

7. MINITEX Director's Report

The following information highlights some of the activities that can be quantified during Fiscal Year 2007:

- Received over 387,000 loan and photocopy requests from libraries – **A Record**
 - **Filled over 71% - Loans fill rates over 63%; copies - fill rates over 86%.**
 - Searched for 159,642 requests in collections of the University Libraries and **filled 145,983 or 91%.**
 - **Filled 90,090 from University Libraries collections** for Minnesota libraries.
- Received over 170,000 requests on the MnLINK Gateway. Other libraries used Aleph ILL, OCLC ILL, and a web ILL form.
- MINITEX Delivery System staff processed more than 916,000 items in FY07
- ELM – over 10.3 million searches in databases in FY07.
- MLAC – 1,138,410 items accessioned
 - From Twin Cities campus 627,320
 - From other libraries (14) 511,090
- Total Items paged on request from MLAC collection in FY07 - 17,005 of which 32% were for U of MN users.
- More than 3,747 people attended MINITEX training including webinars, in person training, conferences
 - There were:
 - Webinars 145
 - In Person Training Sessions 79
 - Conferences 4
- Over 40,000 unique visitors used “Minnesota Reflections” website in FY07
 1. Over 20,000 objects now represented in the database
 2. 38 -- Total number of participating institutions

FY07 was a busy year and FY08 is shaping up to be even busier.

One issue that I want to bring up is the necessity (in my personal opinion) of local libraries seriously considering ‘purchase rather than borrow’ based on interlibrary loan requests from their users. I believe this needs to become a part of our broad resource sharing program. This probably means a total ‘rethinking’ in many libraries where there may be little connection between interlibrary loan and acquisitions. There are some compelling reasons, the main one being that MINITEX cannot sustain the volume of interlibrary loan levels continuing to come in from public libraries. Minnesota Academic libraries have decreased their photocopy requests to MINITEX and there has been a slight increase in loan requests mostly due to the MnLINK Gateway. Minnesota public libraries continue to generate an increase in interlibrary loan requests. I’ll be bringing this up during FY08 and I would like to see some pilot projects started and to identify those libraries that are already practicing this process in their interlibrary loan departments.