test component this year to better gauge student learning outcomes after completing four online modules and post-test.

**MLIS Practicum**
The Bush Library hosted a summer practicum for Lydia Fasteland, a student in the St. Catherine University Library and Information Science program.

**Martin Luther College (Linda Kramer)**

**Cataloging Rare Books**
Our primary summer project was cataloging our rare books collection. Although the items in this collection will still be available only for in-house use, they will now be discoverable through our catalog.

**Archivist Hired**
We hired our first paid archives staff member, through a grant from the college's alumni association. Although this is a part-time position and will be treated as a pilot program, it provides one more step beyond the work that a dedicated set of volunteers has done in the past several years. The formalization of an archives committee two years ago has also brought more attention to the Martin Luther College Archives. We hope that these efforts will eventually result in permanent archives staff being employed.

**Macalester College (Terri Fishel)**

**Space Renovations and New Carpet**
We installed new carpet on our second level (year 1 of a 3-year plan to replace the 28 year old carpet in the library.) We also created a new space on our third level, the Barbara B. Davis SPACE (Scholarship, Partnership, and Community Engagement) that will be used during the day for faculty discussions, workshops, and training related to the Digital Liberal Arts. During the evening, the space will be available for students doing group work.

**Library Website Now Responsive**
We completed an abbreviated “remodel” of our website to meet the campus format for responsive web design. Our Digital Scholarship librarian left at the beginning of summer, so we did a minimalist approach and now are working on doing the underlying pages.

**LibGuides**
At the same time as the web redesign, we implemented LibGuides to replace our LibData guides.

**SPARCS**
We hosted our second annual SPARCS@Mac June 20-24. SPARCS is a technology skills development program for Minnesota high school students, co-hosted with our partners at AdvanceIT Minnesota. Individuals from historically underrepresented populations, students of color, gender non-conforming students, and would-be first-generation college students were especially encouraged to apply.

**New Hires**
We completed three searches this summer and have promoted John Meyerhofer to Digital Scholarship Librarian. We have two new evening/weekend supervisors, Madisen Egan and Nate Nins.

**FLSA New Rules**
And to round out the summer, we’ve been dealing with addressing issues related to the new rules on overtime and how they apply to a select few of the library staff. (Chronicle article, August 28, 2016 – “Colleges Brace for Impact of Overtime Rule”)

**New Extended Hours for our ITS Help Desk**
It had been a long term goal to have computing help in the library for evenings and weekends and this fall Information Technology Services and the DeWitt Wallace Library are starting a collaborative change in ITS Help Desk support. Beginning on Wednesday, August 31, the ITS Help Desk will be open Monday through Friday from 8am-6pm at its location in 314 Neill Hall and an ITS Help Desk Express will be available at the DeWitt Wallace Library’s service desk during all hours that the library is open.
Regional Library Systems
Barbara Misselt

Arrowhead Library System
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East Central Regional Library
Erica Myhre and Amelia Birkholz are new Branch Librarians at the Wyoming and Hinckley branch libraries respectively.

Betty Ferguson will retire in mid-September. She has been the primary Interlibrary Loan Aide at ECRL since MnLINK began and has worked with all other Gateway sites’ interlibrary loan staff members.

Great River Regional Library
The St. Cloud Public Library experienced a fire set by an arsonist on the second floor of the building on August 17th. Currently, regional operations continue including daily delivery to the other 31 libraries and interlibrary loan. Open hours are extended temporarily at the Waite Park and Clearwater locations until the St. Cloud Public Library can be reopened. Due to structural damage and the scope of the clean-up and restoration required, GRRL has coordinated with the City of St. Cloud for bids. We anticipate clean-up will begin in late September with reopening planned for early October.

Pioneerland Library System
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Liz Reppe

DEED Library (Dru Frykberg)
Librarian Dru Frykberg is representing DEED as a planning committee member of Hennepin County Library’s Sept. 22 Entrepreneur Expo: Essentials for Small Business Growth. The free afternoon event at the downtown Minneapolis Central Library will offer programs, exhibitors and networking to inspire and support the metro’s small business community, especially people of color, women, immigrants and artists.

Consider following @deedlibrarian on Twitter to learn about DEED resources and services of interest to librarians.

Minnesota Legislative Reference Library
The Legislative Reference Library opened a small reading room earlier this year in the newly completed Minnesota Senate Building. The reading room features a collection of the most heavily used periodicals and newspapers, legislative manuals and directories, reference materials, and the newest books and reports for use by Senate staff, Senators, and anyone who happens to be in the building.

In May, Molly Riley was hired as a new reference librarian. She is a Minnesota native who relocated here from a small college library in California. Two other new staff were hired in late August: Maggie Parra is the new senior library assistant and Katie Elmore is the new acquisitions specialist.

Legislative Reference Library staff worked with the Department of Natural Resources Library staff to digitize a significant number of older DNR reports partially funded by a Minnesota Historical & Cultural Heritage Fund grant.

State Law Library
In April State Law Librarian Liz Reppe taught a continuing legal education course for the Ramsey County Bar Association on how to find appellate resources.

In April the State Law Library and the Minnesota Coalition of County Law Libraries offered an educational program for public librarians. Topics included:

- Navigating the new MN Judicial Branch webpage (court forms) and a look at the new State Law Library webpage
- Protecting yourself and diffusing difficult customers
- Making appropriate referrals and avoid unauthorized practice of law
- What is the Conciliation Court (small claims) experience really like?

On April 25 Liz Reppe taught a course on how to use free sites to locate people and information about people at the Rochester Public Library.

The law library sponsored free continuing legal education programs for capitol area attorneys that included: Hmong Americans and the Legal System in Minnesota; Sovereignty Movement in Minnesota; and The Prevalence of Substance Use and other Mental Health Concerns among American Attorneys - Ethical Perspectives.

State Universities
Pam Gladis

St. Cloud State University, Keith Ewing, interim Dean of Learning Resources
1. Dean Mark Vargas left at the end of last June to become the director of the library at Revs Institute for Automotive Research in Naples FL. Keith Ewing has become Interim Dean of Learning Resources Service, a position he previously held for the 2012-2013 academic year; Mary O’Dea is assuming Keith’s responsibilities for library systems. After 33 years at St. Cloud State, Keith plans to retire at the end of this academic year. A national search for a new dean is expected to begin in the near future. Shortly after Dean Vargas departed, SCSU President Potter died in an automobile accident in the Twin
Cities. Provost Ashish Vaidya was appointed to a two-year position as interim president. Stepping into a two-year interim provost position is Dr. Dan Gregory, previously Dean of the College of Science & Engineering. (NB: In Academic Affairs meetings, only three faces remain in the same position as when I last served as interim dean. The lack of continuity in leadership is distressing.)

2. Learning Resources Services (LRS) suffered another, although smaller than previous years, cut to its materials and equipment budget. The combination of inflation and budget reduction results in a more than 10% negative budget impact on this year’s LRS acquisitions budget. At this point in time, until LRS budget lines can be assessed in greater detail, this results in an unfunded monographs (books, videos, and other one-time acquisitions) budget. Declining budgets also are affecting faculty and staff lines. Chris Inkster (Reference) retired at the end of last year and will not be replaced. When Keith retires at the end of this year, it is unlikely he will be replaced (although LRS is building a case). Gordie Schmidt (Systems) may retire at the end of this year and the fate of his position is unknown at this time. In the meantime, discussions within LRS continue to focus of identify what we can support with reduced staff and budgets. Budget cuts over the past five or so years result from a combination of declining enrollment (although this appears to be leveling off) and reduced system allocations.

(But it’s not all bad news!)

3. Encouraged by the interim provost and interim president, our strategic planning and reorganization are moving forward after a brief hiatus. Keith has been encouraging broader discussion of several initiatives, including preparation for potential migration to Alma (especially database cleanup and OCLC reconciliation), meaning and potential impact of shared collections (which is the topic of an upcoming CALD discussion and was integrated as a concept into the MnPALS RFP), trial implementation of a single public service point, and deeper analysis of last Spring’s MISO Survey results for LRS services and collections.

4. Implementing a new credit-based, academic focused information literacy program with three face-to-face courses (two sections are paired with first-year English sections) and one online course this fall and four more courses scheduled for Spring. We’re optimistic about their potential.

5. We continue to work on expanding our ability to support

   • on-going development of SubjectsPlus and LibStats

   • development of digital humanities-style course-integrated projects—one project last Spring (to be continued with a course next Spring) focused on the upcoming 150th anniversary of St. Cloud State in 2019, another this semester will focus on the history of the Minnesota First Regiment during and after the Civil War

   • our institutional repository, including the addition of a journal for undergraduate scholarship (in addition to our journal of undergraduate scholarship in linguistics) in partnership with the SCSU Office of Research

   • the data analytics project—which saw significant advances and improvement last year and this year will add data captured from on-campus computers (at this time we are focused on data parsing and and validation; we experiment with looking at results and correlations)

It looks like another typically busy (and perhaps frustrating) year.

Metro State University, Chris Schafer, Dean of Library & Information Services

Metro State Library has had some staffing changes over the past year. Long time employees Sage Holben (Tech Services Technician) and Katie Dvorak (Office Manager) retired. Public Services Manager, Julie Dinger left us for the U of M and we have a brand new Public Services Manager, Eric Nelsen, who most recently was working in Australia. Our budget, is not looking great this year. With mandatory salary raises and a 2% reduction in the operating budget, we’re looking at about a 5% overall budget reduction for the library. Of course, with subscription rates going up, we all know the cut is greater than 5%. We’re having to make some tough decisions, a first for the library faculty and staff at Metro.
That being said, my hopes to get a new position to manage our Archives and Special Collections, are now put on hold for at least the next couple of years. We did decide, however, to move forward with purchasing Digital Commons (it’s always good to have a healthy library endowment) and put together a small team to work on digitizing one archives collection this year. We’ll see how it goes.

Minnesota State University, Moorhead, Jean Kramer, Library Department Chair
Pam Werre, curriculum librarian, and her team of volunteers awarded the 2016 Comstock-Gág Read Aloud authors this past spring. The winner of the Wanda Gág read aloud award for the preschool to eight year category is Please, Open this Book! written by Adam Lehrhaupt, illustrated by Matthew Forsythe. The winner of the Comstock Read Aloud Book Award for the nine to twelve year old category is Finding Winnie by Lindsay Mattick, illustrated by Sophie Blackall. Twenty-two regional teachers and librarians, along with 196 MSUM students read aloud 218 picture books to 21,638 children during the year to obtain reactions to the books. The program also donated books to area schools, libraries, and nonprofits.

Livingston Lord Library staff members are moving forward with digitizing collections for our new institutional repository Red and are working with a new overhead book scanner obtained with funds from a grant from our campus student tech fee committee. Minnesota Digital Library also agreed to digitize and transcribe another section of the Probstfield journals to post on “Minnesota Reflections.”

In the past year, three new library technicians joined the library. Wendy Gibson (formerly at NDSU) replaces retiree Dianne Schmidt running inter-library loan. Karen Kohoutek (formerly at Fargo Public Library) replaces Kati Donaghy as circulation manager. Cori Edgerton (formerly at LARL) replaced Korella Selzler working in both Archives and our Curriculum Materials Center.

The Library took significant spending reductions resulting in cuts to collections, hours, and staff. As a cost savings, the duties of Library Director were delegated to the faculty department chair and the Associate Vice President for Academic Planning. Also, the open position of Archivist will not be filled as a cost saving measure; Collection management librarian Larry Schwartz will serve as a part-time supervisor of Archives.

Southwest Minnesota State University, Pam Gladis, University Librarian
Big changes this fall...after much evaluation, consideration, and communication last fall, we invited our Technology Resource Center (student and faculty technology support center) onto the main floor of our library beginning this fall. This translates to lots of moving that took place over the Summer! The TRC student workers are sharing space in our Circulation area. The TRC supervisors have moved into a workroom area where our Interlibrary Loan department had been housed.

We moved our reference services (rebranded Research Help) and our interlibrary loan services up a floor, and with the help of our CIO and Library foundation grant funds, we were able to purchase a new Research Help Desk – it should be in place and functional by October! The “old” really large Reference Desk which is approximately 30 feet from our Circulation Desk is currently being used as a printer and scanner station – it’s not ideal, but physical plant told me they only wanted to move it once, so I’d better be certain where it was moving to...so it will sit for a bit in its original location.

As part of our move, we eliminated a large “hide-the-bookcarts” structure that had been in our Circulation area. That was dismantled and repurposed: one piece that was created out of it is now being used for a new Browsing Collection (our theme for September is Books made into Movies) and the other portion was made into a high table to hold a couple of computer kiosk stations.

With our shared service point with the TRC we have been able to expand open library hours to open each weekday at 7:30 (historically 8:00a.m), extend Saturdays 10:00-6:00 (previously 10:00-4:00), and Sundays we now open at 12noon (previously 2pm). After evaluating statistics, we have adjusted our Research Help hours and typically cover from 10:00a.m. – 7:00p.m. weekdays, 10:00-4:00 on Saturdays, and 12noon -7:00 on Sundays. We will continue to monitor statistics closely. We continue to advertise Research Consultations as an alternative to reference and instruction.

We continue with significant collection evaluation projects: Reference, Government Documents, and Journals. Government Documents and Reference will be completed this academic year. Retained Government Documents will be integrated into the main circulating collection. These projects are allowing us opportunities to reconsider our physical spaces in the library.

Kathleen Ashe officially retired in May 2016. She graciously completed the OCLC reclamation project before her retirement; thank goodness! We had a failed search for a tenure-track Instructional Design Librarian last Spring, but were able to rehire Chelsea Wyman in a full-time fixed term position to assist with Instruction and Reference. Chelsea had been half-time during Kathleen’s

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We will be undergoing a significant website redesign process this academic year. We will also write a new 3-year strategic plan. Our budget held steady.

Winona State University, Kenneth Janz, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Interim Dean of the Library, and CIO

- Stewart Van Cleve has joined Winona State University as the Web and Digital Services Librarian.
- The Darrell Krueger Library has recently completed work on a new 3-year strategic plan.
- In meeting a request from the student senate an Einstein Bagels / Caribou Coffee is opening in the Darrell Krueger Library Oct 3rd.
- Task Force has been formed to begin work with an architect on a predesign to remodel several elements of the Darrell Krueger Library.
- Hosted a “Back to School Game Night” in the Library that was attended by over 300 students.
- This fall the Darrell Krueger plans on exploring opportunities for more in-depth collaborations with the Teaching, Learning and Technology Services group on campus.

Twin Cities & Southern State Colleges
Elissah Becknell

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

Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Cambridge Campus (Gina Pancerella-Willis)
Anoka Ramsey Community College is thrilled to welcome Juliana Boner as the new UFT librarian at our Cambridge campus. In the past, Juliana served as a TPT librarian, along with working in Marketing/PR and our Office of Institutional Research. She earned her BA and MLIS from St. Catherine University.

Anoka-Ramsey Community College, Cambridge Campus (Juliana Boner)
Over the last year, students at the Cambridge Campus at Anoka-Ramsey Community College were served by two part-time librarians due to Bonnie Boese’s retirement in May of 2015. The college hired a permanent full-time librarian (me) this spring, effective fall semester, 2016. So I’m only two weeks into it, but I’m looking forward to working with our students and learning from all of you.

Century College (Maura Smyth)
We added the New York Times site license this fall, which has been a big hit. We also have a few collection/facility-related projects underway. Specifically, we’re upgrading our Archives Room, with new shelves and a new configuration. The room had become something of a default storage place, so this will renew its use for its intended purpose. We’re also weeding our VHS, with the goal of moving away from supporting that format altogether. (It’s a very small part of our video collection, but faculty do have their favorites.) Also, having completed a major weeding of our Reference Collection and integration of most remaining reference titles into our Circulating Collection, we’re now turning our attention to our periodical back issues. A substantial weeding of that content will free space that can be repurposed toward our goal of creating a Learning Commons.
Hennepin Technical College (Jennie Simning)
HTC’s AASC board approved a 3-credit Information Literacy class, which fulfills Goal 2 of the MnTC. Due to a maternity leave that will cut into both semesters, I hope to start running this class in Fall 2017.

The Library is undergoing Program Review this year. This has not been completed by the Library in the past and the template is not a great fit to really show the work we do, but excited to be a part of this none-the-less.

Minneapolis Community & Technical College (Tom Eland)
We launched a beta version of our new responsive mobile library website. This website was re-engineered from the ground up using best practices and established web technologies including HTML5 and the Bootstrap Framework.

We finished the initial setup for LibAnswers, our new host interface for online reference assistance, which integrates email, chat and text reference. We piloted the interface over the summer and it is now up and running.

We finished converting the call numbers for all books from the Dewey to the Library of Congress (LC) system. This effort dates from the time of our first co-location with Metro State. The project has taken over 10 years to finish, as it frequently had to take a lower priority to other library functions.

We are proceeding through systematic cleanup of our integrated library system (Aleph) in preparation for migration to a new system in summer/fall of 2017. The MnPALS office, which coordinates the library system for our consortium, has guidelines for cleanup, and we completed the phases I & II section this summer. Phases III-V were deferred until Fall 2016.

Several areas of the Reference Collection were cleaned up over the summer. An analysis of the titles was done and outdated, damaged or duplicated materials were removed.

Two policy areas were reconsidered over the summer. Our gift book policy was revised to more realistically reflect the type of book donations that are most helpful to us, and to be clearer with potential donors what we will and will not accept into our collection. The summer library faculty also reviewed the Library Art Policy with the desire to refresh library display spaces, and to provide more areas to showcase student work.

We carried out a major revamp of the space behind the Circulation Desk. The changes have made the area more open and appealing, and have improved workflow. Some of the existing shelves were removed to open up the space, and the laptop carts were integrated into the area, giving greater accessibility and preventing bottlenecks at the workroom doorway. The entire circulation area is now dedicated to items for patron use.

The library took on a practicum student from St. Kate’s University Library Science Program. This intern, under the supervision of a librarian, cataloged new books and zines for the collection. This intern also took on a call number reassignment and subject analysis project for wiccan and witchcraft materials, she analyzed 60 items in the collection.

Normandale Community College (Rachel Wightman)
During the spring semester we created a new Library Technician position in Circulation and Reserves. Our new tech started over the summer.
University of Minnesota Twin Cities

Wendy Lougee

RECENT PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Information Accelerates Innovation
Through the University of Minnesota’s MN-REACH program, University librarians have become integral members of research teams — expanding the role of 21st century librarians and helping University of Minnesota faculty transform their discoveries into products that improve the health of people around the world. MN-REACH is the University’s NIH-funded Research Evaluation and Commercialization Hub, a distinction held by only three sites across the country.

This 3-year, $3 million grant, with an additional $3 million match from the University of Minnesota, helps faculty develop their product so they can bring their breakthrough research and technology to market where it can be used to improve health outcomes and quality of care. MN-REACH achieves this goal by gathering together the right people from across campus with the skills, expertise, and know-how in all aspects of innovation that support researchers in this process. Read More >>

Health Sciences Libraries at the State Fair
The Health Sciences Libraries had great visibility at the State Fair this year. For the second year in a row, the Libraries conducted research on health information. This year’s study was on access to, and use of, online health information. The exhibit and stage shows allowed visitors to test their health information knowledge, identify weird — and frightening — medical instruments of the past and even get a coloring book featuring images from Wangensteen Historical Library. Read More >>

Wilson Library Improvements
Thanks to a generous bequest by late Libraries staff member Bob Olson, the Libraries have installed four group study rooms in Wilson Library. In surveying the student population, quiet group study areas were repeatedly requested. These glassed-in rooms (two with open fronts, two fully enclosed with swinging glass doors) address that demand.

Student Success through Collaboration
The Undergraduate Services Librarian and the Librarian for Chemistry, Chemical Engineering, & Materials Science are each teaching a section of CSE 1001, the required College of Science and Engineering first year experience course. The class is led by staff instructors with 28 sections of 40 first year CSE students. There is a common curriculum between the sections that focuses on college success strategies, exploration of majors and careers, learning how to get involved on campus, and discovering what their future in science and engineering will entail.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS
In August, Benjamin Wiggins joined the Libraries as the new DASH (Digital Arts Sciences and Humanities) Program Director. He was the Director of Digital Learning Initiatives and Online Pedagogies at the University of Pennsylvania. Wiggins earned a PhD in American Studies from the University of Minnesota, completing a dissertation titled ‘Managing Risk, Managing Race: Racialized Actuarial Science in the United States, 1881 - 1948.’ Wiggins’ technical experience and his work establishing the digital learning office at Penn have positioned him very well to take on DASH and build on our strong partnership with the College of Liberal arts academic technologies, the Center for Educational Innovation, and our faculty collaborators.

CURRENT EVENTS
For full information on events and exhibits, visit continuum.
Raina Telgemeier to launch ‘Ghosts’ at U of M
September 19, 6:30 p.m. (doors open at 6:00)
Cowles Auditorium, Humphrey School of Public Affairs
This event is free and open to the public.
The Paul and Joan Nagel Lecture featuring Joseph Ellis: The Second Founding: Four Men Who Created a Country
Wednesday, September 28, 7:30 p.m.
Ted Mann Concert Hall

Latinx Voice; Latinx Vote: How Demographics are Shifting the American Political Landscape Part of the series: Critical Conversations About Diversity and Justice
Friday, September 30, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Elmer L. Andersen Library, Room 120

First Fridays: October 2016
The Annual Carl Sheppard Lecture in Medieval Art History
Tuesday, October 4, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Elmer L. Andersen Library, Room 120

The Twisted Path and Getting Personal
Friday, October 7, noon to 1:00 p.m.
Elmer L. Andersen Library, Room 120

The James Ford Bell Lecture featuring Kathryn Reyerson
Thursday, October 20, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
James Ford Bell Library, 4th Floor of Wilson Library

Queer and Indigenous People of Color: Changing the Face and Focus of the LGBTQ Movement Part of the series: Critical Conversations About Diversity and Justice
Friday, October 21, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Elmer L. Andersen Library, Room 120

First Fridays: November 2016
Out of the Shadows and Have You Seen My Son?
Friday, November 4, Noon to 1:00 p.m.
Elmer L. Andersen Library, Room 120

Part of the series: Critical Conversations About Diversity and Justice
Police, Prisons, and Legal Power: Reforming our U.S. System of Justice
Friday, November 18, 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Elmer L. Andersen Library, Room 120

CURRENT EXHIBITS
Brushed Back To Life: Healing From Illness through Intuitive Painting and Poems
August 2 – October 30, 2016
2nd Floor, Bio-Medical Library, Diehl Hall

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