

10. Member Reports & Other

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K-12 Schools Report
Richard Kettering, K-12 Schools Representative
September 8, 2006

The Minnesota Department of Education provides space on its website for school library media centers. The site is linked to the Minnesota Educational Media Organization (MEMO). Links are also provided to access Minnesota Standards for Effective School Library Media Programs and Information and Technology Literacy Standards.

Information in two key parts of the Minnesota Department of Education website was updated on August 23 and 31. The section of School Library Media Center Resources includes links to resources on information and technology standards, grants and funding (including the E-rate discount program), curriculum and professional resources, school library policies, facilities, and instructional classification for school libraries. The site includes an updated document - Frequently Asked Questions: MN School Library Media Specialists (attached) which conveys valuable information in the standard Q/A format about information and technology standards, budgets, staffing, etc. for Minnesota school library media centers.

The site may be accessed at -

http://education.state.mn.us/mde/Learning_Support/Library_Services_and_School_Technology/School_Libraries_Media_Centers/index.html. Or one may go directly to the MDE website <http://www.education.state.mn.us> and then to -Learning Support Library Services and School Technology School Libraries Media Centers.

Submitted by Richard Kettering, K-12 Schools Representative

State Government Libraries Report
Karla Gedell, Minnesota Attorney General Library
September 8, 2006

State government/special librarians have been working on a variety of group projects this summer:

- Librarians from the Attorney General, State Law, Legislative Reference libraries and the State Archives are preparing a presentation for the MLA Annual Conference in September. The presentation, "Public Information You Thought Was Private," is an expanded version of the session presented at the EQS Conference for Paraprofessional Staff earlier this year.

- The CALCO brochure has been updated and will be available at MLA at the CALCO table in the exhibits area. Pick up a copy there, or look for it on the CALCO web site.
- A group is working on re-designing the CALCO web site. The new site will be part of the State of Minnesota North Star site. Information will be available for each library, including contacts, hours, collection descriptions, and public databases.

Attorney General Library - Anita Anderson, Law Librarian

Karla Gedell and Anita Anderson attended the American Association of Law Libraries (AALL) Annual Meeting and Centennial Celebration in St. Louis on July 8-12. Anita coordinated and they participated in the first-ever State, Court, and County Law Libraries Book Club discussion. The book selected was "The Impossible Will Take a Little While" by Paul Rogat Loeb.

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

Dru Frykberg joined the DEED Library in July. She moved from Ames, Iowa, where she was the librarian at Iowa State University's Greenlee School of Journalism and Communication. Dru received her M.L.S. from Indiana University in 1996.

Dept. of Natural Resources Library - Jo Ann Musumeci, Senior Librarian

In 2005, the DNR Library became part of the Management Resources Bureau, which provides the support services to the DNR divisions. In addition to the library, the support services include safety, facilities, fleet, materials and operations management, and information technology services. Beginning in June, 2005, the librarian's (Jo Ann Musumeci) position became full time again, with half time for managing the DNR Library, and half time for coordinating the re-organization of the Intranet content for the Management Resources Bureau. This involved meeting with the content experts in the specific service areas and determining what information was needed by DNR employees, and how to present and organize that information, and then working with the DNR Web Team for implementation.

The redesigned DNR Intranet came online in July, 2006. The next step will be to assess DNR users' satisfaction and ability to find information and create a process for keeping the Intranet up-to-date.

Legislative Reference Library - Robbie LaFleur, Director

Staff at the Minnesota Legislative Reference Library have been busy with summer projects - pulling together information for an unveiling of the "Legislators Past & Present" database later this fall, finishing selective weeding projects, editing library web pages and information guides, and beginning to plan for the upcoming election season. Each election we prepare orientation materials, participate in orientation meetings, and meet individually with the new legislators. During the State Fair, some LRL staff members worked shifts at the House and Senate booths.

Minnesota Historical Society - Kathryn Otto, Head of Reference

The Minnesota Historical Society Library has entered the world of blogs! The Reference staff is experimenting with an internal blog, meant primarily for ourselves. We are using it to record new policies, procedure changes, answers to common/repeat reference questions, how we found the answer to an unusual question, and just some of those institutional memory kinds of things. Once we feel our feet are wet enough, we will be expanding into the world of public blogs.

During the past year and a half, the MHS Library has had a marked increase in the number of Dakota Indians doing family history research. Besides Minnesota residents, Mdewakanton Indians from as far away as Nebraska, Montana, and both of the Dakotas have traveled to Saint Paul to use the resources available at MHS. To assist them, the Reference staff developed two versions of a "Researching

Dakota Family History at the Minnesota Historical Society" guide. The smaller version, listing the most useful records for most people, is available free to anyone coming to the library. A lengthier version is available on our website at <http://www.mnhs.org/genealogy/dakotafamily/index.htm>. The online guide includes links to the catalog records in MnPALS, links to online inventories for manuscript collections, links to purchase MHS Press books, and one digital resource--the "List of Sioux Indians and Half-Breeds in Camp at Fort Snelling, December 1862," digitized from the Report of the Commissioner of Indian Affairs for the Year 1863. Starred entries in the online list are what appear in the free handout.

With the coming of a new school year, the MHS Reference staff have already been thinking about the upcoming History Day theme, which is "Triumph and Tragedy in History." Watch the [Minnesota History Topics webpage](#) for additional topics and additional digital resources that will be added throughout the year.

The newest digital resource to be added to the Minnesota History Topics is Hubert H. Humphrey's [1948 Civil Rights speech](#). On the last day of the 1948 Democratic National Committee, then little-known Minneapolis Mayor Hubert H. Humphrey spoke in support of the minority resolution on civil rights. The Platform Committee had defeated the minority resolution the night before. Humphrey spoke for only eight minutes, but his speech turned the tide and the convention delegates voted to support the course proposed by Humphrey. According to historian Carl Solberg in his biography of HHH, Humphrey's speech "ushered in the second era of redressing racial injustice in America." The Humphrey History Topic now includes a typed and hand-annotated draft of Humphrey's speech, printed text of the final speech, and a one-minute audio excerpt of the speech along with a film clip from the convention.

Mn/DOT Library - Jerry Baldwin, Director

The Advisory Committee to the Transportation Library Connectivity Pooled Fund Study will hold its annual meeting in Saint Paul, Sept. 19-21. The group is described on its website (www.libraryconnectivity.org) as "a grassroots effort by transportation libraries to jointly develop capabilities and expertise to serve the transportation community. We are a group of 10 states with 11 members working to improve the sharing of transportation information. Our goals are to provide technical library services to participating states and develop marketing tools and outreach initiatives to promote the value of transportation libraries and information services."

The primary reason for holding the meeting here is so members can tour Mn/DOT Library, which has been described as the "Cadillac" or "gold standard" of state DOT libraries. The group has most recently been working to develop support for implementation of the recommendations in the report "Transportation Knowledge Networks: A Management Strategy for the 21st Century" (<http://onlinepubs.trb.org/onlinepubs/sr/sr284.pdf>). The report grew from a Minnesota white paper on the topic (<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/library/infoakss.html>). Its recommendations were recently endorsed by the U.S Department of Transportation's Research and Innovative Technologies Administration (<http://www.ctcandassociates.com/lpfblog/wp-content/RITAResponsetoSR28420060646.pdf>).

Minnesota Revenue Library - Donna Davis, Senior Librarian

After over a decade, the Revenue Library once again has a library budget. In previous years, the library budget had been pieced together from annual year-end money. This budget and library staffing had also been subjected to cuts in order to meet departmental budget reductions.

Minnesota State Law Library - Daniel Lunde, Head of Public Services

Annual Reports. The Minnesota State Law Library's 2005 Annual Report has been completed and can be found on the Library's website at <http://www.lawlibrary.state.mn.us/ar2005/ar2005.html>. The 2005 Annual Report for the Law Library Services to Prisoners (LLSP) program has also recently been added at <http://www.lawlibrary.state.mn.us/llsp2005.pdf>.

Historical Legal Documents. The first Minnesota Rules of Court from 1849, the Minnesota Republican and Democratic Constitutional Debates from 1857, and the "Kelly" Index (1897), which indexes general and special statutes, are now available through the Minnesota Digital Library: <http://reflections.mndigital.org/cdm4/browse.php?CISOROOT=%2Fsl>. These materials from the collection of the State Law Library are valuable Minnesota legal documents from the 19th Century. The original paper copies are available at the Law Library.

Interns. Every year, the State Law Library hosts several interns. For the last two years, STEP-UP interns have worked at the Library during the summer. This internship program is designed to provide meaningful summer jobs for Minneapolis youth. We also host several College of St. Catherine library science students each year. Currently, two of these students are helping to provide legal research for Minnesota prison inmates.

Minnesota Supreme Court Juvenile Justice Centenary Planning Committee. State Law Librarian, Barbara Golden, has been instrumental in the work of this Committee, which was formed to celebrate the successes of the juvenile justice system and to assess and make recommendations for its improvement. The final project of the Committee is nearing completion; it will be an exhibit consisting of storyboards highlighting the history of the juvenile justice in Minnesota. The exhibit is geared toward both juveniles and adults and is intended to travel around Minnesota and be displayed in courthouses, libraries, schools, and historical societies. The staff of the State Law Library will be responsible for the delivery of the storyboards.

R. N. Barr Library - Paul Elliott Dahl, Director

Paul Dahl, Library Director, recently attending a Strategic Planning workshop and discovered that the present library mission statement was in need of replacement since it was not succinct and memorable. After some thought and input from staff the following mission statement was adopted. It is hoped that the new one has some pizzazz and is a clear articulation of the purpose of the Barr Library:

Delivering the right information to the right people at the right time

The new library mission statement will slowly be incorporated into the online and print resources of the R. N. Barr Library. The staff of the R. N. Barr Library also met and discussed strategic planning goals that will guide the Barr Library for the 2007 fiscal year. The strategic planning goals that were agreed upon are:

- Ensure survival. Efforts will be made at the R. N. Barr Library to secure additional funding both internally and externally. Marketing of library services will be a primary focus.
- Expand service. The R. N. Barr Library will seek to serve internal and external users in new and creative ways. Quality improvements of present library services will also be instituted when needed.
- Enhance cataloging records. Bibliographic control and clean-up will take place on audiovisual and serial records in the catalog. This is a long-term project so it is likely it will appear as a strategic planning goal again.

Journals Taskforce. A Journals Taskforce is in the process of being created to examine the subscription purchases of journals and newsletters in the R. N. Barr Library. Mark Smith and Paul Dahl of the R. N. Barr Library and nine public health professionals in the Minnesota Department of Health will serve on the taskforce. The taskforce will meet once in the latter part of September and will conclude its work at that point and time with some recommendations for subscription additions and cancellations. The Library Director of the R. N. Barr Library retains the final authority for decisions concerning

subscription cancellations and additions. More information will follow in a subsequent Check It Out newsletter.

New Library Staff Member. The R. N. Barr Library is fortunate to have hired Mark Smith as the new part-time Library Technician. Mark has 20 years of experience as a professional librarian and has had prior work responsibilities in the areas of reference, cataloging, archives, and inter-library loan (ILL). Mark will be providing his expertise with systems, serials, and cataloging. We are indeed lucky to have someone that is so capable and skilled. Feel free to stop by and say hello to Mark from 8 a.m. to noon at the Barr Library in its Freeman location.

Submitted by Carla Gedell, State Government Libraries Representative

State Universities Report
Joan Roca, Minnesota State University, Mankato
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Bemidji State University

Ron Edwards, new director of the Bemidji State University Library reports:

- Dianne Narum was recently hired as Cataloger/Electronic Access Librarian. Ms. Narum was previously working as a Cataloger at Hamline University. She will begin her duties at BSU on September 18.

Metropolitan State University

David Barton reports for the Metro State Library:

- Two of our librarians, Ruth Zietlow and Adela Peskorz, were awarded tenure this summer. They are our first tenured librarians and now have the rank of Associate Professor.
- Our youngest librarian, Ria Newhouse, was featured with a cover photo and story in the April 15 edition of Library Journal. The story was entitled "Professional at 28." Ria was also elected to the ALA Council.
- We added an Assistant Director for Technical Services to the staff. Michelle Ehlert, an MLS graduate of St. Kate's, was hired to fill the position.
- We are trying out Instant Messaging as a new reference service this semester. Even the librarians over the age of 40 are planning on using it!
- Librarians are appearing in videos for a new online orientation program and in learning modules for a management research class.

Minnesota State University Moorhead

Brittney Goodman reports for MSU Moorhead:

- Two librarians will be on sabbatical Spring semester, and we will be hiring an adjunct for some of their duties, including reference.
- MSU Moorhead will be undergoing its 6-year self-study and will be particularly looking at space/facilities issues, as well as a rethinking of our services model, looking towards the "information" or "learning commons" model as one option.
- The library underwent a reroofing and masonry project this summer, and this is slowly wrapping up.
- Monograph budget is steady from last year, while electronic database expenditures are up, and periodicals budget is down.

Minnesota State University, Mankato

Joan Roca reports for the Minnesota State Mankato:

- The Library, in continued partnership with Information and Technology Services, expanded the Library Commons on the first floor to a total of 112 computers with custom-designed seating arrangements that enable group work and collaboration. Several web cams monitor the technology areas in the Library (as well as other campus labs) and can be seen in real time at: <http://acc.mnsu.edu/webcams/mlmulticams.html>. To address privacy concerns, the web cams cannot get to the detail of what users do but have already had a noticeable impact on preventing theft and even catching criminal activity.

Southwest Minnesota State University

Sandy Fuhr reports for the Southwest Minnesota State University Library:

- The SMSU Library, the SMSU First Year Experience committee, the Office of Civic Engagement, the Marshall Lyon County Public Library, the Marshall public school and parochial libraries are collaborating with a One Community Reading Together to Make a Difference year-long project. On September 12th Senator George McGovern will speak on campus; two of his books, "The Third Freedom: Ending Hunger in Our Time" and "Ending Hunger Now" are the focus for the community readings. Various events, displays, and community activities centered on the issues of poverty and hunger are planned throughout 2006-2007. No report at this time.
- On a lighter note, the Library, in cahoots with the IT technology team and a campus gaming club, is hosting a Gaming Night on Friday, September 15. The concept was lifted directly from Lynn Sutton & H. David "Giz" Womack's report in the March 2006 C&RL News. The early buzz from the students is good, more later regarding results.

St. Cloud State University

Kristi Tornquist reports for the SCSU Library:

- The SCSU library is hosting an ALA/NEH/Newberry Library sponsored traveling exhibit entitled, "Elizabeth I, Ruler and Legend" from August 25 through October 7, 2006. Our campus has planned many events, lectures and activities surrounding this exhibit and it is being incorporated in classes across disciplines. We are the only library in the state to host this exhibit.
- We completed a year of discussions focusing on our future and reorganization. I announced our new organizational plan this week and we will begin hiring for the approximately 12 library vacancies we currently have filled with temporary employees
- We are expanding our information literacy instruction. We will continue to do more planning this fall; we have multiple one-credit courses scheduled for spring semester.

Winona State University

Dr. Larry Hardesty has been appointed as the new University Librarian at Winona State University, starting on September 18th.

Submitted by Joan Roca, State Universities Representative

City and County Libraries Report
Audrey Betcher, Rochester Public Library Director
September 8, 2006

Buckham Memorial Library (Faribault, MN) - Renée P. Lowery, Director

Earlier this summer Faribault's Buckham Memorial Library began using Flickr to organize and share digital photos taken at Summer Library Program events. We have found it to be extremely easy to use. It is an affordable method for managing photos and takes some of the storage burden off of our City's Web server. A link from our Library home page points our patrons to sets of photos from each program. It is popular with our patrons; as of mid-August our photo stream at <http://www.flickr.com/photos/buckhamlibrary/> has been viewed 1,850 times. It also allows us to share photos and communicate with the broader Library community through "Contacts" we make with other Flickr users, including the American Library Association and the Plainview Public Library in southeastern Minnesota.

Douglas County – Trish Conroy

We had our annual used book sale and made \$11,600 plus a match of \$1200 from Thrivent for Lutherans. We are having Chef John Schumacher here for a fundraiser on October 5. The Friends of the Library are providing books for newborns at the hospital along with a library brochure from ALA and library card information. We will be at the county fair handing out information this week. These are all activities of the Friends of the Library.

Park Rapids Area Library – Terry Zoller, Branch Mgr.

We are just familiarizing ourselves with using MNLink and training our patrons on its use. So far it seems to work for us except for a few crossover patrons with cards from outside our region but we are getting steps into place to work through these issues.

Red Wing Public Library -- Sally Setzer, Library Director

Red Wing Public Library Community Outreach

League of Women Voters Red wing has been collaborating with our library for a candidate "Meet and Greet Night" night at the library for the City Council Primary and Election. We have fifteen candidates running for City Council and the format with 1 minute speeches is a new venue. We added an "elections" link front and center on our home page that provides local, regional and state election information (polling places, issues and candidate information). We are also posting a ward map (polling places have changed) and voter brochures.

Sustain Red Wing is a new community group organized around the issue of riverfront development. We are working with group members to provide information (book display and materials) about sustainability and economic "green" development. This is in conjunction with public comprehensive plan meetings held in the library over a week's period to get more community input.

Red Wing Moves is a health initiative sponsored by the local hospital/clinic and YMCA. We will promote literature (book displays and materials) about healthy lifestyles and an incentive program.

The Women's Shelter is providing local statistics for a display on "Domestic Violence" during the month of October. The shelter has asked for display panel space along display of our collection.

NextReads E-mail Newsletter

Our Library Board identified this e-newsletter as a way to entice more use of the library collection. It involves an e-mail subscription that features adult book lists of the user's choice sent to his/her own mailbox. No library card is necessary—just an email address—for library Web site visitors and patrons to subscribe to any of the 20 different subject and genre newsletters. Available lists include fiction (Fantasy, Mystery, Romance, Science Fiction, etc.) and non-fiction (Armchair Travel, Biography, Do-It-Yourself, Spirituality & Religion, etc.), are sent approximately every four weeks, and include up to 15 titles. Subscribers can link directly to the library catalog from books of interest on the lists, and place a hold immediately (library card and pin are required for this part). Even those library patrons without email addresses can take advantage of the lists by viewing them online, either at the library or from any Internet access point.

One Book Red Wing

The City of Red Wing will celebrate its 150th birthday next year with a variety of activities and events taking place around our community. One Book Red Wing has the goal to “get our community talking and communicating with one another” (about one book and for all ages). Local residents serve on the committee members, which also involves our teen group in the selection process.

The One Book Red Wing committee asked for community suggestions for an historical fiction book with an appeal to a wide range of age groups. It also could contain one or more of the following themes:

- It could relate to Red Wing or another community of like size;
- It could feature a river, preferably the Mississippi;
- It could explore the concept of “diversity”; for example, focus on Native Americans.

Suggestions forms were available in the library and online and were distributed to many groups and locations in the area. The form could be dropped off or mailed to the Library by the deadline of September 1. The committee will review all suggestions and the list will be reduced to three books based on criteria as well as availability of the book in a variety of formats. One book will be chosen by public vote in November.

Rochester Public Library – Audrey Betcher

Rochester Public Library joined MnLINK in July and our patrons are enjoying the service. As everyone else has reported, we have had to increase staff time spent on interlibrary loan.

We hope to implement an automated discharge/sort system in 2007. The funding decision is pending.

St. Louis Park – Joni Kreuser

St. Louis Park Library (HCL) has a huge usage of computers - by adults and kids/teens. We are situated in the residential area, right next to the high school and another school (PSI - Park Spanish Immersion), so many of the kids walk over after school. Our library is also located next to low income housing units, so we have many people using computers looking for jobs, as well as a good number of children left unsupervised.

Situations have calmed somewhat since HCL started Cybrarian, an automatic computer sign-up system. SLP also frequently calls for the HCL roving security guards to act as a presence when things are jumping. HCL has started a bike lock program in many of the libraries - SLP was one of the first, since we had large numbers of stolen bikes (one girl had three bikes stolen-I tried to console her after number 3). We still have stolen bikes - the most recent occurrences were three in two days. One of

these occurred in just a few minutes time frame, from when the child parked the bike, came in to request a bike lock, and returned to find it stolen.

This is the third summer for book clubs at SLP. We had five clubs: two 9-11 year old girls, one 12-14 year old girls, one 9-11 year old boys, and one 12-14 year old boys. The 9-11 clubs were all full (15 in each) - the others had 8 each. Each club meets six weeks in the summer, and they read one book each week. This is the first year in 7 years of offering a book club for boys that their club filled up before the first girls club filled! It opened and closed (15 boys) in five hours. Next year we will offer two Guys Read clubs for 9-11 year olds. The HCL Guys Read summer-end celebration was a smash hit, with 350 people attending, and Jon Scieszka speaking and signing free books for the boys.

The city of St. Louis Park is reading "The Middle of Everywhere," an adult book about immigrants, as a one read this year. There will be a program in the fall. Many adults have said how much they liked the book. The Friends of the St. Louis Park Library purchased 100 books to circulate in the community. These were not added to the library system; staff asked people to hand the books to neighbors to read. Last year the city read "A Tale of Despereaux" and Kate DiCamillo spoke and signed books at the library.

We are gearing up for Baby Storytime this Fall, as well as offering Family Storytime on Tuesday nights and Wednesday mornings. My new supervisor, Amy Luedtke, was hired as a manager with a Teen focus, so we are looking at offering more programs for Tweens and Teens (10 and up).

St. Paul Public Library -- Karen Kolb Peterson & Mary Comford

SPPL has a new Director, Melanie Huggins, who came on board June 5.

See http://www.sppl.org/news/2006/new_director.pdf

Rondo Community Outreach library at Dale and University 461 North Dale 551103 opens Monday Aug 28th 12:30 to 9 p.m. Our Grand Opening is Saturday Sept 9th from 10-5. We replace Lexington Outreach that closed June 29th. We are now the largest branch in St. Paul. We have a Black Culture and Author section. Also, Southeast Asian Author and Culture section. Daily Story times. Materials in several languages. Small Business section, Homework center, tutoring spaces and electronic classroom etc. Hope to see you at Rondo. See <http://www.sppl.org/rondo/>

Washington County – Joey Halbach

-A few facts from our annual report, 2005--Population of service area:

197,088; Registered borrowers: 143,061; Circulation, 1,944,940; Library visits, 904,191

-The very busy and extremely crowded Forest Lake Branch Library is getting a new home! Ground was broken on June 6 for a new Washington County North Service Center in Forest Lake that will house many County service locations as well as the new Forest Lake Branch Library facility. Space for the library in the new Service Center complex is 25,000 square feet, compared to their present 6990 square feet in the Forest Lake municipal building.

-Lake Elmo Branch Library, closed in 2003 because of building problems, was reopened on December 19, 2005 -- in a new space, with a new name, the Rosalie E. Wahl Library. Only a couple of doors from its former location in downtown Lake Elmo, the library is named for Rosalie E. Wahl, the first woman jurist to sit on the Minnesota Supreme Court and a lifelong advocate for library services in Washington County.

-Downloadable audio eBooks have been available at Washington County Library for more than a year. The service was added in June of 2005, when there were more the 800 titles to choose from. The number of eBooks available has almost doubled, with more than 1500 titles currently listed in the

Library's catalog. Washington County Library will soon be offering downloadable video through Recorded Books.

-Washington County Library has become a partner with The Loft in sponsoring classes through The Loft's "Around the Town" programming. Sites for the classes are the R. H. Stafford Branch Library in Woodbury and the Oakdale Branch Library. In summer 2006, both adult and children's classes were offered at the Woodbury location.

Submitted by Audrey Betcher, City and County Libraries Representative

Multi-county, Multitype Library Systems Report
Ruth Solie, Northern Lights Library Network
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Central MN Libraries Exchange (CMLE) – Patricia Post

Inter-library Loan: We would expect ILL requests to go down somewhat this year if CMLE members request and are granted an institutional public library card for their institution. Given this card, they could request materials through the Get It button on MnLINK and pick up materials at the public library branch. Response is varied.

Delivery: CMLE continues to look for opportunities to get delivery to its members. With the end of federal dollars to fund delivery, many schools have no options. Local efficiencies through the public library systems are good possibilities, but collaboration from everyone is needed. If schools are in the Great River Regional region, they have choices. They can use the red bag program, a collaborative effort between CMLE and GRRL, for several day-a-week delivery. They can choose to pay a delivery contract to the local Central MN Educational Research and Development Council (cmERDC) for one day a week delivery (if their location matches the service area). Some members prefer to pay the delivery contract for the convenience of getting materials delivered to their school, even though one-day-a-week is not very efficient. Our members in the East Central region have the fewest choices for delivery and some may go unserved beginning in the fall.

Annual Meeting: Plans are underway for the CMLE Annual Meeting. It will be offered at the Central MN Boy Scout Council on November 9th, with a board meeting, break out sessions, a dinner, and author Nathan Jorgenson.

Discount Agreements: Agreements with nine vendors were finalized over the summer. This was a possible program slated to sunset, but strong response from CMLE members has kept it alive.

Electronic Newsletter: CMLE is going to begin offering its newsletter electronically and is anxious to gauge feedback from its members.

SAMMIE – Robin Chaney

Robin is away from the office this week and unable to submit a report.

Northern Lights Library Network – Ruth Solie

NLLN has been busy with the White Earth Readmobile project. NLLN is a partner with White Earth Child Care Programs, White Earth Early Childhood Initiative, and other tribal partners in creating an early childhood Readmobile and Community Outreach Unit. The Readmobile is part of the North Star

Library Consortium and will have access on an online catalog. Books have been selected, purchased, and are being processed. The Readmobile will begin service in October with initial visits/programming being done at tribal licensed care givers and child care centers on the reservation. Further expansion of this program will take place over the coming months and will be replicated, in part, on the Leech Lake Reservation.

The North Star Library Consortium continues to grow and currently has over 300,000 unique titles and holdings in excess of 872,000 items. There are 75 member libraries. Training for new users was completed in August and a "Back To School Special – Advanced Training on the Destiny System" was held just before the beginning of school. Many new workers in the school media centers is creating a high demand for immediate basic training – a challenge.

NLLN is currently redesigning our webpage and looking into new communication strategies; updating the state library directory, adding new NLLN members, and scheduling the continuing education/staff development activities for the coming months.

Submitted by Ruth Solie, State Multi-county, Multitype Library Systems Representative

University of Minnesota, TC Report
Wendy Pradt Lougee, University of Minnesota, TC
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Institute for Early Career Librarian

In July, the Libraries hosted 24 early-career librarians from groups normally underrepresented in the library profession at the 5th Minnesota Institute. The Institute provided opportunities for networking and education in leadership development, grant writing and assessment skills. This year's cohort represents 21 institutions: Tennessee, Cornell, Duke, Wayne State, Delaware, SUNY--Buffalo, Florida State, Southern Illinois, Ohio State, Nebraska, Macalester College, Wake Forest, Iowa, Auburn, Cincinnati, UC--San Diego, Institute of American Indian Arts (Santa Fe), Virginia Commonwealth, Arizona, North Carolina State, and Minnesota.

The Guthrie at the Libraries

Get a rare backstage glimpse of Minnesota's performing arts heritage at "Behind the Footlights: 40 years of Guthrie Theater History," the latest exhibit at Andersen Library. Running through October 27, the exhibit features photos, costume bibles, documents, and other materials from the Guthrie's institutional archive, which has been part of the Libraries' Performing Arts Archives since 1965. Costumes from past Guthrie productions are on display, as well as architect Ralph Rapson's sketches for the theater's original 1963 building, which closed in June of this year.

A public event sponsored by the Friends of the Libraries is scheduled for September 12: Joe Dowling, Guthrie Artistic Director will talk about "The Guthrie's Journey: How the Vision Became Reality." A dessert reception will follow the talk, which takes place at 7:30 p.m in Andersen Library. RSVP for this event to stangret@umn.edu or 612-624-9339.

My Health Minnesota ->Go Local

The Health Science Libraries have begun planning for **My Health Minnesota -> Go Local**, a collaboration with the Mayo Clinic Libraries and various community organizations and volunteers. The project's parent site is MedlinePlus, a health information web site operated by the National Library

of Medicine and host to things like a medical dictionary and health check tools. It's widely used by patients, their families, and health care providers. **Go Local** will catalog health resources in the state and direct users to available health resources in this geographic region. Minnesota's State Library Office is providing financial support through a recently awarded grant. See: http://www1.umn.edu/umnnews/Feature_Stories/Going_Far_by_Going_Local.html

Selection to Access Project: The Sequel

The second phase of process improvement project has been launched using the R2 Consulting group. This phase will focus on workflow and technologies to support serials and government documents.

Copyright Education

The Libraries' Copyright Information and Education program has a new home page (<http://www.lib.umn.edu/copyright/>). In response to findings in usability testing, we've created new content access paths associated with common University activities. The Fair Use Analysis tool has also been updated.

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