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MINNESOTA-SOUTH DAKOTA RESOURCE SHARING

Improved library services to Minnesota and South Dakota residents is now provided for by a contract for access to the shared library resources of the two states. The contract was recently negotiated between the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB), acting for the State of Minnesota, and the South Dakota State Library Commission.

South Dakota will have access to Minnesota resources through MINITEX. Thirteen libraries in South Dakota have been designated as access libraries by the South Dakota State Library. They may request services directly from MINITEX when South Dakota resources have been exhausted. When Minnesota resources have been exhausted, MINITEX will have access to South Dakota resources through the South Dakota State Library Network at the South Dakota State Library and the thirteen access libraries.

Updating of the South Dakota Union List of Serials and its integration into the Minnesota Union List of Serials (MULS) was made possible by a grant made last fall to HECB by the Bush Foundation. Bush funding will also support three South Dakota libraries to begin cataloging on-line through OCLC. Six South Dakota libraries are currently using OCLC and their holdings are in the on-line data base.

MINNESOTA LIBRARIES 1977

The following report on the activity of the Minnesota library community in 1977 has been submitted to the American Library Association for inclusion in the forthcoming ALA Yearbook, 1978 edition, Chicago: American Library Association, 1978.

Minnesota reports appeared in the two earlier yearbooks: page 379-381 in the 1977 edition and page 387-389 in the 1976 edition.

REPORT

The introduction to the Minnesota Long Range Plan for Library Service, which was revised in 1977, affirms that "facts, information, ideas and inspiration, as found in recorded communications, are absolutely necessary in the most basic sense to the growth and development of individuals and groups in contemporary society." The library in society, the responsibility of libraries as agents for the collection, retrieval, and dissemination of information to society--these ever-present issues for all librarians were particularly alive for Minnesota librarians in 1977.

Governor's Conference. Governor Perpich called a Governor's Conference on Libraries and Information Services, to be held in September 1978. This will be Minnesota's preparation for the 1979 White House Conference. The Coordinator of the Conference is Grieg Aspnes, who for 21 years was Research Librarian at Cargill, Inc. Aspnes has been deeply involved in professional activities for many years. He taught a course in special libraries for eight years at the University of Minnesota Library School. A past president of the Special Library Association, he was elected to that organization's Hall of Fame in 1977.

With Grieg's guidance, we move toward a conference concerned with the issues of library service to society, citizen assessment of current library and information services in Minnesota, needs of library users, and recommendations for future service development.

Access to Information. In a state whose libraries have demonstrated a commitment to shared resources and the citizen's right of access to information, the means of providing access continued to be developed and refined in 1977. Much attention was paid to bibliographic access, for physical access to documents depends on it.

The Bush Foundation of Minnesota granted the Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) \$134,980 to allow MINITEX (Minnesota Interlibrary Telecommunications Exchange) to install 15 additional OCLC on-line cataloging terminals in Minnesota and South Dakota. This grant, and 1976 grants of \$216,066 from the Bush Foundation and \$88,000 from the Kellogg Foundation for a total of \$439,046, provided significant support for over 45 libraries in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota to move into on-line cataloging. The first MINITEX record was input into OCLC in December 1976, and at the end of 1977 there were more than 400,000 records in the data base.

The Bush grant will also be used to update the South Dakota Union List of Serials and to integrate it with the existing Minnesota-North Dakota-Wisconsin serials data base. That data base, the Minnesota Union List of Serials (MULS), was published in its second edition late in 1977. Contained in seven volumes are over 82,000 bibliographic entries, plus cross-references and added entries, representing the serial holdings of 220 participating libraries. On behalf of MINITEX, HECB also received a Council on Library Resources grant of \$25,000 for the planning phase of a project designed to link standard serial holdings statements to bibliographic records (CONSER).

Cooperating Libraries in Consortium (CLIC), a Twin Cities college library cooperative, received \$53,422 from the Bush Foundation for equipment to display its new COM union catalog. With special grants, MELSA (Metropolitan Library Service Agency) has been actively encouraging all libraries in its seven-county federation of public libraries to convert current acquisitions to machine-readable form. In 1977 the Dakota and Carver County Systems began conversion of both current and retrospective records to conform to MELSA-MARC standards. MELSA funds also supported a project, currently in the systems analysis and design

stage, in which the Minneapolis and Saint Paul Public Libraries will convert bibliographic records to machine-readable form. The Arrowhead Library System of northeastern Minnesota began a project to convert the holdings of its member libraries to a COM union catalog housed in ROM readers. The first catalog contains 80% of the holding of the Duluth Public Library.

The Consortium of Minnesota Seminary Faculties, Library Division received a grant from the Bush Foundation in February. The \$170,000 will facilitate the retrospective input of the holdings of the libraries of the seminaries and the religion titles owned by St. John's University into the machine-readable data base being produced by the Consortium. The funding for a two-year project will ensure establishment of a computerized retrospective union catalog of the holdings of the libraries.

Bibliographic access means that physical access, placing the needed item or its intellectual content into the hands of the user, is possible. Statewide network services facilitate the sharing of resources among Minnesota libraries. Resource sharing in Minnesota reached an annual volume of 750,000 documented interlibrary transactions, a figure that does not represent reciprocal borrowing or measure direct use of nonlocal collections made possible by bibliographic data bases. The 150 MINITEX participants have agreed to share resources with each other through the MINITEX system. Most of the public library systems have reciprocal arrangements whereby a patron's library card is honored by neighboring systems. The eventual goal is that a person may go to his local library and either receive the needed item, be told where it is available, or have it secured for him.

Seven Minnesota counties with a total population of 141,514 began participation in regional systems and so improved the quality of library service their patrons receive. The number of Minnesota citizens having access to library services through regional library systems is 3,557,323, or 93.5 percent of the state's population. A new regional library, Western Plains Library System, came into existence in 1977, as well as a new state agency library, that of the Minnesota Zoological Garden. Under the College Library Resources Program (Title II-A of the Higher Educa-

tion Act), academic libraries received 52 grants totaling \$197,605 for acquisition of library materials in 1977-78. Because of resource sharing, new libraries and new holdings benefit everyone in the state.

Teaching the skills patrons need to accomplish access to library holdings is another aspect of physical access. St. Olaf College was the recipient of a matching grant from the Council on Library Resources and the National Endowment for the Humanities under their joint College Library Program. St. Olaf's Course-Related Library Instruction Program will be supported with the CLR/NEH award of \$38,793 and \$39,683 in institutional funds.

Legislative Activity. The 1977 Minnesota Legislature voted a moderate increase in grants for public library service to \$4,300,000 for the biennium 1978/79, with an additional \$400,000 for 1979 contingent upon a new distribution formula. Much of this increase, however, will be directed to library regions newly eligible for services. The Office of Public Libraries and Interlibrary Cooperation (OPLIC) will have \$357,000 for operating expenses in each of the two years. The Environmental Conservation Library (ECOL) received healthy support, as its grant was increased from \$80,000 for 1976-77 to \$202,000 for the next biennium. MINITEX Library Program funding was increased to \$400,000 for 1978 and \$425,000 for 1979. The University of Minnesota Libraries, whose collections are a major state resource, received a special supplementary budget for collection development.

A librarians legislative communications network was established to spread news of legislative action, to generate constituent response to legislators, and to learn of local reaction to events. The basic contact team involved 170 participants, and many more were reached through them. A Joint House/Senate Education Subcommittee on Libraries was appointed, Senator Peter Stumpf, Chairman. Charged with undertaking a thorough evaluation of the library systems operating in Minnesota, the Subcommittee heard testimony from over 20 state and regional library programs and associations. The Subcommittee was asked by Governor Perpich to recommend legislation on the Library for the Blind.

Librarianship. The program of the Minnesota Library Association (MLA) Midwinter Conference offered librarians an opportunity to consider the new copyright law. At one of the most heavily attended MLA conferences ever, Barbara Ringer, U.S. Register of Copyright; Arthur Levine, CONTU Executive Director; Robert Wedgeworth, ALA Executive Director and CONTU Commissioner; Sara Case, ALA Washington Office; and Jeff Squires, CONTU Counsel, discussed the intricacies and impact of the law. They helped Minnesota librarians develop a perspective from which to examine and implement the law.

A boon for libraries and librarians seeking continuing education information was the creation of the position of Continuing Education and Library Research Specialist by the Office of Public Libraries and Interlibrary Cooperation (OPLIC). Suzanne H. Mahmoodi, who was appointed to the new position, will help librarians and library educators by advising them on both existing opportunities and the development of new programs.

During the spring the University of Minnesota Library School organized an impressive colloquia series while Jesse Shera was on the faculty as Visiting Professor. "The Library in the Social Process" was debated by Shera and Edward Holley. Shera and William Budington discussed "Research Libraries and Society." Library service to children was considered by Shera and Peggy Sullivan. Additional guest speakers on the colloquia series were Michael Gorman, "The British Library; a Personal View" and "AACR 2," and Eileen Cooke, who spoke on the activities of the ALA Washington Office. Shera also addressed the Minnesota Special Libraries Association (SLA) and American Society for Information Science (ASIS) meeting on the "Foundations of Information Science."

In October, Al Trezza of the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science visited Minnesota and spoke about national planning for improved library service and Minnesota's role in the national network. A MINITEX Reference Services Users Group was formed. Anne Lipow, Head of Cooperative Services at the University of California, Berkeley, attended the first meeting and spoke on Cooperative Reference Service. The OCLC Users Group was active.

Over 100 catalogers received in excess of 50 hours of on-line cataloging instruction.

OPLIC sponsored a workshop on "Performance Measures for Library Operations" conducted by Dr. Ellen Altman of the Indiana University Graduate Library School. The workshop was well-attended by people from fourteen states. OPLIC also published its new Trustees Handbook which was very well-received by Minnesota's public library trustees.

Associations. An important development was the formation of the Minnesota Statewide Library Service Forum. The Forum consists of two representatives of each of Minnesota's six library associations, a total membership of approximately 3,000. MLA, the Minnesota chapters of SLA and ASIS, the Minnesota Educational Media Organization, the Minnesota Health Science Library Association, and the Minnesota Association of Law Libraries have associated for the purposes of communication and cooperation in programs and services on a statewide level.

A significant event for MLA was the creation of the position of Executive Director. On January 1, Patricia Kovel-Jarboe becomes the director of an organization that had depended on volunteer effort for all management functions. It is expected that this position will strengthen MLA as a voice for libraries.

Early in the year the Minnesota Council of Health Science Libraries was formed for the purpose of representing Minnesota's health science libraries to state library and health-related organizations. The eleven institutional members will contribute to planning for the future of libraries in Minnesota.

Buildings. Three new public library buildings were completed in 1977; the Minnesota Valley Regional Library headquarters in Mankato, the North St. Paul Branch of the Ramsey County Library, and the Warren Branch of the Northwest Regional Library. Construction began on the new \$6,000,000 Duluth Public Library Building.

Awards. Sanford Berman, Hennepin County Library Head Cataloger and editor of the HCL Cataloging Bulletin, was named MLA Librarian of the Year. MLA Trustee of the Year was Dorothy Caron, a trustee of the Virginia Public Library. Audrey Grosch,

of the University of Minnesota Libraries and President of ASIS, received the SLA 1977 Professional Award. The Hennepin County Library received two 1977 New County, USA Achievement Awards from the National Association of Counties for "outstanding programs that can be adapted for use by other counties in the country." The winning programs were the used bookstore and services to Vietnamese.

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UPCOMING USER GROUP MEETINGS

Announcements of two pre-MLA Conference MINITEX User Group meetings were mailed this month. The Reference Users Group will meet at the College of St. Catherine on May 23 to discuss on-line subject data bases and how to access them through cooperative arrangements. The OCLC Users Group will meet at the same time and discuss several aspects of cataloging on-line: A-V materials, serials, quality control, and provide a forum for discussing problems catalogers are experiencing. Pre-registration for these meetings is required. Contact Andrea Honebrink (reference) or Lois Upham (OCLC) if information about these meetings is needed.

LIBRARY DIRECTORIES

The MINITEX Central Office maintains two directories of libraries. One is a directory of all libraries in Minnesota, their addresses, telephone numbers and the name of the librarian. North and South Dakota are in the process of being added to the directory. The other is a directory of MINITEX libraries and includes the names of all professional staff in each library. This was developed from information received from participants last fall. These directories are currently maintained, but we rely on you to keep us up-to-date. Please report staff changes to us. And for information about identifying and contacting colleagues in other libraries, call MINITEX Reference.

OCLC GOVERNANCE

The following are excerpts from an April 13 Higher Education Coordinating Board document sent to MINITEX-OCLC participants in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota.

"Ohio representatives adopted a new governance structure for OCLC, Inc. at the 11th Annual Meeting of the Ohio College Library Center on December 20, 1977 in Columbus, Ohio...Ohio librarians amended the Articles of Incorporation and Code of Regulations of the Ohio College Library Center, reconstituting it as OCLC, Inc.

With the new name comes an extended base for membership and an expanded structure for governance...In addition to extending membership in OCLC, Inc. to libraries participating in the OCLC, Inc. system wherever they may be, the new governance structure increases the number of members of the OCLC, Inc. Board of Trustees from nine to fifteen and establishes a new entity, the OCLC Users Council, that consists of individuals elected by participating libraries.

With the changes occurring in the governance of OCLC, there is a need to discuss the implications [for MHECB/MINITEX] and to elect delegates to the new OCLC Users Council. A meeting for these purposes has been scheduled for May 5, 1978, 1:00-3:30 p.m. in Room L-141, North Hennepin Community College (7411 95th Avenue North, Minneapolis--just south of intersection of I-494 and 694 on Highway 18). The meeting is open to all interested parties and no fees will be charged. Voting at the meeting will be restricted to those institutions or agencies with an existing contract with MHECB for access to OCLC services.

In February, David Laird and Alice Wilcox were invited as MHECB/MINITEX representatives to attend a special orientation meeting on the new OCLC Users Council. In conjunction with the meeting each network or agency holding a master contract with OCLC has been asked to establish procedures for the selection of delegates to the Users Council prior to its first meeting scheduled for June 4 and 5. Under the formula in the new structure, MHECB/MINITEX is entitled to two voting delegates on the Council. Given the roles which MHECB

and MINITEX play in providing access to OCLC services, it does not seem appropriate for members of the staff of either to represent actual users and therefore all staff in both offices will be asked to refrain from being candidates.

We view the changes in OCLC governance and the creation of the Users Council as offering a formal institutional means for participating libraries in networks and other direct contractors to participate in the development and formulation of OCLC policy through the Users Council and its elected representatives on the Board of Trustees. Within the guidelines enumerated...we think that participants under the MHECB-MINITEX contract should determine the most effective means possible to elect representatives and assure timely communications to and from the Users Council. We would suggest that those who wish to be candidates for election make others aware of their interest prior to the meeting. We also suggest that prior consideration be given to the terms, method of election, filling of vacancies, and responsibilities of representatives."

BUSH II OCLC INSTALLATIONS

The MINITEX Advisory Committee has recommended that the following libraries be granted OCLC start-up under the Bush II grant.

1. Austin Community College (the terminal will be shared by the Hormel Institute, Austin Area Vo-Tech Institute, and Austin Elementary and Secondary Schools)
2. Veterans Memorial Public Library, Bismarck, ND
3. Hibbing Community College (the terminal will be shared by Itasca, Rainy River, Mesabi, and Vermillion Community Colleges)
4. Saint Paul Public Library
5. Minneapolis Public Library and Information Center

Nine other libraries were designated by name in the Bush Supplement Grant.

OCLC DIRECTORY UPDATE

Several MINITEX libraries have joined the OCLC network in recent months and are now cataloging on-line. This listing updates the directory which appeared in the November 1977 Messenger.

- AVT Austin Area Vo-Tech Institute*
- ACO Austin Community College
- APS Austin Public Schools*
- MHL Hamline University School of Law*
- HOR Hormel Institute Library*
- NDS North Dakota State Library
- BPL Veterans Memorial Public Library
(Bismarck, ND)
- WMM William Mitchell College of Law*

* Libraries which share a terminal located at another library

OCLC TRAINING

The first group of MINITEX-trained libraries began inputting into OCLC early in 1977. After about a year of experience and continued training, the trainees have become the trainers, joining MINITEX staff in presenting workshops for new OCLC users. The first of the recent training sessions was held on March 16 and 17 at Normandale Community College. Phyllis Marion, University of Minnesota Law Library, conducted sessions on AACR Chapter 6 and ISBD-M. Helen Gbala, College of St. Catherine, and Sandra Williams, St. John's University, taught workshop participants about MARC-M tagging.

The second workshop was held April 24-25 at the William Mitchell College of Law. Nancy Olson, Mankato State University, led the first day's session on MARC tags for A-V and sound recordings. On the second day Lois Upham and Julia Blixrud of MINITEX taught the new users about serials cataloging. This learning and sharing process is a fundamental aspect of cooperative activity and reminds us that building the MINITEX data base and sharing resources is a community effort.

PUBLICATIONS

The writing of several Minnesota librarians has recently appeared in national professional publications. An article by David Hennessey, Le Sueur-Waseca Regional Library, "Reference Works in Reduced Size," was published in the Winter 1977 (v.17, no.2) RQ, pp. 139-141. Michael D. Kathman, St. John's University, and Jane M. Kathman's article "Management Problems of Student Workers in Academic Libraries," appeared in College & Research Libraries, v.39, no.2, March 1978, pp. 118-122. A paper by Virgil F. Massman, James Jerome Hill Reference Library, "Changes That Will Affect College Library Collection Development" was included in Academic Libraries by the Year 2000: essays honoring Jerrold Orne, edited by Herbert Poole, published by Bowker, 1977.

TWX COMMUNICATION

Apologies! The MINITEX Central Office switchover to new telecommunications equipment, which was scheduled for installation in December, is still just shy of completion. The non-delivery of one piece of linking equipment, in addition to some occasional mechanical problems, has resulted in undue difficulty and frustration for participants sending requests to us by TWX. Resolution of this situation is expected imminently. Thank you for being understanding, and we hope you won't have to put up with so many busy signals for much longer.

VERIFYING CITATIONS FROM ON-LINE SEARCHES

Many citations yielded by on-line searches of subject data bases become interlibrary loan requests. Please remember that monograph and serial titles which appear on these bibliographies need to be verified in the same way as titles from other sources. That is, consider the bibliography produced by a computer-assisted literature search the source of a citation, not verification of its main entry. The data base and document number, given in the "source" or "reference was found in" area of an ILLRQ, may be useful for MINITEX staff, but is not a substitute for verification in MULS, NST, NUC, OCLC and other standard sources.

NEW APPOINTMENTS--NEW PARTICIPANTS

Roderick MacDonald is the new Director of the Dakota County Library System. Jean Archibald has been appointed Director of the Macalester College Library.

The Minneapolis College of Art and Design, Richard Kronstedt, Head Librarian, is a new participant. Thirteen libraries in South Dakota are now MINITEX participants as a result of a Minnesota-South Dakota resource sharing contract (see article on front page). These libraries are:

South Dakota State Library, Herschel Anderson, State Librarian; Alexander-Mitchell Public Library, Emily Guhin, Librarian; Sioux Falls Public Library, Catherine Schoenmann, Librarian; Rapid City Public Library, Helen Hoyt, Librarian; Sioux Falls College, Jane Kolbe, Librarian; University of South Dakota, Robert Carmack, Librarian; University of South Dakota Health Sciences, Patrick Brennan, Librarian; University of South Dakota/Springfield, Joel Hanson, Director; Dakota State College, Joseph Paulukonis, Librarian; South Dakota State University, Leon Raney, Dean of Libraries; Northern State College, James Mauseth, Librarian; South Dakota School of Mines & Technology, Philip McCauley, Director; and Black Hills State College, Ed Erickson, Director.

VISITORS

Ryburn Ross, Assistant Director for Technical Services at Cornell University, visited MINITEX in April. Mr. Ross is the FAUL (Five Associated University Libraries) representative to CCLN (Council of Computerized Library Networks), and directs CONSER activity at Cornell. MINITEX also is a CONSER participant and member of CCLN.

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NEWSLETTER MAILING LIST

The Messenger mailing list will soon be stored on magnetic tape for production of mailing labels on our Texas Instruments terminal. We'd like our input to be as complete and accurate as possible. Any staff member in a MINITEX library may receive the Messenger. Please report any errors, duplications or omissions on the current mailing list to the editor.

CAB ON-LINE USER WORKSHOP

Dr. John Newton of Commonwealth Agricultural Bureaux will conduct an on-line user workshop at the Freshwater Biological Institute on June 7, 1978. CAB ABSTRACTS is a comprehensive file of agricultural information containing all records in the 22 journals published by CAB. Over 8,500 serial journals in 37 languages are scanned, as well as books, reports, and other publications.

The session, running from 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., will cover the following: introduction to CAB, file structure and content, demonstration of online searches, subject coverage, search techniques, and user aids available. The workshop will be free but attendees will be expected to pay for (or bring) their own lunch and to purchase a CAB ABSTRACTS ONLINE MANUAL.

For reservations please contact: Julia Peterson, Research Library, Cargill, Inc., P.O. Box 9300, Minneapolis, MN 55440 (612) 475-6498 or Jean VanGrasstek, Tennant Memorial Library, Freshwater Biological Institute, County Roads 15 & 19, Navarre, MN 55392 (612) 471-7755.

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