

MINNESOTA'S INFORMATION SHARING ECONOMY

Minitex & Minnesota's Libraries

Connecting Minnesotans with information since 1971

MINNESOTA REFLECTIONS

is Minnesota's premier, searchable, online collection of primary source materials. At year-end, the collection contained

44,470

photos, maps, letters, works of art, and more, all shared by cultural heritage organizations from across the state.

The MINNESOTA DIGITAL LIBRARY (MDL)

has collaborated with

172

partner organizations to create and preserve digital collections and to provide enduring open access to Minnesota's cultural legacy.

Minitex RESOURCE SHARING

staff delivered

75,815

articles electronically, straight to the inboxes of library patrons.

The ELECTRONIC LIBRARY FOR MINNESOTA (ELM)

includes encyclopedia, magazine, journal, and newspaper articles, plus multimedia, primary sources, and much more. In FY2015 alone, Minnesotans searched ELM

55,835,477

times!

The MINNESOTA LIBRARY ACCESS CENTER (MLAC)

is a state-of-the-art underground storage facility. MLAC contains

1.5 million

volumes from 21 contributing Minnesota libraries.

In FY2015, Minitex CONFERENCES & EVENTS

brought

4,877

people together — virtually and in person — to learn, collaborate, and build professional skills.

The MNLINK GATEWAY

is an online library catalog that makes the collections of nearly all Minnesota's libraries accessible to library patrons via one easy-to-use website. In FY2015, the system handled

488,538

interlibrary loan requests.

AskMN

is an online reference desk run by Minitex 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

In 2015, AskMN's librarians answered a staggering

37,813

questions.

Minitex DELIVERY

handled

888,351

items for libraries and library patrons in FY2015.