

Greater Minnesota Public Libraries

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Cloquet Public Library

As a result of our strategic plan, we are now evaluating our space needs and looking at standards for libraries our size. Ron McGriff has been hired to study our immediate concerns. The City of Cloquet has hired a firm to study the needs of all city buildings, including the library.

Austin Public Library

We've partnered with our local historical society to bring in a [series of exhibits](#) from the Minnesota Historical Society. We have hosted two, and two have been out at the historical society. By partnering, we shared the (low) costs, promoted to both our constituencies, and both got the glory.

Also, drop-in crafts has taken on an adult flavor with our monthly "Pinterest Craft Club." For example this month they are mixing up a DIY coconut body scrub. It is pretty affordable and low key programming. Courtney Wyant is our adult services librarian; people can ask her for more details.

Duluth Public Library

We held a grand opening for the Duluth Seed Library on Saturday. This project is a partnership between the Duluth Public Library, the Duluth Community Garden Program, the St. Louis County Master Gardeners, and the Institute for a Sustainable Future. We have gotten donations of non-hybrid, open pollinated tomato, pepper, bean and pea seeds, which are given out free to members of the seed library. The members will plant these seeds in their garden this spring and save some of the seeds from the plants they grow to donate back to the seed library for use by someone else next season. In addition, we're organizing informational programs on gardening and seed saving to help people improve their skills. The community response to this project has been tremendous, and we signed up about 50 members during the opening event.

Rochester Public Library

Rochester Reading Champions

We are working out the funding plan for a new literacy effort called Rochester Reading Champions in partnership with the Reading Center, Olmsted County Adult Detention, Boys and Girls Club, United Way of Olmsted County, Retired Teachers' Association, and the Rochester Area Foundation.

Our goal: Build and implement a sustainable and free of charge one-on-one literacy tutoring program to reach children and adult at-risk readers in the area.

Sustainable – No grant support will be needed after year two. The program will add more volunteers and partners each year to meet the needs.

Expertise – The Reading Center has the expertise and experience to teach our volunteers. They are 100% committed to this partnership and the success of our community. The Rochester Public Library and Boys and Girls Club of Rochester will provide the Champions to coordinate the volunteers.

Reach – Partner organizations such as the Olmsted County Adult Detention Center and the Boys & Girls Club can reach those who are underserved and unable to afford the services of The Reading Center.

Engaged Community – Link to Volunteers, such as the United Way of Olmsted County and the Retired Teachers' Association, will look for volunteers interested in making a real difference in the community. We are also making an investment in the volunteers through training.

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Neighbors Read: Slatterly Park

We completed this project in which we partnered with families in a neighborhood to focus on early literacy. Each family received a mini-library for their yard and the Friends of the Library provide books. Each family participated in six programs at the library. Our outcomes were very positive, and we received funding to reach out to two more neighborhoods over the next two years.

Live Streaming

We received a grant from the Mayo Clinic to add video equipment to the auditorium to be able to live stream and record events. Installation is almost complete.

Library Foundation

The Library Foundation just hired its first Executive Director.

Online Orientation

Our [online orientation software](#) is up and running. If you want to get a feel for it, follow the link and login as Guest. Andy Stehr and I will be presenting about it at PLA.

Room Bookings

We've implemented Evanced so the public can now book public meeting rooms.

Wellness Corner

Our Wellness Corner is going very well. Here are some examples of what has happened there the last couple of months:

WSU nurses continued to staff the corner at various times during the week. In a meeting with them, they felt they were getting a good experience with public health issues, had some regulars that came for checks, were able to increase a client's health knowledge. They were missed when they were on semester break. They asked for some guidance in how to deal with suspected maltreatment. Public Health was able to provide a document, forms and the appropriate statutes to use to assess situations. They are also planning a weekly series in March on several health issues, such as the diabetic foot, child nutrition, stress management.

UMR nursing students are getting orientation this month from Public Health, and the library so they can spend some time staffing the wellness corner.

Zumbro Valley Mental Health Center now has a homeless outreach worker coming two mornings a week to be available for questions and to have contact with those homeless or having other chemical/mental health issues. I've also recently met with the new Somali outreach worker from ZVMHC and am excited about the possibilities on forums or activities for Somalis we can plan for later in the spring. He will be encouraging his students and adult clients to come to the library for homework help and our wellness programs as well.

Career Classes and drop in counseling continue every week with new and returning clients.

Minnesota State Colleges - Twin Cities & Southern Region

Tom Eland

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 (Gina Pancerella-Willis)

Stacey Hendren, a recent graduate with a MLIS degree from the University of Wisconsin began a volunteer internship on February 1, 2014 on the Coon Rapids Campus. She works on special projects and is learning to catalog in the OCLC and Aleph environment. Stacey has been a full-time employee with Columbia Heights Public Library since 2007. She has been

a wonderful asset to our library.

Hennepin Technical College (Jennie Simning)

We implemented AskMN and are now offering a centralized email reference service and a link to the Global chat reference queue. We have an institution-level chat reference queue set up as well, but we haven't begun staffing that yet.

We are working to implement PALSDiscover (the PALS API version of Summon), but have been experiencing some significant full-text linking issues that we are working through. We hope to roll it out to students as soon as these linking issues are fixed.

We are continuing to plug away at creating LibGuides. It has been a slow process, but we have many of the Gen Ed and Health Program research guides created.

This semester our Brooklyn Park campus is hosting a Library Tech intern from MCTC! So far it is working out well.

Minneapolis Community & Technical College (Tom Eland)

The library's technician staff was temporarily reduced by one person when our day-time public services supervisor took over a vacant academic advisor position. This reduction will remain at least through June 30, 2014. Due to reduced enrollment the college administration has implemented an across the board hiring freeze which has resulted in our not being able to hire a temporary replacement. This, on top of our loss of an evening public services technician last year, has placed a substantial strain on remaining library staff and as a result, we are reevaluating our service model and, if the position remains vacant, will likely result in further cuts to some of our core services.

Due to the reduced staffing, the library faculty have placed on hold the conversion of our collection from Dewey to LC. The college administration has also frozen our resources budget, so orders of new materials is also on hold through the remainder of this fiscal year.

The library faculty are working on revising our Library Information Technology career program curriculum and will be exploring the possibility of developing an interdisciplinary degree program in information management with the ITS and Business Management departments.

The library faculty are working with the English department to begin offering paired course sections of English composition and Information Literacy beginning fall semester 2014. We will begin with four paired course sections and evaluate the success of the pairings. If the pairings are successful we will look to increase the number of paired course sections.

Normandale Community College (Kimberly Sy)

Not much to report this quarter. Here are a few things:

- Normandale has migrated all QuickStart pages to SubjectsPlus.
- Normandale Library is increasing holdings of ebooks, and we are currently trying GVRL's user-driven acquisitions process.

Saint Paul College (Ben Tri)

The Saint Paul College Library completed its remodel into a Learning Commons this fall. The new space features more open areas, comfortable and stylish furniture, more collaborative space, a fireplace and, finally, study rooms! We have also signed up to join AskMN, but the implementation won't be until after spring break.

South Central College (Johnna Horton)

Faribault

We're scheduled to move into the new library at the beginning of June. This new space will provide a separate computer lab (before the only public computing was in the library) and 3 small group study rooms.

North Mankato

Johnna Horton met with the library coordinators at MSU, Mankato to talk about possible collaboration. We are all hopeful that this partnership will be beneficial to our students. The collection conversion from Dewey to Library of Congress seems to have gone smoothly on the user end. We've had no complaints, and we anticipate it will take away a barrier for students who transfer to a four-year university.

We're moving our subject guides from LibData to Subjects Plus. This is going slowly, but we hope to be live with Subjects Plus by summer session (June 9).

Minnesota State Colleges - Central and Northern State Colleges

Cynthia Jorstad

Vermilion Community College (Sharon Evenson)

Our budget has decreased during the last few year and this school year and it appears next, it will stay the same. No increase for an online film trial or improvement in our circ desk.

We have been trying to encourage more leisure reading with students. We have increased our collection of young adult literature material and are providing more reader's advisory services. This past couple of weeks we have had three authors on campus talking about their work from a nonfiction work about Shackleton to an area author who moved from children's books to young adult literature last year.

We are applying for Minnesota Books Awards Author Events funding for late fall to bring another young adult literature author to campus.

Northland Community & Technical College – East Grand Forks/Thief River Falls (Cynthia Jorstad)

In February, we introduced the web-scale discovery tool from MnPALS. Locally we have named it OneSearch. Response has been very positive. After spring break the library will host several drop-in sessions to better introduce the product.

Budget forecasts for the college are not pretty. All department budgets will see a cut of 3% to 10%, depending on final numbers. The library can ill afford more cuts, but we'll continue to provide the best services and resources we can with our allotted funds.

After spring break, we will begin reorganizing the East Grand Forks library collection ... lots of shifting! After the introduction of liberal arts classes on our EGF campus a few years ago, the collection has grown quite a bit. More shelf space became available after an aggressive round of print serial cancellations last year.

No reports from: Alex TCC, Central Lakes College, Fond du Lac Tribal CC, Hibbing CC, Itasca CC, Lake Superior College, Mesabi Range CTC, Minnesota State Community & Technical College, Pine Tech College, Rainy River CC, St. Cloud TCC.

Multicounty Multitype Library Systems

Ann Walker Smalley

Arrowhead Library System (Shari Fisher)

- Arrowhead Library System has 39 regional participants in the 23 Mobile Things program.
- The Brainfuse HelpNow (homework help) and JobNow databases were launched in the Arrowhead region on February 1.
- Four ALS Staff and two board members will be visiting legislators during Library Legislative Day on March 5.
- Mollie Stanford has arranged to have two nationally known speakers provide continuing education opportunities in the Arrowhead region. Saroj Ghoting will present an all-day Every Child Ready to Read II workshop on April 4. Pat Wagner will present a morning customer service workshop and an afternoon preservation workshop on April 29.
- ALS continues its search for applicants for the vacant Regional Librarian – Automation position.

Central Minnesota Libraries Exchange (CMLE)

Patricia Post

Upcoming Events

- Last of the Doughboys: The Forgotten Generation and Their Forgotten World War, April 8: Several events with Richard Rubin in the SCSU Library. Area veterans groups, student groups, ROTC honor guard, and others will be included in several events. CMLE will offer streaming of Rubin's presentation out to libraries/schools in the Central MN region.
- Mindfulness (CMLE in coordination with the SCSU Library and the SCSU Health and Wellness Committee): This topic was standing room only at the Fall MLA Conference, and in the region, there is interest in folding wellness into work life at a time of unprecedented change in libraries and schools. People are looking for tools to help them stay focused and at their best with library customer service. SCSU Professor Steve Hoover will offer this three part series in the SCSU Library Auditorium to all in the Central MN region.
 - March 5: Mindfulness: The Elements of a Flourishing Life
 - April 2: Mindfulness I: The Art and Science
 - April 16: Mindfulness II: The Seven Foundations

Activities

- CMLE Weekly Communication Streams continue utilizing WordPress, Facebook, and Twitter. The weekly statistics inform us of interest and engagement from the field. New features added this quarter are Question from the Field (complete with answer or solutions), a monthly productivity tip, and a mindful moment blog post in support of our mindfulness programming. Our blog is averaging over 400 views per week, with just under 200 unique visitors, which is significantly higher than usage of our previous online quarterly newsletter. Readers have come to depend on receiving these weekly communications.
- eBook Summit Task Force: Patricia Post is participating in the bi-monthly meetings of this group in planning four eBook webinars beginning in April, running through July, culminating in a one-day Summit event in August 2014 at St. Catherine University.
- 23 Mobile Things program: This self-paced, online learning program is providing some levity and opportunity for teamwork amongst participants in Central Minnesota. CMLE recruited coaches from the region to assist participants as they move through the program. As is typical, the level of engagement is varied, but the excitement of those progressing well is high!
- Staffing: CMLE is interviewing for an Information Specialist to assist with writing, technology, and administrative work in the CMLE offices. We hope to have a part time person hired in March, with the possibility of adding a university graduate assistant (or two) in the Fall.
- Space planning: Soon, CMLE staff will be sharing office space with other university library staff. Intense daily focus on furniture, data runs and closet/file cleaning are taking place in preparation for sharing the space.
- CMLE staff assisted public library staff in establishing contact with school media specialists to build stronger relationships and create an information conduit to support efforts like summer reading programs and distribution of library event guides.

Metronet (Ann Walker Smalley)

- 23 Mobile Things registration closed February 15. 745 people have registered. Ten people have already completed the [23 Mobile Things](#). People really like earning badges. Follow on Twitter with #23ThingsMN.
- We have recruited five coaches from St. Kate's to help with reading the 23 Things blogs. We met with them on January 13 to explain our expectations.
- LeAnn has spoken to five St. Kate's library school classes this term. She is a speaker at the EQS event, too. She will present Things in a Flash: 40 iPad Apps in 60 Minutes. She is speaking at the SELS/SELCO Readers Advisory on March 7.

- MetroBriefs started its fifth year of publication with the first issue of 2014. If you don't already receive it, please [subscribe](#). Everyone is welcome.
- Ann is in discussion with the Minnesota Digital Library about contributing the North Star authors interview tapes to be part of the Minnesota Stories collection.
- Metronet and MELSA are again offering the Libraries in the 21st Century class through the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI). It starts in mid-March.
- Legislative Day was March 5. Metronet and MELSA had appointments with 16 legislators. Our delegation of public, academic, system staff, and others numbered 10.
- The Multitypes agreed to sponsor events at both MEMO and MLA annual conferences. Ann with working with a speaker to present an entertaining night of Literary Parlor Games.
- Camp Read-a-Lot is confirmed for August 7. It will be in a new location this year. We have chosen Dakota Lodge at Thompson Lake Park in West St Paul. Jack Gantos is the keynote author.
- The Twin Cities Book Convention for Teens is progressing. Metronet is a co-sponsor. The date is May 17 at Sibley High School. A planning meeting with media specialists is January 22. Metronet is a co-sponsor.

Northern Lights Library Network (Kathy B. Enger)

- Library Luncheon with Legislators: Library leaders and legislators from the NLLN region attended a luncheon sponsored by NLLN on February 15 at Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM). Librarians spoke about their libraries, and Senator Kent Eken and Representative Ben Lien affirmed their support for libraries. Those attending include: Senator Kent Eken, Representative Ben Lien, Laura Probst (Concordia), Liz Lynch (LARL), Peg Werner (Viking), Terri Darco (White Earth), Owen Williams (U of M, Crookston), Perry Werner (MState), Betsy Vinz (LARL), Jenna Kahly (Public Library Representative), Tammy Thomasson Ehrhart (Public Library Alternate), Gay Galles (Media Specialist Moorhead Public Schools), Charlie Lindberg (NWRL), Ruth Holmgren (Viking), Paul Bursik (LARL), Linda Bates (Parkers Prairie Public Schools), Wayne Ingersoll (LARL). A YouTube video of the presentations was recorded under, "[Library Luncheon with Legislators](#)." Conversations with legislators form positive working relationships between legislators and librarians, ensuring ongoing library support in the region.
- Train-the-Trainers: Seven trainers/mentors and 16 partners are working together throughout the region to learn ELM resources, apps for libraries, and iPad usage. Trainers are meeting on an individual basis to practice new technological skills and directly improve practice. Due to rapid changing technology, coaching and mentoring can be the most effective method of professional development in the region. It is hoped that support from colleagues and sharing best practices will result in improved student achievement.
- Poets Across Minnesota: NLLN's Annual Meeting will be June 10, 2014, and feature Poetry and Jazz in the Park with poet Vinz, and jazz musicians Ferreira, and Law at 7 p.m. in the Pavilion at the City Park in Detroit Lakes.
- NLLN sponsored [Beads on One String](#) books for Dennis Warner presentation at Osakis Public Schools February 5. Beads on One String is an anti-bullying campaign with a curriculum designed at St. Cloud State University.
- Poet Zepper (MSUM professor) visited Kittson Central School District in Hallock, MN December 18, 2013 and Hancock Public Schools in Hancock, MN December 20, 2013. Each school is on the far end of the NLLN region. The backbone of "Poets Across Minnesota" is its close partnership with libraries. Poetry in and through libraries extends literacy because it is linguistically rich, a genre that is read aloud, and makes literature a public event. Poetry holds the promise for exciting students and others about the richness of language. The act of writing creates empowered readers and writers and promotes literacy.
- Educational Support: Thirty-two scholarships have been approved so far this fiscal year for conference attendance and continuing education courses. Some awards include: Minnesota Library Association Fall Conference; MEMO Fall Conference; Mountain Plains Library Association Fall Conference; TIES 2013; 10th IBBY Regional Conference, "Book Joy

Around the World” in St Louis, MO; American Association for State and Local History Annual Conference; Copyright and Electronic Resource Management eCourse, ALA; Spotlight on Books 2014; and One Stop Shop course from NDSU. NLLN’s blog on its website contains [scholarship reports for FY14](#). Scholarships are awarded as incentive for individual growth and development in order to enhance library services throughout the NLLN region.

- **Systems Support:** NLLN is supporting an eBook initiative between Lake Agassiz Regional Library, Northwest Regional Library, and schools in the NLLN region. Through concerted marketing efforts, LARL and NWRL will encourage schools, teachers, and students to register for LARL and NWRL library cards to access the eBook services provided to them through their public libraries. With support from Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN), LARL and NWRL will increase the amount of Book and eAudiobook access for students, enhancing efforts schools make to provide content rich materials to students through their iPads or mobile devices.
- NLLN is supporting interlibrary loan service through the Viking Library System. Both Northern Lights Library Network and Viking Library System believe it is essential that needed library materials get to citizens in a timely manner.
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Southeast Library System (SELS) (Michael Scott)

LSTA Grant

Work continues on the eBooks in Southeastern Minnesota Schools project. In early December, RFP was let to hire a consultant to assist with the project. Regenerate Group from Minneapolis was selected. The consultant will assist us with these key components of the grant:

- Design and administer a comprehensive survey of SELS school members to determine the types of technology and digital resources available to students, including 1:1 digital learning programs, eBooks, and online resources;
- Plan and facilitate a regional eBook Summit;
- Provide a written summary based on survey results and summit findings;
- Conduct an end-of-project evaluation.

A comprehensive survey was created to capture information on existing and planned 1:1 device programs in schools. Additionally, information was captured about eBooks, including the current use of eBooks, desired vendors, and gauging interest in a shared eBooks collection. Some highlights:

- 68 responses received out of nearly 182 surveys sent to SELS member libraries and administrators from nearly every school district in the region
- 53% have a 1:1 Device Program
- 53% have started their device program within the last year
- 96% interested in a shared eBook collection

A committee of SELS school member library representatives (SELS School eContent Committee) consisting of 16 members met February 26 to review the survey results and brainstorm ideas for the eBook retreat, scheduled for Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at the SELCO office.

SELCO/SELS FY2015-18 Strategic and Technology Plan

In early December, the Extended Strategic Planning Committee met to review the results of the Member Survey. 128 responses (99 completed the survey); Interlibrary Loan & ILS top services.

For those who are actually using services, 90% satisfaction with nearly all services; at least 80% satisfaction with all

services. Several themes emerged:

TECHNOLOGY - Respondents indicated a broad range of desire and need for new or expanded technology services, but there was no consensus as to what that should be. Needs included hardware, software, e-materials, training, access, and spearheading new technologies. Training was perhaps the most often mentioned in regards to technology. A number of respondents also indicated a desire to continue strong support for more traditional library services in the face of all the technological changes.

PUBLIC AWARENESS/ADVOCACY - A number of respondents expressed a desire for SELCO and SELS to do more to make the public aware of library services, and to advocate with public officials for more support. Additionally, some respondents felt that SELCO and SELS, itself, should be better known and recognizable in the community.

COLLABORATION - Another common theme was to foster greater collaboration among the various types of member libraries for SELCO and SELS.

AWARENESS OF SELCO AND SELS SERVICES - Although not mentioned often by respondents, it was clear that a significant portion of the membership is not fully aware or knowledgeable of the services and activities of SELCO and SELS.

SUPPORT TO SCHOOLS AND RURAL LIBRARIES - The precarious situation of many school media centers and the lack of resources for smaller, rural libraries was often mentioned, combined with a desire for SELCO and SELS to do more to assist these stressed member institutions.

BOARD STRUCTURE - While certainly not a majority, a number of respondents (many clearly board or former board members) expressed a desire for a smaller or more effective structure for the SELCO and SELS board.

On December 13, 2013 a Rapid Results Planning™ Retreat brought together 32 individuals from all types of libraries, SELCO/SELS Board, State Librarian, and elected officials for a day of discussion. Participants reviewed survey results and participated in large and small group discussions facilitated by Library Strategies. The information gleaned from the Retreat along with the survey results informed the writing of the new Strategic Plan.

The Extended Strategic Planning Committee reviewed a draft Strategic Plan in early January 2014. After input, the Strategic Plan was narrowed to three major goals:

- Expand the capacity of SELCO/SELS libraries
- Foster innovation and collaboration within SELCO/SELS
- Increase support for SELCO/SELS libraries

[View a copy of the plan.](#) Work was completed in two staff work sessions in February 2014 to complete work on a Year 1 & 2 implementation plan. The plan will continue to be reviewed and presented to the SELCO/SELS Board for approval in April 2014.

[Southwest Area Multicounty Multitype Interlibrary Exchange \(SAMMIE\) \(Shelly Grace\)](#)

No report submitted.

[Traverse des Sioux Library Cooperative \(Orrin Ausen\)](#)

No report submitted.

Private Colleges Report

Kathy Parker

Carleton College (Bradley Schaffner)

St. Olaf and Carleton College received a joint \$1.4 million grant from the Mellon Foundation to strengthen collaboration between the campuses. The library is one of four areas targeted in the grant. Over the next four years, Bridge (Carleton and St. Olaf libraries) will implement a new LMS system, develop a research portal, investigate opportunities to share components of a digital repository, as well as a host of other projects. In addition, we took another step towards staff sharing. The St. Olaf Head of Circulation/ILL is now splitting her duties between the two campuses, adding the role of Carleton College Head of Access Services to her duties. The Carleton Head of Access Services is now serving as a coordinator for the Bridge collaboration efforts. The libraries already share a science librarian. The staffing change is giving us the opportunity to pilot this new leadership model, while allowing us to strengthen our collaboration efforts.

College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University (Kathy Parker)

At CSB/SJU we are busy providing services just as you would expect in mid-semester. As we work toward completing goals in our current strategic plan, we await a new President at CSB and a new institutional strategic plan before undertaking a new plan for the libraries. At CSB we certainly were able to test the fortitude of new presidential candidates, who were on campus during deep freeze, blizzards, flight cancellations, and all that winter in the northern Midwest has to offer. The current president, MaryAnn Baenninger, leaves in June to assume the presidency at Drew University after 10 years at CSB.

Facility improvements remain a major concern for us. We've done some refurbishing at Clemens Library on the St. Ben's campus, but Alcuin Library on the St. John's campus gets a little more care-worn every month. This summer work will begin on renovations to the Hill Museum and Manuscript Library adjacent to Alcuin, and we will gain a new graduate student reading room in that project. Fundraising continues for an expansion and renovation of Alcuin as well.

We received a gift to renovate a classroom in Alcuin in advance of the expansion project. We now have a 24-seat classroom with iPads for use in library instruction and other learning opportunities. The room has Steelcase node chairs, which students and faculty alike appreciate for their mobility and functionality. We would be interested in hearing from others who have experience with iPads in library instruction.

College of St. Scholastica (Kevin McGrew)

Not a whole lot new around here these days. We are currently in the middle of our "[Love Your Library Week](#)" celebration. It's our version of ALA's National Library Week. Lots of excitement, especially with yet another winter storm on the horizon.

Concordia College (Laura Probst)

The Carl B. Ylvisaker Library has a relatively new finals week tradition of bringing kittens and therapy dogs into the library in the evening to give students a break from studying. The activity started two years ago as an impromptu project of one of our reference librarians, Wendy Spiesman. Since then it has blossomed into the highlight of our finals weeks activities. Students have embraced the event, and the enthusiasm for the animal visits begins to ramp up weeks before final exams. In December, the **Fargo Forum** newspaper carried a front-page, top-of-the-fold article on how libraries help students deal with the stress of finals, featuring Concordia's "Paws for Relaxation" animals and our other activities (Legos, puzzles, do-it-yourself Christmas cards) as well as coverage of finals activities at the NDSU and MSUM libraries. One of the local television stations also sent a reporter over and had a brief segment on the nightly news. It was great publicity and a chance to highlight both the contributions that libraries make to the student experience but also the changing face of libraries.

Concordia University-St. Paul (Charlotte Knoche)

This Thursday evening we will be holding the fourth of our seven Muslim Journeys: Let's Talk About It program as we work through the ALA/NEH grant that we received. So far I am amazed at the number of people who have shown up, in spite of the weather, for these book discussions and the sharing stories of our Twin Cities Muslim Immigrants. Also, Concordia is accepting applications for the new Doctorate in Physical Therapy.

Cooperating Libraries in Consortium [CLIC] (Ruth Dukelow)

CLIC has selected ProQuest Intota Management System for our new shared Library Services Platform. We will implement Intota in phases over the next 18 months, beginning with Summon Discovery.

CLIC's fall conference will be held on October 30, 2014, at the University of St. Thomas, Anderson Center, and registration will be open to non-CLIC libraries. The all-day program will be "Marketing Academic Libraries," presented by Kathy Dempsey, the author of *The Accidental Library Marketer*. Registration information will be posted later this year.

Hamline University (Amy Sheehan)

The libraries at Hamline University (Bush Memorial Library and the Law Library) have a new organizational structure. The application process has closed, and Hamline will soon begin interviewing for their first University Librarian position. The administration of both libraries will report to the University Librarian. The University community is also engaged in a process to revising collections, services, and spaces in the libraries.

Macalester College (Terri Fishel)

- Work is underway to relocate Media Services to within the library. We anticipate that this move will be completed by the end of March or mid-April. We are hoping there will be no disruption in services, but lending of media materials may see a slight delay during the actual moving days.
- The 7th Annual Library Technology Conference will take place March 29 and 30. Registration filled within two weeks of announcing that registration was open. This year we will be streaming the keynote speakers. Streaming will be made available from the conference website.
- We continue the process of migrating to OCLC WMS and expect to be able to complete implementation with a go-live date of July 1.
- In January, we reached a milestone with over 1,000,000 fulltext downloads from our institutional repository, DigitalCommons. We currently have 3,412 papers.

St. Olaf College (Roberta Lembke)

St. Olaf College recently received a \$700,000 grant from the Mellon Foundation to support Digital Humanities work on campus. The Library has partnered with IT to collaborate with and support faculty working on digital projects. This summer the research librarians and instructional technologists, supported by a crew of Digital Humanities Student Interns, are working with 13 faculty on a variety of digital projects, ranging from using GIS technology to map Lutheran congregations starting in 1918 to using the emerging 3D technologies of RTI and PhotoScan to document and analyze the artifacts from a 2014 excavation at Antiochia ad Cragum in Southern Turkey. The work will continue through the academic year with the assistance of the DH student interns. One important program goal is to give the humanities students the "opportunity to practice the humanities, much as students in the sciences have the opportunity to do science in labs or fieldwork.

In addition to work on the DH grant, the library is playing a significant role in the joint St. Olaf and Carleton College's \$1.4 million grant to further collaboration (see the Carleton College news about the Broadening the Bridge Mellon Grant).

University of Northwestern - St. Paul (Ruth MCGuire)

- I am embarking on the creation of a formal marketing plan for the library with one goal being aligning physical and

online identities. Additionally, I've recently been informed that the University is bringing in a consultant to look at UNW's virtual campus. The library, is of course, a component of that as we provide many online services to our community, and we will be having discussions with the consultant in March.

- My VP has been concentrating on recruitment and retention efforts specific to each academic department in a focused way this year. In response, the library has submitted a document informing her of how we currently are involved in the university's recruitment/retention efforts and with specific action plans for increasing that involvement.
- For the first time, the library is awarding a Prize for Undergraduate Library Research later this spring. Submissions are due by March 30. We are excited to see the entries and to award the prize to its first winner.
- This year, the University has been reviewing and revising its core curriculum. It has recently passed faculty vote and will go into effect next academic year. Information literacy skills remain one of the specific and stated outcomes of the general education program at UNW.

University of St. Thomas (Dan Gjelten)

UST is going through a strategic planning program lead by our new President, and the Libraries are involved in discussions around student learning and engagement, and operational excellence. At the same time, the University is looking at participating in the Ashoka Changemaker program, and we are looking for ways to incorporate the Libraries in possible opportunities there.

The organizational reporting structure has been revised so that the Libraries are now reporting directly to the Provost. (For about 10 years, we've been in the Information Resources and Technologies division.)

An early retirement incentives program will lead to the loss of two UST Libraries staff. The Library Management Team is working on a proposal to replace both positions, but there are no guarantees that such proposals will be approved.

We are engaged in a study of library use and student achievement, a la the University of Huddersfield (England) and the University of Minnesota. UST has also just announced a collaboration with the University of Huddersfield, which is good since the library there was an early adopter of Summon (as was UST), and we are very familiar with their work.

UST and the rest of CLIC are very involved in the migration to ProQuest's Intota library management system and excited to be the first academic library consortium to be adopting Intota.

Regional Public Library Systems

Prepared by Chris Olson

Arrowhead Library System

The Creativity Tank, a group of teaching artists, will visit 16 libraries with hands-on art projects for children and families. Program participants will create, connect, learn, share, and grow through a variety of visual arts projects and processes. Each library chose from a variety of programs ranging from creating a book ornament, a storybook theater project, fiber art, or poetry writing. Workshops are designed to develop and express creativity through meaningful hands-on art experiences.

Author, singer, and storyteller Doug Wood will visit five libraries or schools and present his EarthSongs, Earth Stories program for children and young-at-heart audiences. Winding up the month, ALS will sponsor Sean Emery a circus artist, juggler, and all around funny man performing at 23 locations.

United for Libraries recognized the Friends of the Grand Rapids Area Library on January 27 at a Gala Author Tea during the ALA Midwinter Meeting in Philadelphia. The Friends group received a National Friends of Libraries Week Award which is bestowed annually to two groups in acknowledgement of standout achievements during the preceding fall's Friends of Libraries Week. The Friends received recognition for coordinating a kickoff event with the City of Grand Rapids.

Mayor Dale Adams signed a special Proclamation designating October 20-26 “Friends of the Library Week.” Library staff unveiled a beautiful lobby display thanking the Friends for their many years of service. The Friends went all out in promoting membership and book sales. “During the week, we handed out coupons to library goers for a free book at the Friends bookstore. This brought in many new customers. Once there, a variety of brochures and bookmarks on Friends work and membership were available,” said president and co-chair Carol Steele. They also offered a variety of incentives for joining up (or renewing). These included a drawing for one of five themed gift baskets. By the end, “we had increased membership by almost 25 percent!,” Steele said.

East Central Regional Library

East Central Regional Library (ECRL) held a drawing contest at each of the 14 library branches. The winning child’s drawing from each community was created into a glass sculpture. ECRL will unveil these 14 exquisite, fun, and unique sculptures through a traveling exhibit that will visit each branch library between March 3 – 29, 2014. Glassblower, Anthony Michaud-Scorza, will present information on the glassblowing process and share details of this creative project, as well as participate in a question and answer period. Check the ECRL calendar for specific dates, times, and locations.

Reach Out and Read is a nonprofit organization of medical providers who promote early literacy and school readiness in pediatric exam rooms nationwide by giving new books to children and advice to parents about the importance of reading aloud. Recently representatives from the Fairview Clinic visited the Chisago Lakes Area Library with Curious George and ECRL’s mascot, Sherlock. Following the short program children received free board books from the Reach Out and Read program, parents were given early literacy information, and kids were able to pose for pictures with both Curious George and Sherlock.

Metropolitan Library Service Agency

MELSA launched another Club Book season bringing best-selling and award-winning national and regional authors to library communities throughout the seven-county Twin Cities metropolitan region. The 2014 Winter-Spring line up features literary stars successful in a variety of genres with Amy Thielen, classically trained chef and host of Food Network’s “Heartland Table” kicking things off on February 3 at the Prior Lake Library hosted by Carver County Library. Club Book is coordinated by Library Strategies, the nonprofit consulting group of The Friends of the St. Paul Public Library. A new podcast service will be an exciting enhancement. The podcasts will be uploaded shortly after an author program and available free via the Club Book website and iTunes. Check out Club Book’s pilot episode that outlines how the podcasts will work and promotes this season’s authors. Club Book is made possible through Minnesota’s Arts & Cultural Heritage Fund, a portion of the state’s 2008 Legacy Amendment aimed at preserving and enlivening Minnesota’s rich cultural traditions.

Scott County Names Library Director

To make it official... here’s the announcement concerning the appointment of Jacob Grussing as the new Scott County Library director.

“It is my pleasure to announce that we have selected a new Library Director for Scott County. Jacob Grussing will be starting on December 31, 2013 and comes to us from the Great River Regional Library System.

Jacob received his masters from the University of Wisconsin and is also a graduate from the University of Minnesota, Morris. He is married and the father of two young children.

He has presented on collection management at the Library Technology Conference (2013) and demonstrated his understanding of processes and the role they play in library management. He also has experience working in a community library that serves 30,000 patrons down to 400 patrons, which will fit Scott County well. He demonstrated a tremendous understanding of Delivering What Matters and the greater outcomes the Library plays in our communities and the partnerships it will take to get there....”

- Lezlie A. Vermillion, Deputy Scott County Administrator

Northwest Regional Library

Jazz guitarist, Briand Morrison, recently visited all of the Northwest Regional Library (NWRL) branches and amazed audiences with his talent. Morrison is from Grand Portage, MN with 37 years of jazz guitar performance and teaching

experience, as well as time spent lecturing about jazz theory, history, and guitar technique. He is familiar with all styles of guitar and believes music is culturally enriching.

Pioneerland Library System

Pioneerland Library System (PLS) has worked with an independent consultant, Robert Bjorklund, and conducted a compensation and classification study for PLS staff positions. The purpose of the classification and compensation study will be to address changes in operations and staffing over the last several years, which may have affected the type, scope and level of work being performed.

Specific objectives of the 4-6 month study are: to have a credible classification and compensation plan that recognizes these changes; ensure positions performing similar work with essentially the same level of complexity, responsibility, and knowledge, skills and abilities are classified together; provide salaries commensurate with assigned duties; and maintain currency with relevant labor markets.

Southeastern Libraries Cooperating (SELCO)

SELCO launched a new EASEL- Experience Art in Southeastern Libraries exhibit! The Cannon Falls Library is the first of 13 locations to host the exhibit that includes 28 unique pieces of art. Each selected artist captured his or her interpretation of the easel theme which depicts books, a letter or letters, authors, reading, or the library. The exhibit was in Cannon Falls from January 2 - February 12. For the complete 18-month calendar, check the 2014-2015 traveling schedule. EASEL is made possible with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund and the people of Minnesota for Library Legacy activities.

SELCO's newly designed website launched January 6! The website was crafted to reflect two years of usability testing. It also builds on current technology capable of growing to meet future needs. New features include: slide carousel graphically highlighting important news and service offerings; news blog featuring the eight most current news items; and SELCOtv feed direct from YouTube, also featuring the eight most current productions.

Traverse des Sioux Library Cooperative

With the assistance of Library Strategies, Inc., and several member participants, Traverse des Sioux Library Cooperative (TdSLC) has completed a new Strategic Plan covering 2014-2016. The planning process also resulted in slightly revised mission and vision statements as follows:

Mission — The Traverse des Sioux Library Cooperative promotes cooperation, provides support services, & coordinates shared access to needed resources, programs, and technologies for member libraries.

Vision — The Traverse des Sioux Library Cooperative is the leader of a unified consortium of member libraries advancing lifelong learning in our communities.

The new plan covers five major goals and implementation has already begun on:

- Member Engagement
- Public Relations
- Advocacy and Fundraising
- Training
- Coordinated Services

Viking Library System

The work of area potter and art instructor Lori Charest will be featured in the Thorson Memorial Library display cases from mid-January through mid-March. The Library is planning a public reception and artist talk, as well as a two-part pottery workshop for children and families.

In February, the Thorson Memorial Library featured a Saturday Arts Program with Potter Sean Scott. Scott, of Pomme de Terre Pottery, will discuss his approach to working with clay and glazes, then lead a workshop on hand-built pottery for adults and older teens. Pre-registration is required for this event on Saturday, February 8.

These projects were funding in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

State Government/Special Libraries Report

Brooke Roegge

CALCO Activities

This meeting marks the end of Brooke Roegge's term as state government representative to the Minitex Policy Advisory Committee. Although she has loved her time on the committee and all the wonderful regional library leaders she's had a chance to meet, she has decided to hand over the reins to another state government librarian. CALCO will select a new representative at their bi-monthly meeting on March 26, 2014.

Thirteen government information professionals attended a February 20 CALCO workshop on the American FactFinder presented by Minnesota State Demographic Center analysts. Andi Egbert and Michael Peterson offered the hands-on program, "How to Find Demographic, Social, Economic and Other Data from the U.S. Census Bureau," at the Office of the Minnesota Attorney General.

Attorney General Library (Karla Gedell)

On February 20, the Attorney General Library hosted a training session on American FactFinder for CALCO librarians. The training was led by Andi Egbert and Michael Peterson of the Minnesota State Demographic Center. Eleven attendees explored AFF, part of the US Census, in this hands-on training session in the AGO computer lab.

Dept. of Employment & Economic Development Library (DEED) (Dru Frykberg)

DEED Librarian Dru Frykberg met with the agency's nearly 25 veterans employment representatives in January to discuss how the library can support their work to help veterans find jobs and encourage employers to hire vets. As a result, the library now offers representatives a regular email newsletter, *Employ Vets DEED Library Alert*, to help colleagues monitor news and developments about job leads, career trends, hiring practices and more. This is the latest of 20 unique alerts the library offers agency staff and partners.

Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) Library (Tracey Baker)

In January, the Minnesota Historical Society Library launched its chat reference service as the 40th library in Minnesota to join AskMN.

The Library also continues to produce new research guides and to migrate and update content from old History Topics into new LibGuides software. A total of 21 guides were released during the December through February period, about half of them new topics. Among the new guides are: state institutions, using the Minnesota Historical Society Library, Breweries in Minnesota, Maps at MNHS, Winter Carnival, and transportation research.

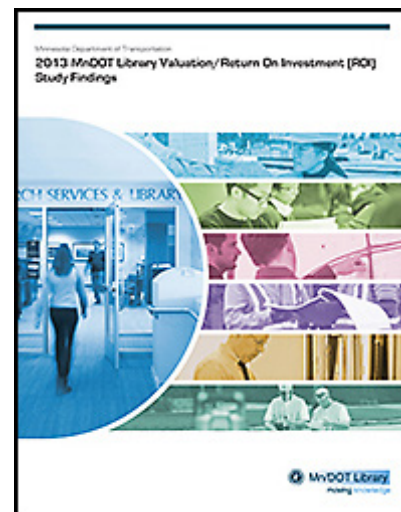
Minnesota Dept. of Transportation (Mn/DOT) Library (Qin Tang)

MnDOT Library Releases Valuation/Return on Investment (ROI) Study Findings

MnDOT Library staff were engaged in a seven month study during 2013 to determine the value of library services to our parent organization, the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The findings were synthesized from (1) monthly statistical and narrative reports submitted by MnDOT Library staff; (2) MnDOT Library budget figures; (3) MnDOT Library customer salary and benefits figures; and (4) results from a department-wide survey on library services conducted in April 2013.

A major finding of our study is that we have tangible and intangible valuation. The Library's tangible valuation, which we can quantify, indicates that for every dollar invested in MnDOT Library, \$1.90 in value is returned to MnDOT. We cannot currently calculate the Library's intangible value, but based on customer feedback, the intangible value to MnDOT is significant.

The eight page study findings report, along with other supporting information, is available on the [Library's valuation project website](#). The supporting materials include



the definitions of our ROI measures, acknowledgements, additional topics researched by the library, periodicals and books borrowed during 2012 through interlibrary loan, our survey questions, and the project bibliography.

The study was a follow-up to and implementation of Proving Your Library's Value: a Toolkit for Transportation Librarians, a product of the Transportation Library Connectivity and Development Pooled Fund Study TPF-5(237).

Please contact Sheila Hatchell at Sheila.hatchell@state.mn.us or 651-366-3733 with any questions or comments about the library valuation study.

State University Libraries' Report

Joan Rocca

Bemidji State University (Tammy Bobrowsky)

- We welcome Mark Lewer to the library. Mark will be our evening supervisor Sundays through Tuesdays.

Metropolitan State University (Alexander Sonstebj's announcement on MnPALS list)

- Christine Schafer is the new library dean at Metropolitan State University since February 18. Chris received a Master of Library Studies from the University of Hawaii at Manoa and an Ed.D. in Leadership from the University of Saint Thomas. She has worked in a number of libraries, including those at South Dakota State University, Wartburg College, Minnesota West Community and Technical College, Honolulu Community College, and the University of Hawaii at Manoa. Prior to becoming a librarian, she taught English in Waterloo, IA. Chris and her husband are excited to be moving to the Twin Cities. They have four grown children and two grandsons. She is eager to be working with the Metropolitan State community!

Minnesota State University Moorhead (Brittney Goodman, Dean)

- The Renovation project on the Livingston Lord Library and Technology Center is slated to be completed by the end of March 2014. Staff are working to stage furniture and collection and staff moves into the completed space.
- MSU Moorhead Library is beginning the process of hiring a Public Services Librarian, two-year Fixed Term. That vacancy notice will be posted soon with an anticipated start date of August 2014. We are also hiring a six-month temporary worker for staff maintenance/student supervision.

Minnesota State University, Mankato (Joan Roca)

- We are pleased to announce our new partnership with PALS to implement the Islandora digital asset management system as the new platform for digital collections from the University Archives. PALS will host the server and applications and assist with planning and metadata; creating customized ingest forms; and training and support.
- We have selected Digital Commons, from bepress, as our main institutional repository product that will be called "Cornerstone."
- We have fully implemented ProQuest's Summon as our main discovery engine. It has been branded as "MavScholar."
- We are making preparations to celebrate our "MSU Authors" event in April with a reception recognizing every faculty or staff who has published a book in the past two years. We will create an ALA "READ" poster custom made for each author with his/her book and combine them all into a big poster. This will be our fourth such event, that is widely anticipated.
- Librarian Becky Schwartzkopf will be retiring at the end of spring semester after 31 years of service. Becky has provided excellent leadership as Serials Librarian during the past 20 years and in her earlier assignments in supervising interlibrary loan, maps, and film/video collections.

Southwest Minnesota State University (Kathleen Ashe)

- Southwest Minnesota State University is facing significant budget issues this year, and the forecast for next year is

concerning. The entire campus has been involved in discussions on solutions, and the library faculty and staff have participated. BESI's (retirement incentives) have been offered to specific departments, the library has not been one. To date, the focus has been on reviewing programs for possible cuts. There has been no indication that the library budgets will be affected but the process is not complete.

- The McFarland Library in collaboration with the Marshall-Lyon County Library and an English faculty member is developing a program series in commemoration of the 100th anniversary of World War I. A program schedule extending four years has been developed. The first lecture in this series given by two history faculty members will set the stage, focusing on the world before the war. This presentation will be on April 15, as part of our library's National Library Week celebration.
- Pam Sukalski, Instruction Librarian, will be presenting at the Library Technology Conference at Macalester College on our experience implementing a digital repository using Islandora. We are preparing a grant request to the SMSU Foundation for future funding.
- The library faculty is working on the self-study portion of our five year program review. We expect to invite a reviewer to campus next fall.

Winona State University (Thomas Bremer)

- WSU's Provost approved and funded a 0.5 FTE Acquisitions Technician position for the Library. This position fills a need created five years ago when we lost a full-time position during the last rounds of budget cuts.
- We are combining our Circulation/Reserve and Information Gallery service desks. This new Single Service point allows us to make more effective use of student workers, staff, and library space. It also recognizes the changing technology support needs of our students. It will be fully implemented during summer session.
- The single service point implementation also gives us an opportunity to take a fresh look at how we use the existing first floor space. We created a library space task force to work with an architectural firm to examine and consider the redesign possibilities. This will be a multi-year project for us.
- Work continues on redesigning our website. We anticipate rollout at end of the semester. We will also incorporate and roll out our MnPALS consortium implementation of the Summons web scale discovery tool.
- Installing a Kwikboost Charging Station (4-foot tall floor-stand model) to help power-up all our student's many devices.

University of Minnesota Coordinate Campus Libraries

Owen Williams

UM, Rochester

- We now have medical anatomical charts gracing the walls of the UMR library.

UM, Duluth

- UMD's Math Emporium will move into space currently occupied by our Technical Services department, adjacent to the Tutoring Center, Writers' Workshop, and Research & Information desk of our new Learning Commons. Technical Services is moving into Circulation backroom offices, which are being vacated for new offices being built behind the circ desk. The Math Emporium will seat approximately 74 students for classes and drop-in lab assistance. Construction begins during spring break.
- We are preparing to fill two vacant positions: E-Resources Librarian, and Emerging Technologies Librarian
- Our institutional repository, d-Commons, is growing in size and scope. We are preparing to accept the deposit of a faculty member's out-of-print book, we've initiated a pilot project to store and manage data for a campus researcher, and we'll participate in the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program's showcase in April to demonstrate how the repository stores and makes accessible work from UROP participants.

- We just finalized our 2014-2016 Strategic Plan after six plus months of working with stakeholders around campus to gather information, feedback, and suggestions.

UM, Morris

- The major concern of the Briggs Library staff has been adjusting policies, procedures and publicity for the December implementation of the Alma automation system. The February “Asking the Big Questions” session featured a philosopher and computer science faculty leading a discussion of artificial intelligence. The faculty/staff team claimed the Brain trophy, winning the Knowledge Bowl competition over the student team during the February Library Game Night. The library is the host site for the upcoming UMM Prairie Gate Literary Festival in late March. Other than that, the library permanent and student staff takes pride that we’ve survived the winter so far without ever decreasing scheduled hours.

UM, Crookston

- The UMC Library is in the process of purchasing additional iPads and other computer tablets for student checkout. The library will also be purchasing additional multimedia computers for student use. These computers will include Windows 8 with touch screen capabilities. Software not included on the student’s laptops will also be loaded on the computer. The digital archive of the UMC Library continues to grow. There are currently two sections. One section includes documents related to the Northwest School of Agriculture and UMC and the other section includes documents regarding Polk County, Minnesota.

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

Wendy Pradt Lougee

Libraries Take off into the Cloud

Under the leadership of the University Libraries, the libraries of all the University’s campuses (Crookston, Duluth, Morris, Rochester, and Twin Cities) implemented two enterprise-level, cloud-based systems in late December 2013. First, as part of the Ex Libris North American Early Adopter Program, the system’s libraries brought Alma, next-generation integrated library management system, into production. This system includes integrated management and transactional capability for print, electronic, and digital resources. Second, the system libraries implemented MNCAT Discovery, using Ex Libris Primo Central. Now far more than a catalog search, this massive discovery service includes records for books, ebooks, media, and millions of journal articles into a single search. Library staff across all of the University campuses have gone above and beyond the call of duty to make these transitions happen.

In addition, the Libraries launched a new look for the [external website](#). Executed alongside the transition to the cloud, this complete redesign made the website responsive for tablets, phones, and other mobile devices. The site also has the fastest loading time among top research institutions. A video overview available at: <http://www.continuum.umn.edu/2014/01/libraries-launches-mncat-discovery-and-new-website/>

Successful Transition to Google Apps

Following several phases of planning over the course of two years, the Libraries made a successful transition to Google Apps as the primary suite of tools to support internal information documentation and sharing about Libraries’ operations and programs. The former staff wiki has been replaced by a [Google Site](#) that all staff can update. Google Drive facilitates the highly collaborative work of committees and teams with shared file spaces and the ability for multiple staff members to edit files simultaneously. In addition to a shared Google Drive for working files, the Libraries is pioneering the use of a second Google Drive to serve as an Organizational Archive for lasting and official versions of work products. A panel of members of the planning and implementation teams will discuss the intricacies of switching to Google Apps during a session on Thursday, March 20, at the [Library Technology Conference](#) at Macalester College in St. Paul, MN.

CLRC Hosts Kate DiCamillo and World Read Aloud Day

Lisa Von Drasek, curator of the Children’s Literature Research Collection, and award-winning children’s author Kate DiCamillo will celebrate World Read Aloud Day on March 5 by reading to school children at nine locations around the United States via video-conference. The Library of Congress recently named DiCamillo the National Ambassador for Young People’s Literature. DiCamillo’s archives are in the University Libraries’ Kerlan Collection. DiCamillo also will be

interviewed March 18 by **NBC Nightly News** at the Elmer L. Andersen Library. The broadcast date of the interview has not yet been announced.

“Downton Abbey” at the Wangensteen Historical Library of Biology and Medicine

Medical themes are threaded throughout **Masterpiece Theater’s** wildly popular *Downton Abbey*, from Matthew’s temporary paralysis during the Great War to Sybil’s tragic death from eclampsia. The Wangensteen Historical Library of Biology and Medicine’s holdings come together in “Downton Abbey: Behind the Scenes of Health and Illness” to illuminate the medicine of Edwardian England. The exhibit explores such themes as nursing, surgery and combat injuries in WWI, maternal and child health, and household medicine using books and artifacts from the library’s extensive early 20th century collections. In conjunction with Season Four’s premiere (January 5, 2014), the exhibit enjoyed a spike in attendance, due in part to coverage in the **Star Tribune**. The writer commented that “the University of Minnesota has an unusual “Downton’-related exhibit where you can actually learn something.” The exhibit is also featured in a blog post on Archives & Special Collections [Primary Sourcing](#) and will remain on display through May 16, 2014.

Children’s Literature Research Collection to Host 2014 Arbuthnot Lecture

The [May Hill Arbuthnot Honor Lecture](#) will be take place at the University of Minnesota on May 3, 2014 and will feature author Andrea Davis Pinkney. This prestigious annual, national event celebrates May Hill Arbuthnot, who served as a strong voice for children’s literature. Each year a lecturer is chosen who will prepare to be delivered at an event in spring and subsequently published in *Children & Libraries*. The University Libraries’ Children’s Literature Research Center (CLRC) was chosen to host the event by the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) and its 2014 May Hill Arbuthnot Committee. The CLRC includes the Kerlan Collection and includes books, original illustrations, and manuscripts significant in the history of children’s literature, including those of Pinkney, who is a **New York Times** best-selling writer of more than 20 books for children and young adults, including picture books, novels and nonfiction.

New Tutorials and Learning Tools

- [Researching & Writing on Musical Topics](#) Timothy Maloney created “Researching & Writing on Musical Topics” in conjunction with Andrew Palahniuk and Lindsay Matts. The guide provides a step-by-step approach based on of the different research needs of music students and includes 12 Research Tips to make searching more efficient and effective.
- An [e-book tutorial](#) created by Lois Hendrickson along with colleagues involved in Personal Information Management.
- Liaison librarians Jim Beattie, Anne Beschnett, Jonathan Koffel, Lisa McGuire, and Andre Nault revised the very popular [Evidence-Based Practice: An Interprofessional Tutorial](#). This tutorial steps out the process of identifying evidence through literature searching techniques in order to answer a clinical question.
- A video guide to the new [Digital Coursepacks service](#) is available.

Grant Awards

Second IMLS National Leadership Grant

In September 2013, the Libraries’ Performing Arts Archive was awarded a two-year \$250,000 IMLS grant, “African American Theater History Project: Digital Aggregation and Discovery of Born Digital Materials” For the proposal, the Libraries conceptualized the creation of a search mechanism (“widget”) that leverages DPLA technologies to identify digitized materials relevant to cultural issues in African American history (theater, literature, politics, history, arts, etc.). This grant is a follow-up to the previously awarded and completed 2012 planning grant, “Preserving the Ephemeral: An Archival Program for Theater and the Performing Arts.”

Open Textbook Adoption Grant

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation has awarded the College of Education and Human Development (CEHD) a two-year \$100,000 grant in support of the “Open Textbook Adoption Program.” Working with CEHD, the Libraries eLearning Support Initiative played an integral role in developing the proposal and will be a key member of the project team. The project will deliver faculty development programming around the use and adoption of open textbooks to eight partner institutions, including the University of Minnesota. Participating institutions will be required to track open textbook adoptions by faculty and provide data to be used to calculate overall cost-savings to students. The project builds on the work to develop an open textbook toolkit for faculty that Libraries staff have been developing in this past year.

Staff Appointments

Ellen Engseth, Curator of the Immigration History Research Center Archives and head of the Migration and Social Services Collections. Ellen came to the Libraries from UW-Milwaukee, where she had been an archivist since 2004 and adjunct instructor in the School of Information Studies since 2005.

Current Exhibits

[200th Anniversary of the Star-Spangled Banner: Celebrating Patriotism and Service in American Life](#)

Through Monday, March 31, 2014

Music Library and Wilson PER Exhibit Cases

[Impressions of Nature: Exploring Historical and Contemporary Nature Printing](#)

Through Monday, March 31, 2014

Andersen Horticultural Library, Minnesota Landscape Arboretum, Chaska, MN

[Downton Abbey: Behind the Scenes of Health and Illness](#)

Through Friday, May 16, 2014

Wangensteen Historical Library of Biology and Medicine 5th floor of Diehl Hall