9. Member Reports & Other

Meetings in 2007: September 7, 2007; November 30 or December 14

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State Government Libraries Report

Karla Gedell, Minnesota Attorney General Library

June 1, 2007

Attorney General Library -*Anita Anderson, Law Librarian*

The A.G. Library celebrated National Library Week in April, hosting their 13th Annual Open House on April 19. A.G. staff completed a "Library Sudoku" puzzle using nine of our electronic resource logos to qualify for a small prize. Library staff conducted "Lunch & Learn" sessions each noon hour in the library, showcasing HeinOnline, PowerPoint for Litigators, and WestCheck. HeinOnline demos were conducted during the Open House to introduce staff to this new office-wide resource.

Dept. of Employment and Economic Development Library (DEED) -*Pat Fenton, Senior Librarian*

The library sends out "DEED Library Alerts," customized e-mails sent to employees highlighting work-related information in periodicals, books, reports, Web sites and other formats. With the help of the department's economic analysts, we will conduct a Zoomerang survey to learn how useful these alerts are to the 525 employees who receive them.

This fall, we will survey the department's 1,600 employees about their work-related library needs and their satisfaction with DEED Library services and resources. This is a follow-up to a survey we did three years ago.

We are purchasing a six-month online subscription to all the information on India from the Economist Intelligence Unit. We are providing access to all the people accompanying Gov. Pawlenty on his October trade mission to India.

The DEED Library is offering "Get Search Savvy" sessions to help employees use library resources. The first two hands-on workshops focused on ReferenceUSA. The 30-minute sessions were held in a computer lab at DEED headquarters. The librarians were available after the sessions to offer participants time to practice and ask questions.

The DEED Library is beginning a subscription to PsychiatryOnline to provide its rehabilitation services staff at all Work Force Centers around the state, Web access to the DSM-IV collection as well as other American Psychiatric Association publications.

Dept. of Natural Resources Library *-Jo Ann Musumeci, Senior Librarian*
The DNR Library is still in its temporary cafeteria location during a carpet replacement project. We look forward to a return to our permanent space! Our request for a full-time library technician is still being reviewed.

Legislative Reference Library *-Robbie LaFleur, Director*
Many things are cyclical at the Legislative Reference Library; right now the librarians are dealing with the annual session-just-ended questions from the public about "What happened?" Soon we'll move into summer project mode, which includes both interesting new projects and several housekeeping tasks that can't be completed during the crush of the legislative session. (It's hard to build up a lot of excitement over staff reviews, server migration, and weeding.)

In addition to the new state documents that we archive electronically, we continue to scan and link to older documents. A list of over 500 pre-2003 documents can be found at: http://www.leg.state.mn.us/lrl/mndocs/edocspre2003.asp We are also working on a project to digitize the Governor's Executive Orders back to 1969. Because governors change, there is no one resource for a historical look at their executive orders.

Although the week after session ends is often quiet, one staff person has had a hard time keeping up with the maintenance of our governor's veto pages!
(http://www.leg.state.mn.us/lrl/Vetoes/Vetoes.asp)

Minnesota Historical Society *-Kathryn Otto, Head of Reference*
The Minnesota Historical Society's Collections Management staff have successfully completed the migration of our newspaper management and check-in procedures from our in-house system (AskRon) to our MnPALS Aleph catalog. The process took 7 months and involved 420 currently-received titles. The work resulted in a partial inventory being done, and as a result, many records were created or cleaned up during the process. 29,000 issues of newspapers are checked-in each year. MHS's historic newspaper collection includes 4319 titles and some 80,000 boxes of microfilm reels. An LSTA grant was applied for and awarded to conduct a pilot project to barcode and create item level holdings (pre-2007 holdings) for the microfilm for the currently received titles. We want to learn the time and cost factors so that we may plan to convert the remaining microfilm holdings out of AskRon and into our MnPALS Aleph catalog. It is our hope that eventually the holdings will be exported from our MnPALS Aleph catalog to WorldCat.

Mn/DOT Library *-Jerry Baldwin, Director*
In FY08, Mn/DOT Library staffing will be reduced by two positions, one clerical and one technical. The cuts are being made through layoffs effective July 2, 2007 and "in accordance with senior MnDOT management's determination that near-term efficiencies through staff reductions are available within its Library unit." That quotation is from a report by the MN Dept. of Administration's

Management Analysis Division, "Options for Staffing Information Resource Activities (Library)," May 2007, presenting alternative scenarios to achieve the reductions. This leaves a staff of 5 FTE in FY08, down from 7.5 (including .5 FTE Student Worker) in FY07 and a peak of 9.75 FTE in 2001.

Minnesota Revenue Library -*Donna Davis, Senior Librarian*
The Legislature has directed that Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) relocate from its current offices in Minneapolis to the Harold Stassen Office building in the Capitol complex in St. Paul, sometime between July 1, 2007 and January 2008. Courtrooms and office space will be constructed in the Stassen building this summer. The Dept. of Revenue Library will be adding OAH print materials to its library collection in September as part of the move.

Minnesota State Law Library -*Daniel Lunde, Head of Public Services*
From June 4–9, the State Law Library will host an exhibit of visual art of Stillwater Correctional Facility inmates. Jennifer Jensen, a full-time art instructor at the prison, works closely with the prisoners to develop and enhance their art, and many of the pieces are remarkable. After the exhibit, most of the artwork will be donated to the non-profit Minnesota Correctional Education Foundation (MCEF), which is planning a silent auction. The funds from the auction will go toward educational programs for inmates. (For more information about MCEF, visit their website at www.mcef.info.) An interesting side note: once the artwork leaves the prison, it cannot be returned to the inmate. There is concern that contraband, such as drugs or weapons, might be hidden on or in the art. Therefore, the prisoner must either donate his artwork to an organization, such as MCEF, or make arrangements for friends or family to retrieve it. If it returns to the prison, it will be discarded.

Anna Cherry, Public Services and Publications Coordinator at the State Law Library, wrote a chapter in a book that recently won a prestigious American Association of Law Libraries award: *Prestatehood Legal Materials: A Fifty-State Research Guide, Including New York City and the District of Columbia*. The book won the annual Joseph L. Andrews Bibliographical Award, which recognizes a significant contribution to legal bibliographical literature. Anna wrote Chapter 24, which is entitled "Minnesota Legal Materials from Wilderness to Statehood," and includes the following subheadings: *Competing Claims to the Land*, *The Shifting Boundaries to Statehood*, *The Winding Road to Statehood* and *Minnesota Prestatehood Documents*.

The State Law Library has recently made available for purchase a DVD video set of a symposium entitled "Emerging and Innovative Ideas in Juvenile Law: Celebrating 100 Years of Juvenile Courts in Minnesota." This day-long symposium was organized and presented by the Minnesota Juvenile Court Centenary Planning Committee. Two staff members of the State Law Library were active Committee members: Barbara Golden, Minnesota State Law Librarian, and Daniel Lunde, Head of Outreach Services and Library Development. The symposium was held at William Mitchell College of Law in St. Paul. Presenters and participants included judges, attorneys, social workers, guardians ad litem, probation officers, and others involved with helping children in juvenile courts. Articles associated with various individual sessions of the symposium were published in volume 32, issue 3, *William Mitchell Law Review*. Copies of the symposium DVD set can be purchased for $35. More information about the video set, the symposium itself and other work of the Juvenile Planning Committee can be found at http://www.mncourts.gov/?page=1840.

Perpich Center for Arts Education (PCAE) Library -*Jeanne Iverson, Director*
The PCAE Library recently hired a full time librarian, Karen Ninestadt, who starts on May 30. Karen is leaving a position at a St. Paul school district charter school where she assisted in the library and the music department classrooms. Karen also was recently employed at Rasmussen College where she was the Reference and Instruction Librarian. Her undergraduate majors were in Music Performance and

English/Creative Writing with a Spanish minor. She received her Master's degree in Library and Information Science from Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois.

The Perpich Center for Arts Education Library will be featured in an upcoming issue of the MINITEX "Reference Notes"/ focusing on the arts. Podcasts of interviews will be available on the MINITEX web site in June.

Pollution Control Agency Library -*Kathy Malec, Librarian*
The MPCA Library merged in June 2006 with the Office of Environmental Assistance Waste Education Clearinghouse. Both libraries moved to a combined space on the first floor designated as the MPCA Learning Resource Center and Library. The merger resulted in a division of duties for Jeanne Giernet (Clearinghouse director) and Kathy Malec (MPCA Librarian). An overview of our services is available at http://www.pca.state.mn.us/about/library.html.

Jeanne continues to answer questions and provide environmental information and resources and will be doing additional work in marketing and branding for external agency clients. Kathy has been busy integrating the Clearinghouse collection of 40 journals and nearly 500 books into the library catalog. They plan future separate collections of environmental education books and communication materials. The LRC/Library is also in the process of hiring a library technician to work on a wide variety of tasks.

R. N. Barr Library -*Paul Elliott Dahl, Director*
The Barr Library signed an interagency agreement with the Minnesota Department of Human Services to provide electronic resource access and library services.

Mark Smith is now employed full-time in the Barr Library as a result of the interagency agreement signed with DHS. Mark takes care of systems, serials, and cataloging.

The Minnesota Board of Health Reports for the years 1872-1882 have been digitized and will appear in the Minnesota Digital Library. The Barr Library is in the process of completing the metadata. The Barr Library had drawings for a chocolate bar at both library locations (the main library at Freeman State Office Building and the branch library at the Golden Rule Building) for National Library Week.

Paul Dahl, Library Director, will be presenting "Being a Servant-Leader in the Library Setting" at the Minnesota Library Association (MLA) conference in Mankato in October. This presentation is sponsored by the Library Management Roundtable. The presentation will focus on Robert Greenleaf's concept of a servant-leader.

Submitted by Karla Gedell, State Government Libraries Representative

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State Universities Report

Joan Roca, Minnesota State University, Mankato

June 1, 2007

Metropolitan State University   -David Barton

We are awaiting a consultant's report on establishing a curriculum collection to support our Urban Teacher Education Program.

Like the other state universities involved (Winona, Mankato, and Moorhead), we are considering how best to serve our first doctoral students in the applied nursing program.

The Library Dean, Library Outreach Coordinator, and the Dayton's Bluff Public Library Branch Manager are presenters at a Joint Use Libraries International Conference in Manchester England in June.

We hope to be establishing our first Archivist position in the fall.

Bemidji State University   -Ron Edwards
Ron Edwards, new director of the Bemidji State University Library reports on two upcoming events:
- Ronald Edwards, University Librarian, presented at WILU 2007, Toronto, Ontario.
- Archives/Special Collections now has library user "open" hours
    (7 hours weekly)
    (previously by appt. only)
- Third GA position approved in the library for 2007/08

Minnesota State University Moorhead   -Brittney Goodman
The Library continues to work on how to support the new consortial Doctorate in Nursing Practice offered jointly with Metro, Winona, and Mankato.

Minnesota State University, Mankato   -Joan Roca
The MSU Mankato Library has joined Portico, the Electronic Archiving Initiative launched after JSTOR to provide a permanent archive of the journals we subscribe to.

Bobby Bothmann, Catalog/Electronic Resources Librarian, Bothmann is the winner of the 2007 Esther J. Piercy Award and it will be presented to him on June 24th at the ALA conference in Washington at the ALCTS meeting.

The university has established a new formula to allocate the recovered Facilities and Administrative costs (formerly known as indirect costs) related to grant activity and the Library will continue to receive a small percentage to support faculty research.

Staff changes: Librarians Diane Richards and Polly Frank will be going on phase retirement and Kathy Piehl will be on sabbatical. An interim hire will cover basic duties.

The Library continues to work on how to support the new consortial Doctorate in Nursing Practice offered jointly with Metro, Winona, and Moorhead.

Southwest Minnesota State University   -Sandy Fuhr
SMSU Archives has been named Striegel Archives in honor of the work of Emeritus Professor Mary Jane Striegel, Reference & Interlibrary Loan Librarian since 1969.

Both Mary Jane Striegel and former Library Director, John Bowden, retired this spring.

SMSU is adding the Serials Solutions Article Linker and Central Search.

Changing the Face of Medicine: Celebrating America's Women Physicians, a traveling exhibition from ALA & NLM, will be at the SMSU Library from August 15-September 28, 2007.

St. Cloud State University -Kristi Tornquist
SCSU has finished interviewing candidates for 8 library vacancies this week and we hope to be finalizing our hiring soon.   We are still in the process of reviewing applications for our Associate Dean for Library Services.

We expect our next year's budget to be stable with potentially a small increase.

Winona State University -Larry Hardesty
The Library continues to work on how to support the new consortial Doctorate in Nursing Practice offered jointly with Metro, Mankato, and Moorhead.

Submitted by Joan Roca, State Universities Representative

Multi-county, Multitype Library Systems Report

Ruth Solie, Northern Lights Library Network

June 1, 2007

Central MN Libraries Exchange (CMLE)   -Patricia Post, St. Cloud
Increased activity in multiple legislative activities, including testifying at two legislative hearings this year in support of multitype funding.

FY 2008 Budget planning & salary negotiations, and reviewing strategic plan for grant application process.

Hosted monthly Legislative Committee meetings via ITV.

Hosted all College of DuPage Teleconferences using the facilities of SCSU.

Development and implementation of a member survey using Survey Monkey. Besides current contact information and rating of services, questions about the following items appear on the survey:
- MnLINK use patterns
- ELM database usage and methods of access
- Current catalog software in school media centers
- Interest in consortial buy of library management software (Destiny)

Participated in testing of Opal software for use in web conferencing with other multitypes or our multitype members

Conducted a systems analysis of CMLE interlibrary loan in preparation for migration to the Aleph ILL software this summer (as a SCSU sub-unit).

Conducted a systems analysis of delivery given the sudden demise of a local delivery service which left a delivery gap for 57 sites. Talks with regional public library systems continue for finding ways to meet the needs for delivery of books. Great River has agreed to deliver items to its public library branches.

Over 2,600 requests for interlibrary loan were filled during the last quarter, as compared to 2,562 in 2006 and 2,901 in 2005.

Metronet   –Tom Shaughnessy, St. Paul
During the past three months, Metronet has presented one Wind-Down for librarians in the region. This session featured Dana Bjerke, winner of the NY Times Librarian of the Year Award, and Ria Newhouse, who was selected by the ALA as one of the profession's emerging leaders. Dana is a youth services librarian for Hennepin County Libraries, and Ria is an information services specialist at Metropolitan State University.

Most of Metronet's efforts during this period have focused on planning a statewide conference on information literacy. The conference will be held at the University of Minnesota's Conference Center (St. Paul Campus) on June 15 and will feature Commissioner of Education Alice Seagren; retired CEO of Medtronic, Bill George; Barbara Theirl, MEMO Co-President; Professor Scott McLeod of the University of Minnesota; Doug Johnson, Director of Media Services for the Mankato Area School District; and Leslie Yoder, technology integration specialist for the St. Paul Public Schools. For more information about the conference, go to "What's New" at www.metrolibraries.net.

Metronet is also working with CLIC (Cooperating Libraries in Consortium) on a second information literacy conference which will take place this fall. This conference will seek to bring together school media librarians and academic reference librarians to discuss how to better coordinate information literacy instruction, their use of statewide databases, and use of the assignment calculator.

Metronet also co-sponsored with MELSA an address by ALA President-Elect Loriene Roy. This event was held at the Minneapolis Public Library.

Finally, Metronet's Board is in the process of recruiting a new executive director. Tom Shaughnessy will be retiring (again) this summer.

North Country Library Cooperative   -Linda Wadman, Mountain Iron
FY 2008 Budget planning & salary negotiations, and reviewing strategic plan for grant application process.

Keeping Board and members abreast of Legislative issues.

Hosted College of DuPage "Best of the Web" web streaming conference.

Hosted College of DuPage "Library Transformation: Making It Happen" web streaming conference.

Conducted an interlibrary loan training session for an Iron RangeResources staffer in coordination with Arrowhead Library System staff.

Monitored delivery issues including lost or misdelivered items.

Verified and made requests, and delivered interlibrary loan requests from school, special and academic libraries.

Visited six of our region's legislators during Library Legislative Day where I noticed some very large attractive, colorful maps available from LCC-GIS (Legislative Coordinating Commission- Geographic .
Information Services)including one which shows 2007 School Districts available for the very reasonable **price** of fifteen dollars each. This very useful tool has been framed and added to our office premises.

Northern Lights Library Network   -Ruth Solie, Detroit Lakes
NLLN is putting the finishing touches on FY 07 and planning for FY08. Our NLLN Annual Meeting in April included a "Library Conversation" between the NLLN Governing Board and guests from all types of NLLN member libraries.

With some NLLN Office re-organization and a revised budgeting process, we're looking forward to expanding several key service areas in FY08 and undertaking new formats for accomplishing these.

NLLN has recently subscribed to OPAL web-conferencing software for libraries and anticipates using this for small meetings, committee work, and for delivery of training and staff development programs.

We are investigating the methods of moving the North Star Library Consortium to an expanded level.

The NLLN Scholarship program, in response to its success and in anticipation of increased demand in 2008, will be expanded to meet a greater need.

We are also planning for partnering with school and special libraries in an E2T2 grant already under way, and waiting to hear about the IMLS Leadership Grant application submitted by the History Museum of East Otter Tail -- if successful, NLLN will be a partner in this grant assisting with staff development, training, and communication.

Southcentral MN Interlibrary Exchange (SMILE)   -Nancy Steele, Mankato
The last program of this year for the American Sign language Storytimes with storytellers was held and about 80 were in attendance. The series will begin again in September. Students, families with hearing impaired members and the general public have shown increased interest in these programs once a month on Saturday mornings.

The SMILE Annual meeting held in April was a success with a program by Minnesota Crime wave enjoyed by 40 mystery lovers.

The end of year reports, applications and evaluation of progress toward the strategic plan's goals are in progress as the end of the fiscal year approaches. Plans and contracts for FY2008 are being formulated.

Southeast Library System (SELS)   -Ann Hutton, Barbara Misselt, Rochester
SELS Activities - Report to MINITEX for June 1, 2007 (covers Mar – May 2007)
SELS sponsored the attendance of Lourdes High School students at Library Legislative Day. Students spoke with legislators about the importance of school libraries and regional and state services to those libraries.
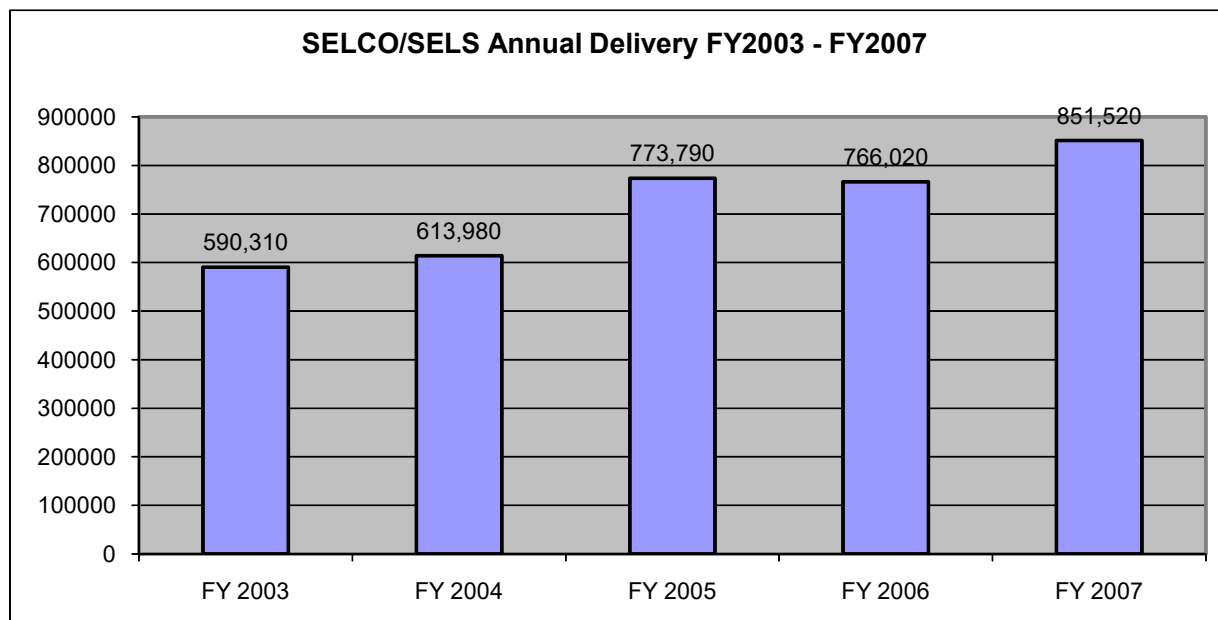
Library and school media center personnel participated in SELCO/SELS training: *Tech Expectations* with Marshall Breeding and MINITEX ELM training.

SELS is completing evaluation of its LSTA grant, *Community Libraries as Online Partners*, which brought Houston Elementary School and Plainview-Elgin-Millville Middle School online with the SELCO Integrated Library System.

SELS conducted a survey to identify which new or expanded services that members most wanted if increased funding becomes available.

SELCO and SELS share a joint delivery service that supports resource sharing between all types of libraries. Items, which are sorted at the SELCO headquarters in Rochester, increased by 10% over last year.

Annual delivery in SELCO/SELS Region

SELCO/SELS Annual Delivery FY2003 - FY2007

FY	Delivery
FY 2003	590,310
FY 2004	613,980
FY 2005	773,790
FY 2006	766,020
FY 2007	851,520

Southwest Area Multicounty Multitype Interlibrary Exchange (SAMMIE) -Robin Chaney, Marshall
During the last 3 months, SAMMIE dodged snowstorms and a virus to offer workshops to member libraries.

On March 15, Gay Galles, Program Manager of Media Services for the Moorhead Schools, offered a workshop on Collections Development in Marshall.

After one postponement and the addition of a second workshop site, Barbara Misselt, Assistant Director at SELCO/SELS [Southeastern Libraries Cooperating/Southeast Library System], presented Its Not Just Lingo: Blogs, Flickr, RSS and more for YOUR web Page. The Workshops were held April 12 at Benson Public Library and April 13 at Slayton Public Library. {Yes, we had lunch at the Pizza Ranch in Slayton.}

Private Colleges Report

Dan Gjelten, University of St. Thomas

June 1, 2007

Martin Luther College   -Dave Gosdeck
Martin Luther College, a private college in New Ulm, Minnesota, received a LSTA grant last year. The grant enabled the college to rebarcode its collection and to prepare its data and collection to join the TdS regional SIRSI system. This is the first partnership in the state between a private college and regional public library system. The partnership is also possible because of its membership in SMILE and the assistance of SMILE in bringing this plan off. The college's collection will go live on Ibistro in mid June. In this way its collection will be opened up to the region and the entire state.

CLIC   -Karen Docherty
We are looking into participating in a fiber loop project with other academic institutions in the Twin Cities which would allow for institution to institution data transmission without going over the Internet. Goals of the project are to increase interconnectivity among institutions and to reduce Internet costs.

We've recently added an "Add This" button in our full catalog record display so that users can bookmark records in social bookmarking sites like Del.icio.us and many others.

We're still trying to put together a CONTENTdm shared license for a few of the CLIC institutions.

A small group of CLIC folks will be working with Metronet to host an information literacy conference for the fall on the theme communication between K-12 library media specialists and academic librarians for greater coordination in the delivery of information literacy instruction.

CLIC upgraded III Ils to WebPac Pro over the winter, with some difficulties. The big picture piece in this is the struggle between the academic librarian eschewing things like cover art, ratings, etc. which seem to be important to this generation of student.

CLIC libraries will spend the next year investigating options for the future of our ILS. We'll explore vendor options, discovery tools, open source systems, user behaviors, ILS market trends, etc.

University of St. Thomas   -Dan Gjelten
Working on a reorganization that will structure the UST Libraries organization more closely aligned with current library goals, around content management, community building, research and instruction, and what we are calling enterprise goals. More on this later.

We are implementing Serials Solutions Central Search (CLIC consortial purchase) connected to 75 databases.

We will be implementing and experimenting with DSpace campuswide as part of our digital asset

management application package

Dan Gjelten attended the DeLange conference on Emerging Libraries at Rice University in March. (Let me know if you are interested in my top ten insights from this and ACRL this spring Ill send them to you separately.)

Northwestern   -Ruth McGuire
In conjunction with CLIC, we began investigating options for new discovery tools, perhaps to replace the opac, and looking at the concept of the ILS in general and its future.

Purchased federated search software from Serials Solutions and are in the implementation process

Currently, participating in a ContentDM trial with plans to proceed on a small digitization project throughout the next year. Early efforts will focus on the Riley special collection.

College of St. Benedict/Saint John's University   -Kathy Parker
Some news from St. John's: We have received the go-ahead to begin planning for renovation and expansion of Alcuin Library, at the SJU campus. We've hired an architect, who will do some preliminary plans this summer to be used for fundraising. Actual construction work will begin in about two years. The program addresses facilities for the extensive special collections at St. John's, including the St. John's Bible, and many changes to better meet the needs of 21st century undergraduates. We've got some challenges, working with an architecturally significant building, but look forward to this opportunity to grow.

Carleton College   -Sam Demas
Carleton and St Olaf continue to work on a Mellon funded cooperative collection development project aimed at moving towards two collections that function as one. We are exploring increased cooperation in media, gov docs, journals, e-resources, monographic acquisitions, ILL, and serials work.

Carleton and St Olaf are in the midst of a workflow redesign project that will result in changes in the way we do our work and in job descriptions to help achieve strategic goals.

Carleton has implemented DSpace in a consortial institutional repository called LASR (Liberal Arts Scholarly Repository), a consortium of 23 liberal arts colleges.

North Central University   -Joy Jewett
Joy Jewett attended the CIC/NILTE workshop on Transformation of the College Library on March 1-3, in Portland, OR. Also she has been working on committee work for their upcoming HCL accreditation visit in late 2007.

Macalester College   -Terri Fishel
 New systems:
 Federated Searching: Macalester will be implementing the ExLibris product, MetaLib, in collaboration with Augsburg College in the Summer/Fall. We hope to have our product available for campus use by January 2008.

Scholarly Communication: A task force composed of faculty and staff has been formed and a mission statement developed to outline our efforts on campus to increase faculty awareness of the changing nature of scholarly communication. Our focus for the Fall will be on promoting faculty awareness of their rights as authors. We're also encouraging faculty to test open access options and recently posted

our first faculty publication in our institutional repository, DigitalCommons@Macalester. We currently have over 100 student honor projects and three open access journals available in the DigitalCommons.

New Publication: Macalester is represented in one of the case studies in the recent publication, *The Role of the Library in the First Year of College* edited by Larry Hardesty. From the book announcement: Published jointly with the Association of College and Research Libraries, *The Role of the Library in the First Year of College* explores structures and practices for helping students learn to navigate the college library; use the Internet effectively; and find, analyze, and incorporate information into their academic work a critical foundation for college success. Includes 13 case studies on current practice from a variety of campus types. Our case study is entitled, "Librarians as change agents: the evolution of a first-year information fluency program at a small liberal arts college".

Submitted by Dan Gjelten,Private Colleges Representative

University of Minnesota Coordinate Campuses Report

Bill Sozansky, University of Minnesota, Duluth

June 1, 2007

University of Minnesota, Crookston
The UMC Library recently did a number of technology upgrades to enhance library services. This includes replacing all desk-top computers (for public use) with new ones and purchasing new equipment for student check out including: additional scanners, digital cameras, video cameras, pod casting kit, digital voice recorders, web cams, and digital converters. These items are available to all students at no charge.

The libraries of the University of Minnesota are working collaboratively to develop the new MyU system. Among other things, this new system will allow students to customize their library experience.

University of Minnesota, Morris
Briggs Library continues to work on various digitization projects: Digital Image Collections (using ContentDM), Digital Repository projects focusing on American Indian Boarding Schools and UMM faculty/staff scholarship. Permission has been given to hire a Circulation Manager after surviving a year of having that position unfilled.

University of Minnesota, Duluth
UMD Library is implementing Library 2.0 to help its staff enhance their technical skills. Based on a program created at the Charlotte/Mecklenburg Public Library, the planning team has adapted program for an academic library and to U of M preferred software. The four month program will start in August 2007. There will be incentives for staff who complete the program.

UMD Library was one of 23 libraries selected to participate in the upcoming tour "Lewis and Clark and the Indian Country." The program was developed by the Newberry Library, Chicago and the American Library Association Public Programs Office.

UMD Library Technical Services Manager Shixing Wen has been recently elected as the Executive Director of the Chinese Americans Librarian Association (www.cala-web.org) for a three-year term (2007-2010).

On May 17th, UMD Library hosted the 19th annual Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards (NEMBA). The keynote address was given by Will Weaver, a writer of fiction for adult and young adult readers, speaking about "Why Writers Are Not Normal People," a whimsical look at an unusual profession. Barton Sutter, Duluth Poet Laureate, presented the awards. The winners of awards were as follows:

Nonfiction / Memoir:
Waking: A Memoir of Trauma and Transcendence, by Matthew Sanford, published by Rodale, Inc.

Fiction / Poetry / Drama:
The North Shore by Gunnard Landers, published by North Star Press of St. Cloud

Children's Literature:
Fearless John: The Legend of John Beargrease by Kelly Emerling Rauzi and illustrated by Mila Horak, published through Singing River Publications

Submitted by Bill Sozansky, University of Minnesota, Coordinate Campuses Representative

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University of Minnesota, TC Report
Wendy Pradt Lougee, University of Minnesota, TC
June 1, 2007

Recent Programs and Projects
Authors' Rights and Scholarly Communication -The Committee on Institutional Cooperation (CIC) Authors' Rights Addendum was unanimously endorsed by the University Senate in May. This followed endorsements by the Senate Library Committee and the Faculty Consultative Committee. This Addendum encourages scholars to understand their options in regard to copyright and to make informed choices when signing publication agreements. Librarians at University Libraries played a strong role in educating the campus on this topic and are preparing to expand this education and information role in the fall. The Libraries' Scholarly Communication Collaborative offered three training sessions for librarians during the spring semester. This group is now preparing an Opportunity Assessment document for librarian departmental liaisons to use that will help us identify advocates and opportunities for campus outreach.

Ex Libris/Aleph
Primo: The University's contract with Ex Libris for Primo was signed in March, and the general release version of Primo was installed on the University's test and production servers in May. Work on configuration and testing continues. We are working toward a Summer 2007 production rollout of Primo.

<u>Aleph ILL:</u> The University has been the beta test site for migration from Aleph Web ILL to the new integrated GUI- ILL and has worked closely with MINITEX on testing both the upgrade kit and the functionality of the new software. The production migration to the new software will occur in early June.

<u>Verde:</u> Training for Verde (e-resource management) was held in mid-March. Verde instances for each of the four campuses, plus a central instance for jointly purchased resources, have been created on the test server. Implementation committees have been formed and have begun working.

<u>Metalib:</u> Metalib version 4 will be moved into production in early June.

<u>Science Cohort Hired</u> -In December 2006, the Libraries hired three new science librarians who have been working on a study of University researchers and graduate students in the sciences in order to understand their unique and emerging information needs. The goal of the study is to improve Libraries services and tools that support research in the sciences. See: http://www.lib.umn.edu/about/scieval/)

<u>EthicShare</u> -As part of a Mellon Foundation-funded grant, the Libraries have conducted an assessment of and built an online prototype for a multi-institutional community of bioethics scholars. The prototype consists of a bibliographic database around which a growing array of social networking tools are made available. Self-defined interest groups, social bookmarking, sharing citations, and faceted browsing are among the features introduced in this virtual community environment. For more information on the project, see: http://www.lib.umn.edu/about/ethicshare/ .

<u>AgEcon Search</u> -The Libraries have migrated its award-winning AgEcon Search service to the DSpace platform (beta version at: http://ageconsearch.umn.edu/). The resource now contains over 25,000 documents (working papers, pre-prints, journal articles, etc.) from over 110 institutional contributors worldwide in the field of agricultural and applied economics.

<u>myLibrary Portal Integration</u> -The Libraries are completing phase 1 of a three-year project to integrate library content and services into the campus enterprise portal. The first phase consists of "pushing" library services out to individual users on the basis of their degree program and status at the University. The second phase will introduce capabilities for users to "pull" content and services into their personalized views, combining it with a continuous stream of information that is provided by library staff and liaisons. The third phase, called "peer services," provides a view onto the content and service preferences made by the peers in one's own disciplinary community. Applying social networking techniques in this phase will allow us to explore how well a community can self-mentor in large information environments.

<u>Training and Education at Health Sciences Libraries</u> -The HSL is a valued training site for both practicing librarians as well as students in the MLS program at the College of St. Catherine. In January, we welcomed a mid-career librarian in the National Library of Medicine/Association of Academic Health Sciences Libraries Leadership Fellowship program for a week-long practicum, and in April a new librarian in NLM's Associate Fellowship program. We also worked with two College of St. Catherine students for their practica.

<u>Process and Customer Service Improvement</u> -The Libraries' first Selection to Access process improvement project (focusing on monographs) is nearly completed. More than 60 percent of English language materials are now arriving shelf-ready and are available for use by patrons within 24 hours of receipt. The success of this project led to a second process improvement project, which is now underway and focusing on serials, e-resources, and government documents.

A customer service initiative focusing on staff throughout the Libraries who work at circulation points and in the stacks has now been in operation a year. Customer service training sessions (offered each semester) for regular and student staff have reached more than 100 employees. The initiative includes descriptions of customer service core competencies and a process for measuring outcomes. An example of the latter is our "Secret Shopper" group that visits service points with specific problems or questions; responses are then compiled, evaluated, and inform future training.

Submitted by Wendy Pradt Lougee, University of Minnesota, TC Representative

Technical Colleges Report
Pat Akerman, St. Cloud Technical College
June 1, 2007

Alexandria Technical College -*Mary Leuthard, Library Technician*
The Alexandria Technical College Library has two full-time staff members, Sheree Cochran acts as the learning Resources Coordinator and Mary Leuthard acts as the Librarian/Library Technician for ATC. Beginning in December 2002, a full-time seasonal position of the library was cut.

The ATC Library has not experienced any budget cuts in the past few years.

The ATC Library was involved in the conversion of PALSTAC to Aleph. Sheree and I attended all the training sessions, since as a small library, we act as catalogers, circulation, reference, interlibrary loan and system administrators. It is difficult to obtain coverage for the library in the event of both of our absences. We have trained two co-workers from other departments to cover the library, but obviously, only the basic tasks get done, such as circulation and possibly some reference help to students.

The ATC Library remains open 55 hours in a typical week during the school year and 40 hours in the summer months. The summer months are spent conducting inventory and working on other projects to improve our library services. We conduct between 35-40 Library Orientation sessions in a typical school year. We hold general sessions which address using the MnPALS catalog and the subscription databases and electronic books, as well as conducting specific orientation sessions for instructors that request it for their program area. A typical weekly gate count at the ATC Library is about 585 patrons.

Our Circulation and Interlibrary Loan transactions have been increasing each year.

Because of space issues (our library is very small), we have bought into more electronic books and electronic databases rather than print materials. We continue to subscribe to about 80 periodical titles and have a print book collection of around 15,000 titles. We have about 1,400 audiovisual materials.

I think that the most difficult issue for the ATC Library has been the work and training involved in the conversion to the Aleph system and the work involved in the upgrade we just experienced (Aleph Version 15.5 to Aleph Version 17).

Currently Mary and the ATC Library has been selected as a test library for libraries who do not use the serials module in the Aleph system, but maintain seriality for materials in their collections, to work with MaryAnn Greenwald in loading the serial titles into OCLC.

We usually employ 2 to 3 work-study employees during the school year so the library can stay open until 6:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8-12:00 noon on Saturdays. Each work-study works approximately 12 hours a week. Because of work-study funding being cut for 2007-2008 school year, we may experience some changes regarding work-study employ.

Anoka Technical College   -*Susan Brettschneider*
Declined to respond because they do not have a librarian.

Dakota County Technical College -*Michael Kirby, Librarian*
The DCTC Library moved into an expanded and renovated facility over winter break and opened for business at the beginning of spring semester. Our new space is roughly three times the size we had previously and includes a computer lab, more rooms for quiet study, and enough shelving to grow our collection by 30%.

Michael Kirby and Barbara Tuttle are creating a web-base bibliographic instruction module that can be used with D2L to reach DCTC's online students. The number of students taking online courses from DCTC is expanding rapidly, so we are being proactive in making our online students aware of the resources available to them.

Hennepin Technical College – Brooklyn Park & Eden Prairie -*Ann Nelson, Librarian*
HTC's Library homepage is in the process of being revamped to create a more user-friendly destination for its patrons. Once it is up and running in the fall of 2008, usability testing will be done with the help of students, faculty and staff to work out any problems that might exist in its ease of use.

This fall semester Ann Nelson, Librarian for both HTC campus libraries since 2000, will be taking a sabbatical. Her replacement for the semester will be Jennie Faulkner, a part-time library tech for Eden Prairie campus for the past two years, who recently received her Master of Library Science degree from St. Kate's.

Ann will be involved in two projects during her sabbatical: creating a tutorial on using the library and its resources and creating a video on the library facility.   The latter will be done with the assistance of one of the MultiMedia/Video Design and Production students registered this fall at the Brooklyn Park campus. Both the tutorial and video will have a link on the library homepage and D2L. The tutorial and its assessment module will be required for students in many of the General Education courses, and scores from the assessment module will be a part of their score for those courses.

St. Cloud Technical College -*Patricia Akerman, Librarian*
In the past two years, the SCTC library staffing has changed from one library technician to a Library Director, a full-time Librarian, and a .80 Library Technician.

The Library Collection has changed from a room full of out-dated books to around 5,000 titles in a little over a year.   Of these, a Professional Development and Multicultural Collection were also created.

A periodical collection was established with 131 titles.

In fall of 2006 the library physically moved from one area to another making it more visible and accessible for library patrons. We are still waiting for the remodel of our new area to take place. The projected date is early 2008.

We recently learned of a donor who would like to build new furnishings for the library.   We are currently looking for funding to match his donation.

Library activity and circulation has increased by over 90% since 2005.

Patricia Akerman, Librarian gave library presentations to 71 classes, 2 divisions meetings (Nursing, Trades & Industry), the Student Senate, and 170 Business Professional Students this past academic year. For all of these presentations Pat designs individualized course training materials and handouts. Pat is currently working on a Library Research D2L component that will integrate with the online courses being offered. The goal of this component will be to provide online learning students with an opportunity to learn about the available databases and resources. The component will include an assignment and a survey which can be used for assessment purposes.

Pat will also be working on the re-design of the SCTC library homepage with the intent of making it more useable and accessible. Of the many changes, it will provide links to various resources and sites frequently used by faculty, staff and students.

The SCTC hosted its first "Open House" in Spring 2007.   It was a well attended and based on positive feedback it was a huge success.

A local survey of student user needs was conducted in Spring of 2007.   It showed that SCTC students are pleased with the many changes and would like a larger library with more resources.

The SCTC Library proctored approximately 130 tests during this past academic year. Those were for both students attending SCTC and those who were taking classes at other campuses.

The SCTC Library is temporarily hosting the CTL collection until it is moved to a permanent space.

Vi Bergquist, Director of Library and IT Service recently secured an LSTA grant for a portable laptop training lab with 24 computers. This training lab will be used for library presentations in classrooms that do not already have computers. The laptop card will also be available to MINITEX and CMLE for training purposes on the SCTC campus.

Submitted by Pat Akerman, Technical Colleges Representative

County Libraries Report

Vanessa Birdsey, Scott County Library System

June 1, 2007

Washington County Library System
No report.

Carver County Library System
The Carver County Library System has been approached by three cities to be part of new or expanded libraries to be built in the next 5 years:
      Norwood Young America –expand into new facility (2009)
      City of Carver-new facility (2012)
      City of Victoria-new facility (2012)

The Library Director is currently working on a facility plan which will be included as part of the County Comprehensive plan.

Hennepin County Library System
<u>Youth Services Librarian at Hennepin County Library wins New York Times Librarian Award for 2006</u> -Dana Bjerke, a Youth Services librarian at Ridgedale Library in Minnetonka, has won a New York Times Librarian Award for 2006. The award "recognizes those librarians in public libraries whose exemplary performance and outstanding community service have made their libraries friendlier and more accessible institutions," according to the N.Y. Times Community Affairs Dept. webpage. Some 1300 librarians were nominated this year and 21 from around the U.S. won the award.

<u>55+ And Senior Services In Spotlight At National Summit On Aging</u> -Choices for Independence: A National Leadership Summit, Dec. 5-6 in Washington, D.C., featured a Hennepin County pilot program for aging and disability resources with Hennepin County Library as a community partner. Approximately 90 of the 1300 summit participants attended the session presented by Judy Hohmann, Partnerships & Communications, that highlighted HCL-County program collaborations such as Medicare Part D, minnesotahelp.info, Age Well Live Smart fairs, plus the Library's new "55+ Age Well Live Smart" initiative. The other panelists were representatives from HSPHD and the Alzheimer's Association.

<u>Advisory Group To Help Shape Services And Programs For 55+</u> -A new external advisory group will provide insights on trends, interests and needs of adults age 55+. The members represent the Vital Aging Network from the University of Minnesota, Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, Twin Cities Public Television (producer of a PBS series targeting 55+ viewers), Senior Community Services, Minnesota Humanities Commission, an M.D. specializing in geriatric care, a community volunteer, Hennepin County staff from Human Services and Public Health Dept., and Library Board member Cynthia Steinke. The advisory group is expected to meet quarterly to offer input, facilitate collaborations and help shape services, programs and resources for the Library's 55+ Age Well, Live Smart initiative.

<u>New Spanish Outreach Liaison Brings Love of Books, Reading, and Languages to her Library Job</u> -Marcela Sanchez is the new Spanish Outreach liaison for the suburban Hennepin County Library system. Sanchez will work 2:30-7:30 p.m. on Mondays at the Augsburg Park Library, 7100 Nicollet Ave., Richfield; 2:30-7:30 p.m. Tuesdays at the Oxboro Library, 8801 Portland Ave. S., Bloomington; and 3-8 p.m. Wednesdays at the Brookdale Library, 6125 Shingle Creek Parkway, Brooklyn Center. For more information, contact the Spanish phone line at 952-847-8510, the Hmong phone line at 952-847-8845, or the Somali phone line at 952-847-8756, or go online to <u>www.hclib.org</u> and click on Library Information, then Outreach Services.

<u>Customer Use Of Suburban Hennepin County Libraries Reached All-Time High In 2006, Per Capita Use Is More Than Twice National Average</u>

Individual Stories Show Importance Of The Public Library In Everyday Life -More than 13,028,420 books, CDs, DVDs, magazines, etc., were checked out in 2006, an increase of more than 300,000 over 2005. Per capita, that's an average of about 17 books, etc., per person -- about 2.5 times the national average (based on national statistics published in 2006) and about double the state average. Visits to HCL's website (www.hclib.org) topped 10 million in 2006, a 34% increase over 2005. More than 2.8 million reserves were placed on books, etc., in 2006, an increase of almost 13% over 2005.

Along with books, library book clubs are more popular than ever: more than 500 boys participated in Guys Read book clubs last summer, in contrast to two years ago, before Guys Read clubs were offered and few boys participated in book discussions. Book Club Kits, a project of the Library Foundation of Hennepin County and available beginning in May, were reserved almost 1300 times May-December. The kits consist of multiple copies of a title and suggested discussion questions and tips. HCL's online booklists were accessed 1.4 million times in 2006.

The Library's KidLinks and TeenLinks web pages were visited about 650,000 times last year. Last year, more than 150,000 people attended library programs, including more than 100,000 children and parents at storytime programs.

In 2006, almost 2,000 adults took free classes at HCL libraries on topics such as Internet Basics, Business Leads Using Reference USA, and Senior Surf Days. Go to www.hclib.org for upcoming classes.

Awarded: $5,000 National Grant For El Día De Los Niños/El Día De Los Libros (Children's Day/Book Day) -Hennepin County Library is one of nine across the country to receive a $5,000 mini grant from the Association for Library Service to Children (ALSC) and Target, national sponsors of El día de los ninos/El día de los libros. Held in April, this celebration spreads "bookjoy" by connecting children of all languages and cultures with books. In addition to the money, the grant includes a suite of Día-themed promotional materials: display banner, bookplates, bookmarks, and bilingual brochures featuring recommended children's books and tips for parents on reading to/with their children.

HCL will use this grant to enhance already-planned Día events by presenting a Raising Readers workshop for Spanish-speaking families. The Library Foundation is the fiscal agent for this grant. Other Día 2007 Super Sites include El Paso (TX) Public Library, Public Library of Charlotte-Mecklenburg County (NC), Queens (NY) Public Library, Riverside County Library (CA), Broward County Library (FL), Providence (RI) Public Library, and Phoenix (AZ) Public Library.

"Arts Access" Programs At Hennepin County Library Provide Arts Experiences For Teens, Adults With Disabilities -"Arts Access at Hennepin County Library," was a performance series designed to connect teens and adults of all mental and physical abilities to the arts. "The 2007 season focused on the world music of Japanese drumming, the music and culture of Africa, and gamelan music of Java -- for all levels of participation," said John Sugimura, HCL program manager. Sugimura has worked closely with residential homes and professionals in the disability community in planning "Arts Access" programs. The series was made possible by the Library Foundation of Hennepin County in collaboration with the Association of Residential Resources in Minnesota (ARRM), Homeward Bound, Inc., and Star Services.

Hennepin County Library's New Bookspace Web Page Launched On Feb. 14 -On BookSpace.org (www.BookSpace.org or www.hclib.org/bookspace), you can create and connect with an online reading community by posting your own book lists and reading book lists submitted by staff and other readers. You can share comments about what you're reading, browse for reading ideas, sign up for

email alerts on new books by your favorite authors, receive daily five-minute excerpts from books by email, and more.

The Public Technology Institute awarded the Library's BookSpace.org first place in its 2006-2007 Technology Solutions Award's Web Services category and an honorable mention in the Network category for public library Internet access. The award is based on how member governments apply technology to improve service delivery. The winning summary for BookSpace reads: Library customers and staff are taking advantage of intriguing new capabilities in a redesigned database-driven website.

Committee on the Future of Libraries in Hennepin County Recommends Consolidation of Hennepin and Minneapolis Public Library Systems
Proposed Guiding Principles and Joint Resolution Forwarded to County and City Elected Officials
-Feb. 15, 2007 - Today, the Committee on the Future of Libraries in Hennepin County –created by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners last November to examine a possible merger of the Hennepin County and Minneapolis public library systems—unanimously approved a resolution to recommend a consolidation of the libraries. The two public library systems in Hennepin County include 26 libraries in suburban Hennepin County and 15 libraries (of which three sites are temporarily closed) in the city of Minneapolis.

The committee recommended guiding principles for a consolidation of library services in Hennepin County, with a vision to be a premier library system in the country by building on strengths and talents of both library systems. The committee also recommended that a joint resolution for consolidation into a united library system and commitment to move forward with a consolidation be forwarded to the Hennepin County Library Board for review and to the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, the Minneapolis City Council and Mayor, and the Minneapolis Public Library Board for approvals.

At today's meeting, the committee discussed issues for a united library system such as providing better and more seamless service to the public, governance, financial support, capital assets and liabilities, employees working in a united library system and implementation planning. The committee recommended an effective date for consolidation of the two systems on or before December 31, 2008 and to name the united system as Hennepin County Library—with all individual library names to be retained, including Minneapolis Central Library. A guiding principle for governance recommends an appointed Library Board of 10 members, expanding Hennepin County's existing seven-member Library Board to 10. The three new members would initially be residents of Minneapolis and appointed by the County Board.

As part of a proposed communications plan recommended by the committee, a series of public information sessions are planned in Minneapolis during March. Other possible public information sessions may be added. Fact sheets and library websites will be updated to include committee recommendations and information on next steps. It is anticipated that the Hennepin County Board and other governing bodies will review consolidation and implementation plan recommendations, and take action sometime in March.   Visit hclib.org/futureoflibraries for more information.

Legislature Passes Enabling Legislation for Library Merger on May 21 -May 21, 2007 - On May 19, the Minnesota legislature approved historic enabling legislation that will allow the Hennepin County Library and Minneapolis Public Library systems to merge. The bill now goes to the Governor for signature. The merger can happen as soon as Jan. 1, 2008, and no later than Dec. 31, 2008. http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us/bin/bldbill.php?bill=H1973.5.html&session=ls85 The final bill includes amendments added in the final week of the session. Most significant amendments are:

•A public hearing must be held before final approval of the merger can be considered by the county, the city, and the library board.
•The county must consult with the Minneapolis mayor and city council before appointing Minneapolis residents to the library advisory board.
•Nonsupervisory, nonconfidential MPL employees transferred to comparable positions at Hennepin County Library will retain representation by a union if they were represented by a union at MPL.
•Final approval of the merger cannot proceed until an agreement is reached between MPL and the unions representing at least 80% of library staff on the impact of the merger on employees.

An amendment was passed Thursday night to require that public computers be filtered as a condition of using public funds for the library merger. The amendment was removed by the Rules Committee in the House once we confirmed that both MPL and HCL already filter all staff and public computers in compliance with the Children's Internet Protection Act.

The merged system, to be called Hennepin County Library, will include 15 Minneapolis and 26 suburban libraries and will provide more streamlined services to all Hennepin County residents. The two systems share a heritage with common roots in their early years. A consolidated library system would bring together two complimentary collections, a popular array of programs and classes and nationally acclaimed services to the community.

In the next six months, a variety of legal, property and labor issues must still be negotiated. After this, the consolidation must be approved by the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners, the Minneapolis City Council and the Minneapolis Public Library Board with advisory review by the Hennepin County Library Board,

Pending final approval of the library unification, the City of Minneapolis will initially contribute $6.8 million in additional funding to the Library Board for the first three years of any increased service hours at libraries, and to reopen Roosevelt, Southeast and Webber park libraries, which were temporarily closed last year. The city's contribution to operating expenses will phase out over 10 years.

Negotiations with four of Minneapolis Public Library's five unions will continue as merger details are worked out. An agreement with AFSCME, which represents the largest number of Minneapolis Public Library employees, was approved by membership on May 16. The united library system will be a department of Hennepin County with an 11-member citizen advisory board appointed by the County's Board of Commissioners, with three members initially designated as Minneapolis residents.

Over the past six months, two advisory committees – the Committee on the Future of Libraries in Hennepin County and the Library Advisory Committee – examined options for providing the best 21st century library services to all Hennepin County residents. Both concluded that one united library system was the best solution. The Minneapolis Public Library Board, the Minneapolis City Council, the Hennepin County Library Board and the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners approved guiding principles and support for state legislation enabling the merger.
Hennepin County Library is nationally recognized as one of the top libraries in the United States. Located outside of Minneapolis, it serves a suburban population of 762,000 through 26 libraries, Children's Readmobiles, Outreach Services and an extensive website, www.hclib.org. The library is a service of Hennepin County.

Founded in 1885, the Minneapolis Public Library provides service through the downtown Central Library, community libraries, technology centers and online at www.mplib.org. The library's mission is to link people in the city and beyond with the transforming power of knowledge.

Hennepin County Library Customers Can Charge Overdue Fine Payments, Lost Book Fees -With the use of credit and debit cards on the rise in recent years, suburban Hennepin County Library is pleased to offer its customers the option of paying fines online. Beginning April 2, Library customers will be able to charge their overdue fines and lost book fees to their Visa and MasterCard credit and debit cards online. They can pay online from home or from a computer at one of the 26 libraries. This credit card payment option is available only online.

Pen Pals Author Lectures Presented by Library Foundation   -The *Pen Pals* author lecture series received a National Endowment for the Arts Access to Artistic Excellence Award for presenting artistic excellence, preserving cultural heritage and providing access to the arts. The Library Foundation of Hennepin County builds public/private initiatives that create innovative programs and provide opportunities to enrich lifelong learning throughout the Twin Cities community.

Pulitzer-Prize winning author Rick Bragg shared stories of contemporary America on March 29-30 A Minneapolis author is among nationally-notable writers who will speak at the 2007-2008 *Pen Pals* author lecture series sponsored by the Library Foundation of Hennepin County. Featured speakers will include R.D. Zimmerman, a Minneapolis fiction writer who also writes under the pen name, Robert Alexander. Other authors in the series are: Kaye Gibbons, Tracy Kidder, Daniel Handler, and Yann Martel.

For more information about the Library Foundation of Hennepin County and the *Pen Pal*s author lecture series, go to www.hclib.org and click on *Support Your Library.*

Hennepin County Library's At-Home Service Wins National Award   -Hennepin County Library's At-Home Service, which is delivered in part by a corps of dedicated volunteers, was named a recipient of the National Association of Counties' Acts of Caring Award. The national award honors the country's top community-based, government volunteer programs that enhance or preserve the quality of life and provide a legacy for the future.

A part of Hennepin County Library's Outreach programs, At-Home Service volunteers help deliver books, audio books, and magazines from the library collection, as well as a personal connection to suburban residents unable to visit the library due to disability, illness, no transportation, or other reasons. At-Home customers receive books and more, including the At-Home Reader, a bi-monthly newsletter that features new and popular books, large print books, tapes, and CDs; and invites customers to share book reviews.

About 750 people receive At-Home Service by mail or volunteer. Last year, 43 volunteers provided 900 hours of library service to 50 At-Home customers. Other At-Home customers receive their library books, etc., via U.S. mail. At-Home customers borrow more than 2,000 books, tapes, etc. each month and ask about 1100 reference questions.

For more information about Hennepin County Library's At-Home Service, call 952-847-8850 or go to www.hclib.org and click on Outreach. For information about Hennepin County Library volunteer opportunities, call 952-847-8598 or go to www.hclib.org and click on Support Your Library.

Two Libraries Scheduled For "Bridge" Projects Early June   -"Bridge" projects will begin at Brooklyn Park and Westonka libraries in early June. "Bridge" projects are low-cost modifications in libraries with immediate needs that improve sight lines, define service areas, and refresh interiors prior to the start of scheduled major renovations. All work will be done during closed hours to minimize customer inconvenience.

The Library Foundation Of Hennepin County Earns Charities Review Council 'Meets All Standards' Seal -The Library Foundation of Hennepin County has been awarded the Charities Review Council "Meets All Standards" Seal, indicating that it meets all 16 of its Accountability Standards. The Library Foundation of Hennepin County builds public/private initiatives that create innovative programs and provide opportunities to enrich lifelong learning throughout our community. For more information about the Library Foundation of Hennepin County, call Jane Johnson at 952-847-8637 or visit www.hclib.org/foundation.

Receive Email Or Text Message Reminders Of Upcoming Hennepin County Library Events Via A New Website Link -Beginning Monday, May 21, Hennepin County Library customers will be able to sign up on the Library's website (www.hclib.org) for email or text message reminders about upcoming events at HCL's 26 suburban libraries. A new link labeled "Remind Me" will appear next to each event on the website, enabling customers to enter their email address or cell phone number to receive a reminder shortly before the event. The reminders will include the event's title, date, time, and location. For more information, go to www.hclib.org and click on Ask a Librarian.

Scott County Library System
The City of New Prague will begin construction of an addition to the New Prague branch library this summer. (The library buildings in Scott County are owned and maintained by the cities. The County operates the libraries.) The addition will provide a quiet reading room and it will focus on the Czech heritage of New Prague. The Library System received a $100,000 donation from Emma and Joe Tikalsky in honor of Mr. Tikalsky's grandmother, who was an influential person in the early life of the city. The City of New Prague received an LCSA grant to complete the project. The addition is being designed by MS&R and it will feature stained glass windows designed by a local artist. It will house the Czech language collection owned by Scott County Library System, local genealogy materials, and a collection of historical photographs and other historical materials.

The City of Jordan is progressing with planning the construction of a combined city hall and library to remain in the downtown area. The new library is projected to be completed in 2009.
Legislation was passed in May permitting a change in the governance of the Library System. Scott County will soon join Hennepin County and Washington County with an Advisory Library Board. The Library Board retains authority over the collection and intellectual freedom issues, and they will actively participate in any policy decisions.

Library staff created a DVD in Spanish explaining library services. As part of the Su Biblioteca grant, these DVDs will be distributed to households in the community by social service agencies, churches, and other points of contact. Anyone bringing a DVD back to the library by August 1 will receive a Go Bananas backpack.

Submitted by Vanessa Birdsey, County Libraries Representative

South Dakota Libraries Report

Dorothy Liegl, South Dakota State Library

June 1, 2007

South Dakota State Library
The South Dakota State Library continues the process of downsizing its collections. Staff are busy packing boxes and preparing them for shipment. The shelves are beginning to look pretty bare in some areas of the library. The State is in the process of contracting with an architecture/engineering firm for the redesign and upgrade of the building. We are expecting new wiring, HVAC, carpet, lighting, parking, and more. In September or October, all of the State Library and its "stuff" will be moved to the second floor so that the remodel project on Floor One can begin. We anticipate moving to our newly remodeled home about October, 2008. In the meantime, we wait for OCLC to delete our catalog holdings and then we will begin the process of recataloging the remaining collections and beginning to circulate materials again. The new staffing plan for 32.5 FTE (down from 36.5) has been submitted and is awaiting approval.

A new wrinkle in our life is the need to have all databases approved by a Senior IT Committee. Every product that uses computers, including databases, requires an extensive written justification. This is presented to the staff from BIT who "refine" the request and present it to their boss, Otto Doll, CIO. He then takes the request to the Senior IT Committee who reviews it and, hopefully, approves it. This process is long, cumbersome, and really quite out of our control. We have no idea what is said at this committee since no representative from DOE or the State Library are allowed to attend.

SDLN
At the recent semi-annual Advisory Council meeting the decision was made to delay implementation of V.18 ExLibris. There were many rumors circulating about the incompatibility of the new ILL with the version of software that we would be migrating to and many other unknowns. The "wait and see" mode was the preferred choice. Also, at this meeting, the Executive Committee and Advisory Council heard for the first time that ILL is not working between MN and SD. This has been assigned a high priority.

Warren Wilson, formerly head of the Regents Information Systems for the Board of Regents, has been hired to replace Gary Johnson. Warren will be splitting his time between the SDLN position and the Black Hills State University Computer Center. This returns SDLN back to the staffing pattern that existed when SDLN was formed.

The SDLN Executive Committee has asked Warren for a complete review of all currently approved positions to determine whether or not the positions are essential, assigned the right tasks, and/or have the right person in the job. They are also looking at creating a Deputy Director position.

Next week SDLN will be hosting ELUNA in Spearfish. Approximately 350 are expected to attend.

Flood Victim
Last Friday the Alexander Mitchell Public Library in Aberdeen was added to the list of condemned buildings in Aberdeen. During the recent flooding they got water in their basement and now have a problem with mold. One report said that the library was closed and that some materials were damaged

beyond repair (the basement holds the archives and children's room). Yesterday's newspaper reported that the damage is contained in one area of the basement only and that the library remains open.

Submitted by Dorothy Liegl, South Dakota Libraries Representative

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Regional System Libraries Report
Peg Werner, Director, Viking Library System
June 1, 2007

Arrowhead Library System
Arrowhead Library System announced the unveiling of their new bookmobile in late January. It has been on the road and generally well-received since that time. ALS also announced the unveiling of their new website on April 16. Two long-time member library directors have announced their retirements – Terry Moore, Director of Hibbing Public Library and Beth Kelly – Director of Duluth Public Library.

East Central Regional Library
Bob Boese, longtime System Administrator of East Central Regional Library is retiring as of July 31, 2007. Bob will be missed for his strong leadership in the state as well as his deep knowledge of Minnesota library history. After SirsiDynix's announced abandonment of Horizon 8.0, East Central is weighing a move to Unicorn or an RFP for a new vendor. The City of Milaca celebrated the Grand Opening of its new library on April 14th with Bill Holm as the featured speaker.

Great River Regional Library
Great River Regional Library had "Hollywood by the Book" as its adult winter reading program theme. The program encouraged adult and teen readers to read books that were later turned into movies. GRRL'a annual $5 fundraising campaign "Raise a High $5 for Libraries" generated approximately $6,000 for operating expenses.

Bemidji Public Library
Paul Ericsson is the new Manager of the Bemidji Pubic Library, a branch of the Kitchigami Regional Library.   KRL now offers the following databases to all branches: NoveList, HeritageQuest Online, Ancestry Library Edition, and Value Line.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library
Having experienced a 4.76% increase in delivery cost each of the last 5 years, Lake Agassiz Regional Library is going out for bid to see if there is a more cost effective vendor in the service area. The Moorhead Public Library has installed five self-checkout units and, in the second week of use, is experiencing an 80% use of self check-out.

MELSA
Dr. Loriene Roy, ALA President-Elect, presented her presidential initiatives at an event sponsored by MELSA and held at the Minneapolis Public Library on May 11. MELSA also sponsored an author reading series for the Minnesota Book Award nominees at local public libraries.

Northwest Regional Library
Northwest Regional Library offered workshops to daycare providers on the six skills from PLA's "Every Child Ready to Read" program. They also received helpful tips to improve library services from those who attended the workshops. The NRL summer library program will begin and end with live performers, as well as offering weekly programs in the intervening time. One library is giving away free rides to the summer fair in lieu of other prizes. The Roseau Friends held a radio-thon to raise funds for materials for their library.

Plum Creek Library System
Plum Creek Library System has chosen SirsiDynix as its new vendor and with Unicorn or ROME as its new software, depending on availability. The Marshall Lyon County Library has raised almost $5 million of the needed $6 million to begin construction on its new building. PCLS is anticipating upgrading its technical support position to network system administrator in the near future.

SELCO
Selco continues to expand the pieces of its regional library structure study which now includes nine initial concepts, a structures blog and an online template to design your own structure. Staff member Jonya Pacey helped organize the MLA Leadership Institute and continues to play a key role in its success. SELCO/SELS applied for and received four LSTA grants totaling $325,826 out of $846,237 awarded to all types of libraries in the state.

Traverse des Sioux Library System
A new system administrator is also in the works for the Traverse des Sioux Library System. They have advertised and interviewed through one round and have decided to re-advertise for a second set of candidates. TdS has recently developed an "equitable, sustainable" fee structure for its member libraries to cover services offered in 2007. They will continue to develop it for a couple of months in order to have a permanent structure in place for 2008 and beyond. TdS has been testing NCIP with MnLINK for a few weeks and reports that things are going fairly well.

Viking Library System
Viking Library System offered a Library 2.0 Workshop for its member library directors to not only define the various opportunities on the web, but also to discuss how this fits into public library services. The VLS staff is working with Prairie Wetlands Learning Center to bring its special collection online with the VLS catalog. VLS is also re-vamping its website to include online patron registration in both English and Spanish.

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