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### Fall/Winter Library-Related Conferences in Minnesota

Even though it might sadden us, summer is coming to a close and it's that time of year to begin planning what conferences to attend this fall and winter. There are several great conferences around the state that offer relevant and timely information for public, academic, and special librarians, as well as school library media specialists and teachers. Conferences are also a great way to meet and mingle with colleagues in and around the state.

#### MLA Annual Conference, September 21-23, 2005, Minneapolis, MN

[http://www.mnlibraryassociation.org/Annual\\_Conference.htm](http://www.mnlibraryassociation.org/Annual_Conference.htm)

This year's conference is going to offer more programs for attendees than any year past. The venue for the 3-day convention is The Depot, the newly renovated hotel and conference center in downtown Minneapolis where the Milwaukee Railroad Depot stood until 1971. The Depot offers four types of lodging though MLA has reserved a block of rooms at The Depot hotel, Courtyard by Marriott. You will need to make your reservation soon to take advantage of the MLA group discount. For more information on The Depot go to <http://www.thedepotminneapolis.com/>. The conference will feature an array of sessions that are bound to make every librarian happy. A tour of the new central Minneapolis Public Library is available via pre-registration. MINITEX will be presenting three sessions including an ELM Update, NetLibrary, and the Future of Resource Sharing in Minnesota. The current MLA President, Rob Grunewald, is featured as a keynote luncheon speaker and Minnesota author, Erin Hart, who wrote *Lake of Sorrows* and *Haunted Ground*, will be speaking. You can choose from sessions that range from Professional Writing 101 for Librarians to Bilingual Storytime: Best Practices. The deadline for advance registration is September 6 so register now!

#### MEMO Conference, October 14-15, 2005, Mankato, MN

<http://www.memoweb.org/>

This year's MEMO Conference, *Libraries and Technology: On Track with Learning*, will be held at the Midwest Wireless Civic Center in Mankato. MEMO (Minnesota Educational Media Organization) is an organization serving school media and information technology professionals. MEMO is committed to providing leadership and professional growth for quality media and technology programs which meet the learning and instructional needs of students, staff and administration.

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There is a special MEMO room rate of \$79 per night at the Downtown Holiday Inn, which is located next to the Civic Center and offers a pool, restaurant, and bar. Pre-registration must be postmarked by September 15, 2005.

This year's keynote speakers include Ian Jukes, technology futurist and speaker at last summer's ALA Conference, and Jeff McQuillan, reading guru and author of *The Literacy Crisis: False Claims, Real Solutions*. This conference will offer sessions and information on advocacy and lobbying at the state level, academic success and information literacy skills, maximizing the value of ELM databases in the classroom, understanding information search tools, and marketing your media program, to name a few.

**Education Minnesota,**  
**October 20-21, 2005, St. Paul, MN**  
[http://www.educationminnesota.org/index.cfm?page\\_id=312](http://www.educationminnesota.org/index.cfm?page_id=312)

The 2005 Education Minnesota Conference will be held, as usual, at the St. Paul RiverCentre, and is free and open to the public and does not require registration. Education Minnesota includes 70,000 educators working together for excellence in education for all Minnesota students. The organization was formed in 1998 by the merger of the Minnesota Education Association and the Minnesota Federation of Teachers.

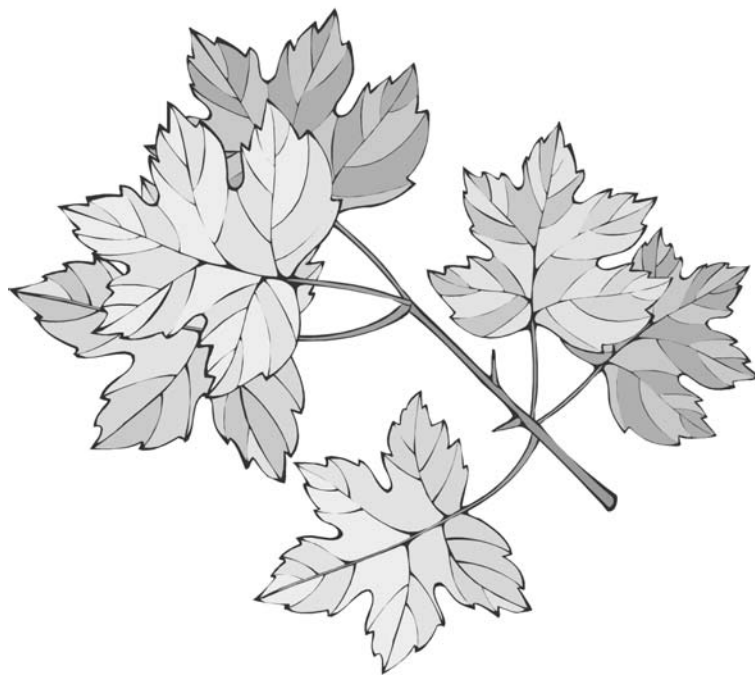
On Thursday, October 20, you can hear author and Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Anna Quindlen speak, as well as several other mini-keynote speakers. In addition, Minnesota Education Commissioner Alice Seagren will return for a second year for a "coffee with the commissioner" question-and-answer session. The conference offers dozens of workshops and over 300 exhibits offering educational products and services. You can also hear authors and celebrities read at the big red reading chair. The program on Friday includes a half day of in-depth seminars on education topics. This is the state's largest professional development event for educators, and don't forget it's free!

**TIES 2005 Education Technology Conference,**  
**December 3-6, 2005, Minneapolis**

<http://www.ties.k12.mn.us/ties2005/index.htm>

The 2005 TIES Conference will be held at the Minneapolis Hyatt Regency Hotel where rooms have been set aside for conference attendees and exhibitors. Contact the hotel at 612-370-1234 and mention the TIES conference to reserve a room. TIES 2005 Education Technology Conference, Minnesota's showcase for education technology, is expected to draw nearly 1,500 teachers, technology coordinators, media specialists, principals, administrators, and others involved with using technology in schools. The conference will include four days of stimulating speakers, energizing and practical general sessions, and hands-on pre-conference workshops.

The Keynote speaker is Bernajean Porter, an expert in large-scale systemic change. She believes that "all learners can rediscover their joy and adventure in learning. Technology empowers learners and teachers alike to engage in a partnership that brings fundamental differences to classrooms today." The general sessions include Leave No Teacher Behind and Evaluating Student Computer-Based Products. Registration information is not yet available but check back at <http://www.ties.k12.mn.us/ties2005/index.htm>. Admission to the exhibit hall will be by conference badge only.



MINITEX and the State Library Services and School Technology program of the Minnesota Department of Education are pleased to announce that Gale's ¡Informe! and ProQuest Newsstand Complete will remain in ELM through June 30, 2006.

Consulta, the Spanish reference resource center with journals, primary source documents, and images will not be renewed for FY06. This is unfortunate since we have made headway in reaching people who can make the most use of this rich resource. However, we are pleased that we are able to continue ¡Informe! in FY06.

Access to Consulta was terminated on July 31, 2005. Please remove links to Consulta from your Web site if you haven't done so already. If your library would like to continue to subscribe to Consulta on an individual library basis, pricing and order details are available on the MINITEX CPERS Web site at <http://www-minitex.lib.umn.edu/cpers/consulta/>.

## U.S. Census Bureau Back to School Statistics

Back to School Statistics is part of the U.S Census Bureau's Facts for Features that is intended to commemorate anniversaries or observances or to provide background information for topics in the news. The nation's schools are re-opening and we found some of the statistics evolving from students and teachers returning to the classrooms fascinating!

### Back-to-School Shopping, \$6 billion

The amount of money spent at family clothing stores in August 2004. Similarly, bookstore sales in August 2004 totaled \$2 billion.

### Students, 74.9 million

The number of people enrolled in school throughout the country, from nursery school to college. That amounts to more than one-fourth of the U.S. population age 3 and older.

### Pre-K through 12 Enrollment

About 60% of 3 and 4 year olds enrolled in nursery school, this is up from just 6% in 1964.

65% of children enrolled in kindergarten attend all day which is up from 20% in the 1970's.

40% of elementary and high school students are minorities (people who are other than non-Hispanic white).

22% of K-12 students have at least one foreign-born parent. This includes 6% who were foreign-born themselves.

### Languages

9.9 million school-age children between age 5 and 17 speak a language other than English at home. 7 million speak Spanish at home.

### Teachers and Other School Personnel

There are 6.5 million teachers in the U.S. and 2.6 million teach at the elementary and middle school level.

Average annual salary of public elementary and secondary school teachers in California as of the 2002-2003 school year was \$56,300 – the highest of any state in the nation. Teachers in South Dakota received the lowest pay at \$32,400. The national average was \$45,900.



Average hourly wage of school bus drivers is \$13.85 while the average hourly wage for custodians is \$12.40.

### Technology in the Schools

14.1 million computers are available for classroom use in the nation's 114,000 elementary and secondary schools. That works out to one computer for every four students.

For more information on the U.S. Census Bureau's Facts for Features: Back to School, or the full report, visit <http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/>.

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## Internet Librarian Conference

Information Today presents the annual Internet Librarian conference, which will be held at the Monterey Conference Center in Monterey, CA, on Oct. 24-26, 2005. MINITEX will be coordinating a discounted group registration. The special rate for the Internet Librarian conference is \$245.00 for the three day event. In addition, discount prices of \$169.00 on the Internet@Schools conference (Oct. 24-25, 2005) and \$275.00 for the combo Internet Librarian general conference and Internet@Schools (Oct. 24-26, 2005) are available. No discount rates are available for the pre-and post-conference seminars and workshops. For additional information regarding the conference go to [www.websearchu.com](http://www.websearchu.com).

If you are interested, please request a registration form from MINITEX. We need to receive your payment, checks payable to Information Today, Inc. and registration form no later than Sept. 14, 2005. No registrations will be accepted after Sept. 14, 2005.

Please indicate if you would prefer to have the registration fee deducted from your MINITEX deposit account. If you have any questions feel free to contact Tim Johnson at 612-626-0885, 1-800-462-5348, or [johns216@umn.edu](mailto:johns216@umn.edu).

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