

## **Minitex Policy Advisory Council Report**

March 7, 2014

### **RESOURCE SHARING**

#### **MnLINK Gateway System Update**

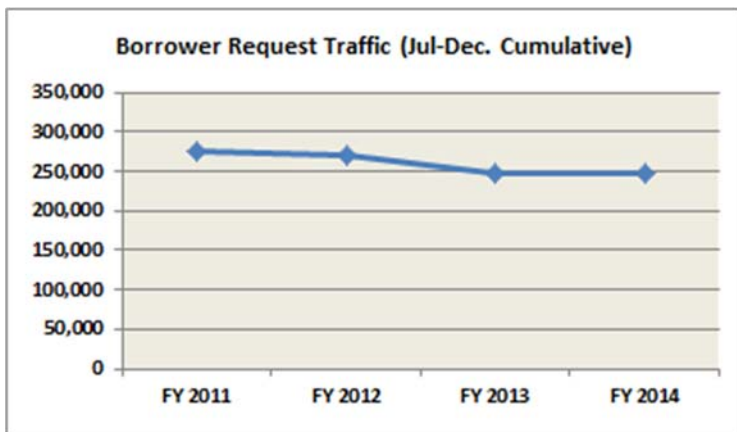
The contract we have with OCLC for the Zportal/VDX software will be renewed for a one year period starting July 1, 2014. This is the last contract extension that we have for the system. OCLC has indicated in the past that they have plans to move the consortial interlibrary loan functionality to the WorldShare ILL platform. Carla Urban and Becky Ringwelski met with OCLC staff members Katie Birch, Portfolio Director, Delivery Services and Andy Bush, Executive Director, U.S. Library Services, during the recent ALA Conference in Philadelphia. This was an opportunity for us to learn more about OCLC's future directions for the consortial discovery and interlibrary loan system.

The roadmap that OCLC has developed calls for the creation of a group view that will display holdings for non-OCLC members within a consortia. This would allow non-OCLC locations to participate in the MnLINK Gateway without becoming full members. The holdings of these locations would only display through this group view and not to entities searching across OCLC. This functionality has yet to be fully developed but is expected to be in place by the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter of FY16. The VDX interlibrary loan system would continue to be used until the WorldShare ILL system development for consortial use is completed in late summer of 2016.

Minitex will engage in an RFP process beginning with the writing of our specifications for the system this summer. In talking to Katie and Andy we confirmed that OCLC is likely to be one of the respondents to the RFP. The MnLINK Gateway Operations Committee members will be discussing the planning and timeline for the RFP process at the upcoming meeting on May 1, 2014.

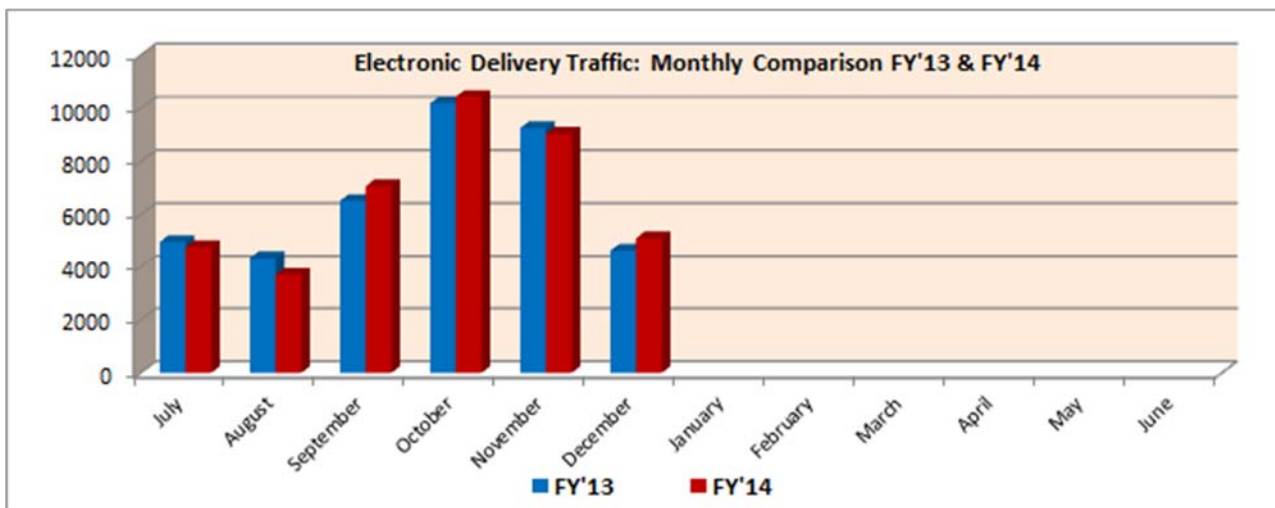
#### **MnLINK Gateway Statistics**

Borrowing request volume on the MnLINK Gateway for the period July 1, 2013 - Dec 31, 2013 has remained steady in comparison to the same period last year. We have a 77% fill-rate for the year so far as compared to 74% last year.



**Minitex Electronic Delivery**

We have delivered 5,114 articles electronically during the period July - December 2013. This compares to 4,643 articles during the same period last year.



**ELECTRONIC LIBRARY FOR MINNESOTA (ELM)**

**RFP Issued for Statewide eResources**

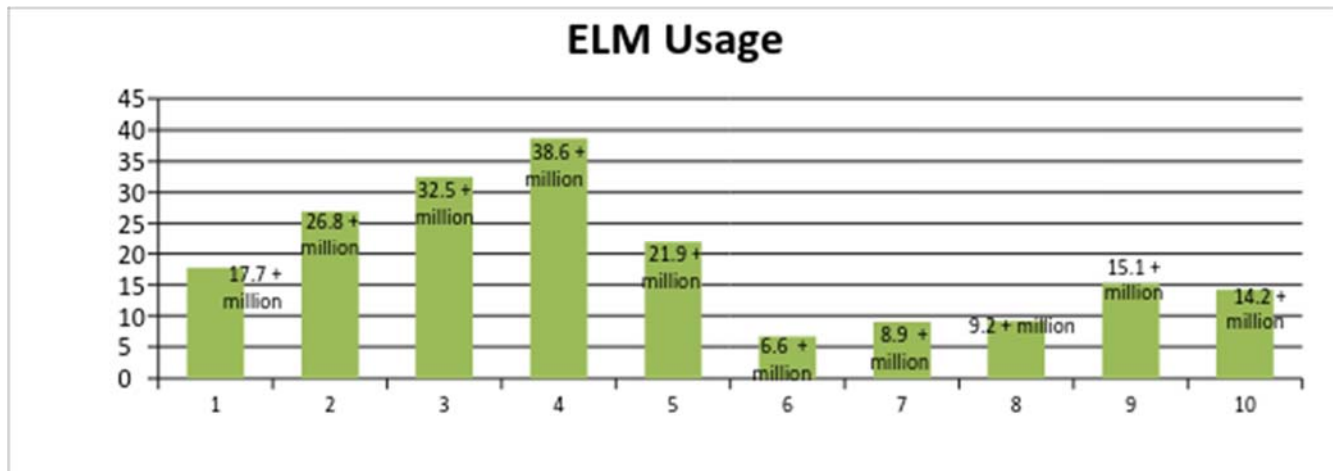
The licenses for the eresources included in the Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM) end June 30, 2014. Several of the databases are also available in North Dakota and South Dakota through funding from the North Dakota State Library and Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN) and the South Dakota State Library and South Dakota Library Network (SDLN).

- University of Minnesota Purchasing Services issued a Request for Proposal (RFP) for statewide eresources on January 29, 2014.
- Nine vendors responded by the February 26 deadline; they are: Encyclopaedia Britannica, Cengage/Gale, Credo, EBSCO, Infogroup (Reference USA), LearningExpress, OCLC, ProQuest, and Scholastic/Grolier.

- Trials and feedback forms that are open to all libraries, schools, and residents of MN, ND, and SD have been announced.
- The timeline for this RFP process is October 2013–June 2014.
- Contact Mary Parker, [m-park1@umn.edu](mailto:m-park1@umn.edu), 800-462-5348, or 612-624-1024, if you have questions.

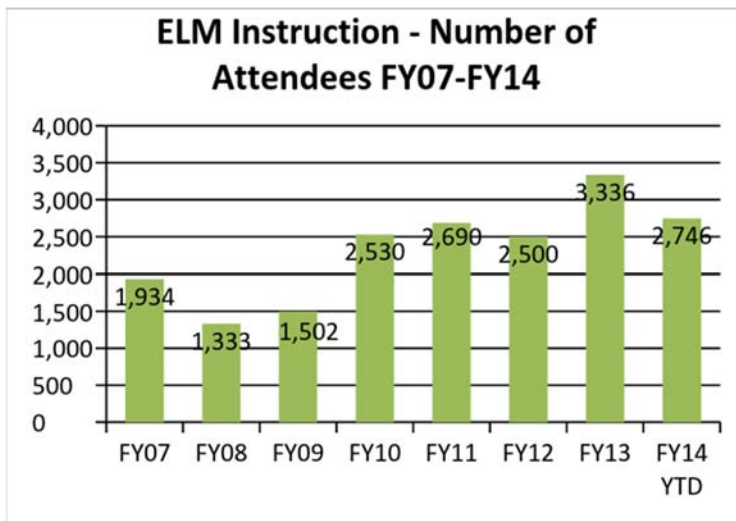
**ELM Usage**

ELM usage continues to grow each fiscal year.



**ELM Instruction**

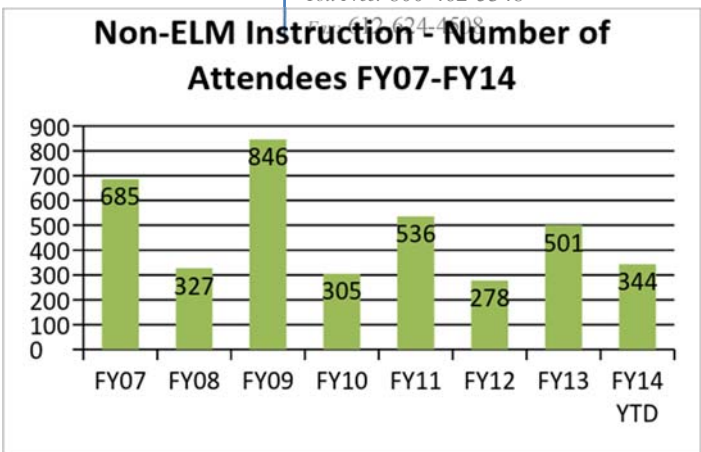
In FY14 to date, 143 instructional sessions have been offered by ROI and attended by 2,746 library and school media staff, teachers, students, and home educators.



**MINITEX REFERENCE OUTREACH & INSTRUCTION**

**Instruction**

In addition to ELM instruction, ROI librarians have presented or facilitated 34 other professional development opportunities which were attended by 344 library staff year-to-date.

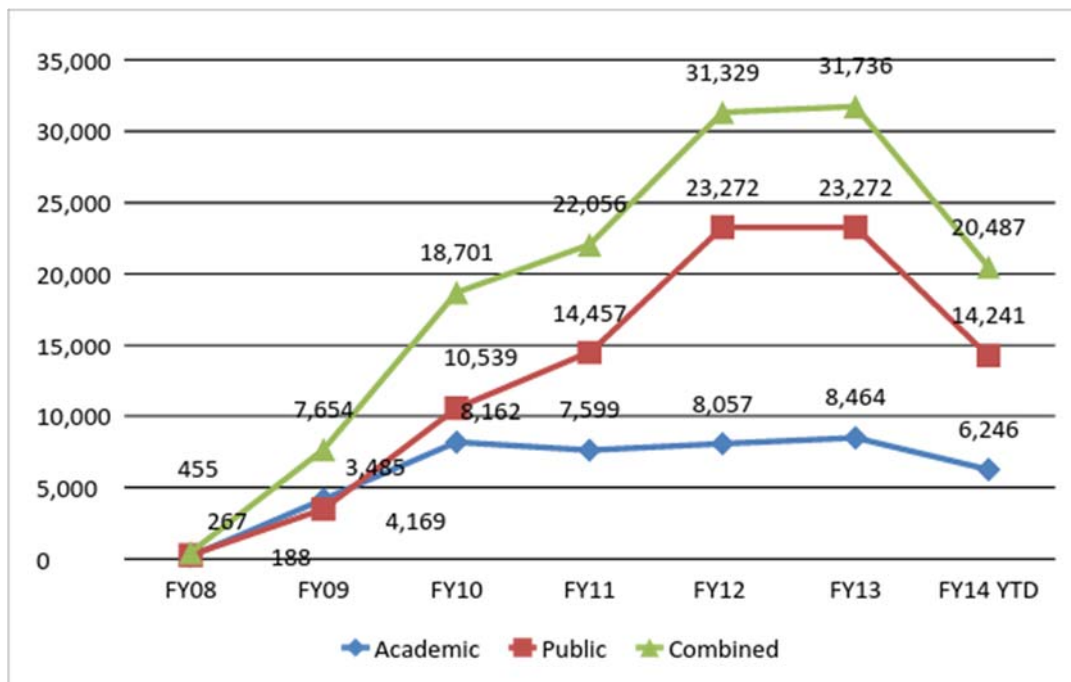


**AskMN: THE LIBRARIAN IS IN!**

|                 | FY08 Total | FY09 Total | FY10 Total | FY11 Total | FY12 Total | FY13 Total | FY14 YTD Total |
|-----------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|----------------|
| Academic Total  | 188        | 4,169      | 8,162      | 7,599      | 8,057      | 8,464      | 6,246          |
| Public Total    | 267        | 3,485      | 10,539     | 14,457     | 23,767     | 23,767     | 14,241         |
| Combined Totals | 455        | 7,654      | 18,701     | 22,056     | 31,824     | 32,231     | 20,487         |

**AskMN Grows**

To date in FY14 (July 1, 2013 –February 28, 2014 prelim data), 20,487 questions have been answered. FY14YTD volume is slightly below that of FY13 for the same period.



Scott County, St. Paul College, and St. Olaf are joining AskMN. Welcome!

Contact Carla Steinberg Pfahl, [pfahl001@umn.edu](mailto:pfahl001@umn.edu) or 800-462-5348, to find out how your system or libraries can participate.

### **COOPERATIVE PURCHASING & ELECTRONIC RESOURCES SERVICES (CPERS)**

Spring trials will be announced in April. If you or your staff have suggestions for e-resources, don't hesitate to contact Rita Baladad, Tim Peters, or Anne Hatinen at [cpers@minitex.umn.edu](mailto:cpers@minitex.umn.edu).

### **CONTINUING EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES**

#### **NISO and NISO/DCMI Series**

Minitex has a statewide license to the 2013 NISO and NISO/DCMI webinar series. Both series are being archived. Minitex participating libraries and schools have access to the links following the presentations. Check out the Minitex website for a listing of these webinars. Access to these archived sessions is through the Minitex MyLibrary Portal, <https://www.minitex.umn.edu/MyLibrary/>. All you need to do is create an account.

#### **2014 Library Technology Conference**

The seventh annual Library Technology Conference will be held March 19 – 20, 2014, on the campus of Macalester College in St. Paul, MN.

Can't attend the conference? Catch our keynote speakers, Mita Williams and Barbara Fister, on our live stream available at [libtechconf.org](http://libtechconf.org). Live stream opens at 9 am each day of the conference through the conclusion of the keynote presentations. Archived versions will be available at a later date.

### **eLearning Summits Past and Future**

Videos of the 2013 eLearning Summit keynotes are now available,

[http://www.mnelearningsummit.org/index.asp?Type=B\\_BASIC&SEC={A0E6E03E-CF64-4EF6-BDB2-DC013F65A839}](http://www.mnelearningsummit.org/index.asp?Type=B_BASIC&SEC={A0E6E03E-CF64-4EF6-BDB2-DC013F65A839})

Mark your calendar for the 2014 eLearning Summit, July 30-31, 2014. University of Northwestern - St. Paul. This year's theme is **Open. Online. Opportunity.** The keynotes are Cable Green and Robbie Kendall Melton. [Cable is an advocate for open policies that promote free and open education materials](#) and [Robbie is a mobile education innovator](#).

We want your session proposals! Follow this link to the [Conference Call for Proposals](#).

## **DELIVERY**

### **Request for Proposal**

We have begun the process of the Delivery Request for Proposal (RFP) for the Minitex region. This current RFP has provided us with continued improved delivery services. The RFP process occurs every three years, so we can stay current with the changes among Delivery vendors. Once we put the RFP out to the vendors, we give them four weeks to respond. Our committee of Minitex staff and the University of Minnesota Purchasing Office will review all responses and get feedback from libraries after proposals have been received.

Contact Kathy Drozd, [k-droz@umn.edu](mailto:k-droz@umn.edu), 612-624-9553, if you have any questions.

## **DIGITIZATION, CATALOGING & METADATA (DCME)**

- Please plan to join us for the MDL Annual Meeting, to be held June 3 in St. Paul. The keynote speaker will be Dan Cohen, executive director of the Digital Public Library of America. Our role as a service hub for the DPLA makes his visit even more exciting.
- Minitex is one of four recipients of a DPLA/Gates grant sub-award to provide training and services to Minnesota public libraries to facilitate and support their increased participation in MDL and DPLA. We are seeking libraries with historic images, maps or short documents to participate in this process. The first training session will be May 1 at the Minneapolis Central Library. Contact Carla Urban ([dewey002@umn.edu](mailto:dewey002@umn.edu), 612-625-0590, 800-462-5348) for more details.
- We will soon be posting a trainer position vacant since the retirement of Mark Wilhelmi.
- Recent instruction has included a 3-part webinar on Managing Digital Content Over Time, lots of RDA-related topics and an in-person session in Moorhead on Serials Cataloging.

- We continue our Certified-Trainer partnership with OCLC, leading at least 8 sessions on their behalf each quarter.
- Contract Cataloging continues apace with a new inquiry every month or so. The Catalogers have moved up in the world – from Wilson Library Basement to the 1<sup>st</sup> floor – and are enjoying a bit of natural light.