MnPALS Workday

On April 10, 2014 MnPALS library faculty and staff who work in Circulation, Interlibrary Loan and Reference and Instruction got together for a workday meeting. A general session “Library Usage and Student Outcomes: using library data to improve the student experience” presented by Shane Nackerud and Jan Fransen, University of Minnesota Twin Cities provided information on how the U has begun to look at library usage and demographic data to see how library patrons make use of resources. In the Interlibrary loan session “ILL Sharing: how work actually “flows” through your workspace” two library staff members Sonja Timmerman, Gustavus Adolphus College and Peter Jarnstrom, Minnesota State University, Mankato shared videos of their workspaces. In “E-resources and ILL” Peter Jarnstrom and Nat Gustafson-Sundell, Minnesota State University, Mankato spoke about how MSU, Mankato has negotiated licenses as part of the acquisition process for electronic resources and how license terms affect interlibrary loan service. During lunch attendees could participate in discussion topics of 2+2 partnerships, ILL and patron-driven acquisitions/purchase-on-demand, Student Training, OCLC WorldShare platform or just visit. The closing session “Social Media: marketing and your library” was presented by Heather Maneiro, Minnesota State University, Moorhead. Heather talked about their library has started to use social media.