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The Minitex / MnLINK Interlibrary Loan Committee has reviewed its charge and submitted changes to the MnLINK Gateway Operations Committee for approval. The changes were approved on August 1, 2013. We’re doing a review of all the Committee web pages to make sure the content is current and relevant. One addition to our Committee pages will be in the upper right corner where you will find a link to submit suggestions for the committee to explore. The Committee is trying to produce regular content updates. These may be things happening at member’s local library, an event a member attended, or a national trend. Hopefully you will find this content useful and interesting.

The Committee has been reviewing results from our survey at the end of 2012. The survey results contained significant insight around issues you’re managing. Lender due dates for AV material was a big concern for staff at public libraries. An evaluation of lending periods was done and the information shared with the MnLINK Gateway Operations Committee for discussion to determine if more could be done to alleviate staff and end user concerns. Committee members have also researched purchase-on-demand for libraries. This has become a useful option for libraries that have implemented this practice. It can often be used to fill a request quicker, and it has the additional effect of complementing collection development practices.

The Committee is reviewing our own practices going forward in regards to communications. We hope that some of the changes we make will improve our ability to share our work with you. Your ideas and feedback will be appreciated.