MnLINK Comments – FY2012

Date: 6/28/2012
Region: Central Minnesota
Comments: I love this service! I’m able to find so many books that I’ve been looking for, without leaving home (except to get them at my local library, of course).

Date: 6/22/2012
Region: Twin Cities Metropolitan Area
Comments: I found MnLINK a very helpful site when I couldn't find the book I wanted at my library. It also had a sticker on it that reminded me that there were no renewals.

Date: 6/20/2012
Region: Twin Cities Metropolitan Area
Comments: I love this. It lets me get almost any book I want! Thank you!

Date: 6/5/2012
Region: Twin Cities Metropolitan Area
Comments: First time user.

Date: 5/14/2012
Region: Twin Cities Metropolitan Area
Comments: Looking for television series Desperate Housewives on DVD, starting with season 1 – 8.

Date: 5/11/2012
Region: Southwestern Minnesota
Comments: IT has CHANGED MY LIFE!

Date: 5/5/2012
Region: South Central Minnesota
Comments: I love your system. Books from all over the state reach us in just a matter of days, maybe even hours. I tell all my mom and friends about MnLINK., they’ve check it out and love it!

Date: 3/13/2012
Region: Central Minnesota
Comments: Ordered books on here waiting to see when and if they arrive at my local library. I’m hoping this works it seems too good to be real.

Date: 2/29/2012
Region: Twin Cities Metropolitan Area
Comments: Hi! I absolutely love using MnLINK when a book is not part of my own county library. The request process is simple and quick. However, I often need to return the book and then request it again, because I have not finished my research. My wish is for interlibrary books
to be renewable. Please make this a possibility to save staff and patron time. Thank you!

**Date:** 2/19/2012  
**Region:** Central Minnesota  
**Comments:** I love using MnLINK because it gives me access to books my local library system doesn’t have. It saves me lots of money by being able to borrow books in other library systems instead of having to buy them.

**Date:** 2/16/2012  
**Region:** Twin Cities Metropolitan Area  
**Comments:** I was able to get most of Debbie Macomber books that my local library didn’t have anymore.

**Date:** 2/1/2012  
**Region:** Twin Cities Metropolitan Area  
**Comments:** I really enjoy using MnLINK. I love music of all types and I have found so many wonderful CD's, some of which I have never heard before and some that I haven’t heard for years. I am also a big fan of Clint Eastwood and I have found all 30+ of his movies on DVD using MnLINK and have borrowed and enjoyed many of them. I would like to thank the cooperating library systems in the MnLINK network for sharing your resources. MnLINK is awesome!

**Date:** 1/30/2012  
**Region:** Twin Cities Metropolitan Area  
**Comments:** I am a student in St. Paul and I chose the Chaco War for my history day project. It looked like I wasn’t going to be able to complete it because there were only very broad references online and no books about it at my library. Then, my Social Studies teacher told me about MnLINK. There were all sorts of resources at different libraries around Minnesota. You saved my history day project!

**Date:** 1/26/2012  
**Region:** Southwestern Minnesota  
**Comments:** Using this for a class.

**Date:** 1/26/2012  
**Region:** Central Minnesota  
**Comments:** Hello MN Administrator or Political Representative, I am a physician who lives in rural MN, and uses MN link to gain access to many periodicals and other items that would not be available for the education of my family if the MN LINK service did not exist or continue to have funding. In examining the importance of making sure people, especially children, have equal access to such information, regardless of where they live in our great state, I urge you to promote such information sharing modalities, such as this one.

**Date:** 1/16/2012  
**Region:** Central Minnesota  
**Comments:** This is just a wonderful service, a great way to research or just enjoy. I have not
read fiction in over 30 years and last fall got started with Tom Clancy and now John Sanford. With the cost of entertainment, fuel costs, you name it here is a great alternative. I may live in a small town, but my local library and this service make me feel very connected. Great service!

**Date:** 1/6/2012  
**Region:** Twin Cities Metropolitan Area  
**Comments:** I love using MnLINK because my local libraries don’t have much in the category I enjoy reading about. MnLINK allows me to access many libraries to find the book I want to read and bring it to me. Love it!

**Date:** 1/3/2012  
**Region:** Twin Cities Metropolitan Area  
**Comments:** MnLINK is survivor for our generation.

**Date:** 12/20/2011  
**Region:** South Central Minnesota  
**Comments:** Searching for record of death of Clara Critchlow.

**Date:** 12/18/2011  
**Region:** Twin Cities Metropolitan Area  
**Comments:** I am searching for the CD of Yentl.

**Date:** 12/15/2011  
**Region:** Twin Cities Metropolitan Area  
**Comments:** I enjoy listening to books during my daily commute. It beats hearing annoying drive-time DJ"s, commercials, and even the depressing news on my beloved MPR. If it were not for MnLINK I would not be able to listen to many of the series that I enjoy. Audio books are very expensive, and having this resource available allows libraries to offer a larger selection of material with increasingly limited financial resources. Thank you for providing this valuable service. It allows me to enjoy the books I’ve come to love.

**Date:** 12/11/2011  
**Region:** Central Minnesota  
**Comments:** Our ECRL has helped me in finding books through MnLINK if we do not have that book in our system. I very much appreciate being able to get the book without purchasing it.

**Date:** 11/29/2011  
**Region:** Twin Cities Metropolitan Area  
**Comments:** The MnLINK system has been an amazing resource. I have been extensively been researching classical music and have enjoyed access to hundreds of recordings that I cannot afford or would not otherwise have access to. I appreciate all of the work the MnLINK staff puts into this. Thank you very much for all that you do.

**Date:** 11/28/2011  
**Region:** Twin Cities Metropolitan Area  
**Comments:** The Minneapolis Public Library doesn’t have everything I need. MnLINK provides
me with plays, short story collections, novels and nonfiction works that aren’t available to me otherwise. It’s super valuable because I wouldn’t be able to read these works otherwise. Thank you!

**Date:** 11/22/2011  
**Region:** Central Minnesota  
**Comments:** I needed a crochet pattern book that no longer is published. After going to me never fail website for used books and they didn’t have it, I went to my public library and even with their system it still was a no go. They assisted me in looking on the MnLINK and 1 library had it. Total life saver, I will be checking here again for more books I need!

**Date:** 11/16/2011  
**Region:** Twin Cities Metropolitan Area  
**Comments:** I heard this book discussed on television and thought it would be an awesome read. I hope someone has a copy that I could borrow. Thanks.

**Date:** 11/9/2011  
**Region:** Twin Cities Metropolitan Area  
**Comments:** I am a civil engineer employed by a county government in the Metro Area. I use MnLink frequently to access technical books (often from out-of-state libraries) through interlibrary loans for books not available from libraries in the area. I don’t use MnLINK for items I can get directly from library systems located a reasonable distance from my home or work (i.e. in my case the Hennepin County, Dakota County, St Paul, and U of M library systems). Over the past 25+ years I have saved taxpayers THOUSANDS of dollars by borrowing technical books from distant libraries via MnLINK, versus asking my employer to purchase them. Thanks for MnLINK and the work it does to facilitate ILL loans!!! FYI, I am typing this story on my own time, not my employer’s. MnLINK is that important to me.

**Date:** 10/23/2011  
**Region:** Southeastern Minnesota  
**Comments:** A comparative study of social and religious movements in Norway, 1780s-1905 By Inger Furseth.

**Date:** 9/26/2011  
**Region:** South Central Minnesota  
**Comments:** MnLINK helps you connect with other libraries and get books that you couldn’t get in your regular library. My home town library is very small with only a few thousand books, with the wonderful help of MnLINK I can get any book I want!

**Date:** 9/26/2011  
**Region:** Twin Cities Metropolitan Area  
**Comments:** Need flight 93 for class.

**Date:** 9/19/2011  
**Region:** Southeastern Minnesota  
**Comments:** A friend told me about MNLink and it seemed too good to be true! Using MNLink to borrow books my library and cooperating regional libraries don’t own has saved me from
spending lots of money on amazon. Many of these books have helped me tremendously. I honestly believe nothing we can buy or borrow has the power to change people’s lives like books can. Thank you for this incredible service!

**Date:** 9/9/2011  
**Region:** Twin Cities Metropolitan Area  
**Comments:** I am very grateful for the opportunity to borrow materials through MnLINK. I often get books in genres not as readily available in my county library system. Thank you!

**Date:** 8/28/2011  
**Region:** Central Minnesota  
**Comments:** We are a homeschool family that used Literature for our curriculum. Unfortunately, not all books on our list are in our local GRRL library. We’ve been blessed to order from all over the state of MN and learn about other cities within the state at the same time.

**Date:** 7/22/2011  
**Region:** Northwestern Minnesota  
**Comments:** I am AMAZED! Our book study is studying Walter Wink’s: "The Human Being: Jesus the Enigma of the Son of the Man"; and Wink continually cites an author Edward L. Carpenter. A quick Google search produces more curiosity than can be gained from internet search. This all happens Tuesday evening. Late Tuesday evening, I search KRL for Carpenter’s 1912 book, "Towards Democracy". No book. I search MnLINK immediately. Results: All University of Minnesota campuses have this book, as does Hennepin County. With the MN State shutdown, I better trust Hennepin County. This morning as I checked my email at 8:15 am, my Bemidji Public Library notified me the book: "Towards Democracy" was in Bemidji. I picked the book up as the library opened one hour later. THIS is SERVICE. This is beyond amazement that anything can happen this quickly in any business. AND I did not have to pay overnight shipping or extra for less than 3 day service. Truly I am grateful for knowing I can get any book in Minnesota, right here in Bemidji, and sometimes in less than 3 days. Grateful user.

**Date:** 7/11/2011  
**Region:** Southeastern Minnesota  
**Comments:** This summer I took an online course about Interactive Read-Alouds through AASL of the American Library Association and needed several professional texts that weren’t available within our regional system. It was easy to order those titles through MnLINK, and even easier to pick them up at my local library. I was grateful, both to be able to use the books for my studies, and also for the opportunity to preview them as possible additions to my school’s professional collection.