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State Universities Report
Joan Roca, Minnesota State University, Mankato
March 5, 2010

Bemidji State University, Mankato – Stu Rosselet, Library Director
Nothing to report at this time.

Metropolitan State University - David Barton, Library Director
Nothing to report at this time.

Minnesota State University Moorhead – Britney Goodman, Associate V.P & Dean
MSUM Livingston Lord Library is undergoing some HEAPR projects in the Spring, including some exterior brickwork, elevator upgrades, and replacing all of the windows in the building.

Preparing for a potential flood is underway at the university and both Fargo and Moorhead have begun filling of sandbags.

The Library will be hosting an annual "Honoring Faculty Who Received Promotion or Tenure" on March 10th. As part of the event, 20 faculty members will be speaking about the books they have selected for the library's collection at this event.

MSUM's Livingston Lord Library will celebrate National Library week with a lecture event featuring Greg Breining, who will talk about his book, A Hard-Water World: Ice Fishing and Why We Do It on Wednesday, April 14 at 4:30 in Science Lab 118.

Minnesota State University, Mankato – Joan Roca, Dean
The Library is finishing its five-year Program Review process after the recent visit by external reviewers Dan Gjelten (University of St. Thomas), and Marilyn Mercado, (University of Northern Iowa.) The feedback received during the visit was very valuable and we are looking forward to their final report.

In preparation for a reduction of $8 to $10 million dollars in state appropriations in FY-2012, Minnesota State Mankato has officially announced this week the list of 18 programs where there will be retrenchment (layoff) of tenured faculty. There will also be reductions in other departments but they will not impact tenured or probationary faculty. Overall, the bottom line will be that, between retirements and layoffs, there will be 80+ fewer faculty positions at MSU Mankato in July, 2011. The Library has already been impacted and two librarian retirements this year will not be replaced.

In April, the Library will be holding the third “MSU Author” celebration honoring the 21 faculty authors who have published books during the past year. Each author gets a “READ” poster with his/her picture and the book(s) published and this has been a great hit.

Later in April, the Library will be showcasing “Abraham Lincoln: A Man of His Time, a Man for All Times,” a four-week long national traveling exhibition that examines Lincoln’s life, accomplishments, and legacy, organized by the Gilder Lehrman Institute. The Library will be offering free programs and other events for the public in connection with the exhibition.

St. Cloud State University – Ruth Zietlow, Associate Dean for Library Services
This semester we have distributed our LibQUAL survey via email to 1,200 SCSU people.
The Miller Center Library has a one year subscription to OCLC’s Collection Analysis tool and will be analyzing our collection against comparable libraries.

Assistant Professor Tina Gross spoke with co-authors Arlene Taylor and Daniel Joudrey about their current study on the role of subject headings in keyword searching at this year’s ALA Midwinter conference.

Library faculty and staff attended a very useful interactive workshop presented by Anna Maravelas, the author of How to Reduce Workplace Conflict and Stress.

This year’s History Day @ SCSU was on Saturday, January 30th and was a rousing success. Parents, Teachers and School Media Specialists from central Minnesota were invited, with 116 students from 6th through 12th grades attending.

Assistant Professor and Archivist Tom Steman and Professor Susan Motin had the following article published:

Steman, Tom and Susan Hubbs Motin, “History Day: Another Outreach Opportunity for Academic Libraries,” College & Research Libraries News. Full text of this article can be found at http://crln.acrl.org/content/71/1/26.full.

The SCSU University Archives and the Minnesota Digital Library have also collaborated to digitize 262 letters, 1939-1947, of author Sinclair Lewis to his mistress Marcella Powers. For more information, see http://www.stcloudstate.edu/news/newsrelease/default.asp?storyID=30792.

Southwest Minnesota State University – Kathleen Ashe, University Librarian
At SMSU Library faculty and librarians have been reviewing and selecting a large number of book titles, both e-books and print, to add to our collection, expending three-fourths of the first year’s grant from stimulus funds allocated to the library.

We are in the planning stages for a delivery service to our off campus students who range from PSEO students, to graduate level students and an increasing number of students taking only online courses. We expect to begin offering a delivery option next fall.

The Library continues to be heavily involved in SMSU faculty’s development of a new core curriculum. Information literacy is one of the objectives of the new liberal arts core which will be implemented next fall.

We are searching for a fixed term position for next year. This is a replacement, not a new position. We had lobbied for a tenure track position but are relieved that we still have the position.

The Library took significant cuts the past two years. We expect our budget will remain the same for next year.

Winona State University – Thomas Bremer, Dean
WSU Library is adding content to the currently available Winona Daily News Project. This searchable full-text database, initiated several years ago, is an online archive of 19th and 20th century Winona newspapers. The archive includes issues of the Winona Argus, the Winona Daily Republican, the Winona Republican Herald, and the Winona Daily News. Currently the archive provides access from the 1800s through 1960. The current work will bring the digital archive up to 1976.

Three WSU library technicians took advantage of the Board Early Separation Incentive (BESI) offered this year by MnSCU. All three (Jackie Markham, Luena Pruter, and Ann Kendrick) will, or have already, retire by the end of this fiscal year. We will miss their extensive experience, dedication, and good humor. Unfortunately, because of budget uncertainties we will not be able to fully replace all three positions; we expect to lose at least one-half and possibly one full position.

Finally, after over sixteen years of fine work, Joe Mount is stepping away from acquisitions and collection development duties. Kendall Larson will assume these duties next fiscal year.

Submitted by Joan Roca, State Universities Representative
Recent Programs and Projects

Peer Research Consultants
The University Libraries’ Peer Research Consultants (PRC) program is in its second semester. The program’s goal is to support students as they do library research and find sources to use in their writing. Students can take advantage of day and evening drop-in hours to work one-on-one and get personalized research help on their topic. In the fall, the first semester of the program, PRCs met with over 60 students, over 60% of whom were from the University’s First Year Writing program (WRIT 1301).

Digital Reference
The Libraries are now providing digital reference service through Minitex’s QuestionPoint platform. This has simplified staffing and administration of the service and has provided a single, verified source of statistics. One interesting finding is that chat (as a 24-hour service) has edged out email as the most common means of requesting assistance. Chat patrons who responded to a survey presented to them at the conclusion of the transaction show high measures of satisfaction, with over 90% indicating that they will use the service again, and nearly 90% indicating that they would recommend the service to others.

HathiTrust Digital Repository
The Libraries now have over 85,000 items in the HathiTrust Digital Repository http://www.hathitrust.org/. These records represent items that have been scanned by Google and that will be made discoverable in the HathiTrust catalog http://catalog.hathitrust.org/ and Google Book Search http://books.google.com/. Records and items will continued to be added to this access and preservation repository on an ongoing basis in 2010, as we ramp up to the large-scale Google Books Digitization Project.

Mobile Web Site
In January 2010, the Libraries released a mobile library web site that includes an attractive navigation iconography, access to MNCAT and other mobile-friendly library databases, and browser detection capabilities that will forward people to the site when a mobile browser is identified. The URL of the mobile site is http://www.lib.umn.edu/mobile/, but if you are on a mobile device try going straight to http://www.lib.umn.edu/.

Tutorials on U.S. Patents Developed
The Science & Engineering Library has created two tutorials on U.S. patents. The tutorials explain patents, patent criteria, how to read a patent and how to search for them. You can find these and other tutorials and recorded workshops at: http://www.lib.umn.edu/research/instruction/modules/index.html

Forestry Library Government Documents
The University Libraries in collaboration with Minitex Contract Cataloging recently completed cataloging of a backlog of 8900 government documents from the Forestry Library.

Upcoming Exhibits and Events: http://blog.lib.umn.edu/lib-web/events

Art in the Libraries: Tangible Digital Matter
When: Through Sunday, May 15, 2010
Where: Wilson Library, basement, first, and fourth floors
Free and open to the public.

NOMMO African American Authors Series: Quincy Troupe
Where: Coffman Memorial Union Theater
When: April 28, 2010
Tickets available through Northrop Ticket Office: $15
Alexs Pate, University of Minnesota professor and author of *Amistad*, hosts and moderates an evening with author Quincy Troupe. Quincy Troupe will read from his work and engage in spirited dialogue with Pate about the state of the art of African American literature.

**First Fridays: Virtue & Vice in the Stacks**

Virtue & Vice in the Stacks – Kindness and Envy, When: Friday, March 5, 2009 • noon - 1 p.m.
Virtue & Vice in the Stacks - Patience and Wrath, When: Friday, April 2, 2009 • noon - 1 p.m.
Virtue & Vice in the Stacks - Humility and Pride, When: Friday, May 7, 2009 • noon - 1 p.m.

*All First Friday events are located in 120 Elmer L Andersen Library. Free and open to the public.*

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

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**Regional System Libraries Report**

Chris Olson, Director, Metropolitan Library Service Agency (MELSA)
March 5, 2010

**East Central Regional Library – Submitted by Barbara Misselt, Director**

**PALS Professional Services Contract**

The ECRL Board approved negotiating a contract with PALS to host our Evergreen ILS.

**2010 Budget**

ECRL received letters from 2 counties, notifying us that they will not pay their share of the 2010 budget, as determined by the formula. Aitkin County will be $6,454 short and Chisago County will be $9,188 short. Thus, we are working on a recommendation to cut services in 6 branches and the Outreach Service in Aitkin County. The gist of the recommendation is that branches in both counties will be closed on Fridays and Saturdays, starting July 9th. In Chisago County they will close for 7 weeks, in Aitkin County, they will close for 10 weeks. The really sad part is that our staff is so thinly scheduled and wages are so low that it will take that long to make up the shortage.

**Legacy**

We hired Cortney Walbridge as the Legacy Project Coordinator. Through an internal posting we found that we had the best candidate (whose degree is in art and business) working as a Page in Princeton. She’s enthusiastic and charging full steam ahead.

**Staff**

We’re interviewing on February 1st for the Rush City Branch Librarian. I’ve also just received the resignation of our main ILL Aide (the cataloger who did all the recovery work after the crash), who finally found a cataloging job in Oklahoma. We just hired an Aide in McGregor and have a vacancy for a Page in Cambridge.

**Great River Regional Library - Kirsty Smith, Director**

**Construction Grants Going to Great Use**

The Staples Public Library closed Saturday, Jan. 23 at its current location, a dark and dank basement in a former World War II hospital. It will reopen on Monday, Feb. 1 at its new location. The new library is entirely new construction and has new bins for children’s books, shelving, easy chairs, etc. The Grand Opening celebration will take place on Thursday, Feb. 25, 2010.
“Beams are up!” reports Marla Scherber, St. Michael Branch Manager. The city broke ground on its new library/city hall in November 2009. “It won’t be long before there will be walls. We were told that the construction is about a week behind due to the really cold weather in early January, but that is expected. Now that the weather is better, they’ll be able to catch up. Walls, we’ve been told, could start to go up in February.”

The St. Michael Library, which is scheduled to open in the Fall of 2010, will be housed in a mixed use building. The building will include space for city hall, a senior center, a community room, and the local historical society. The library portion of the building was designed by KKE Architects who also designed the Elk River Branch which open in 2007.

Both of these new buildings were made possible through construction grants from State Library Services. These communities were convinced to move ahead with their projects because of these grants! It is great to see the library in each of the communities driving spectacular multi-use projects.

Covers!
As of the end of December, were able to add a search on HIP that brings bring up cover art for books and movies. The covers display whenever there is the correct information in the Bib Record, usually the ISBN number. While on a break while at St. Cloud for CRPLSA, try looking up Stephanie Plum in General Keyword in our catalog! It’s so nice and colorful. We’re getting more and more like Amazon every day. Yes, I think that is a good thing!

Events Calendar Addition
To aid the GRRL Communications department to know if their promotional efforts are working, an addition has been made to the Events Calendar. When staff creates an event that requires registration, a box will automatically be checked to ask, “How did you hear about this event?” An answer is optional, but if many people answer “The St. Cloud Times” or “KASM,” we will know where our promotional efforts worked and future efforts can be better directed. This will be especially helpful with larger events like Summer Reading Program Kick-off and Legacy programs.

Lake Agassiz Regional Library --Kathy Fredette, Director
Staff Training
Youth Services Co-Coordinator Liz Lynch (who also wears hats as Moorhead Public Services Supervisor and our Electronic Resources Librarian) traveled to the 3 Hubs and presented Storytime refresher training to all 13 branch librarians and 3 LINK Sites Coordinators

Library Materials/Formats
In 2009, LARL discontinued a number of formats, including several that have been available for at least three decades. Framed Art*, pamphlets and Discover Your Library (storytime) kits were all well-used at one time but circulation had dwindled. We can now concentrate on the formats that our customers are asking for - DVDs, graphic novels, popular fiction and non-fiction, as well as online and downloadable materials. *might be poor timing on this with Legacy but we could always rework if circulating artwork turns out to be something worth rejuvenating. We kept some of the best art from regional artists to decorate our branches.
An online subscription has been purchased to Value Line Investment Survey. Our print version of Value Line is very popular and we’re not ready to let it go just yet but we’re testing the online version to see how customers like it. The subscription includes remote access.

We ended 2009 with a 1.4% increase in circulation (14,641 increase). That was in spite of some sites being closed during the year due to flooding, blizzards, remodeling, budget shortfalls, and a limit placed on DVDs.

Hot Reads
Our annual ‘Hot Reads for Cold Nights’ adult winter reading program kicked off January 4th and runs through March 26th. Customers are invited to snuggle up with a few good books this winter – either reading books or listening to audiobooks – and enter for a chance to win ‘hot’ prizes.

Metropolitan Library Service Agency/MELSA - Chris Olson, Director
E-Resources Team Recommends Online Learning Database
The MELSA team met with four different vendors in early-December to review online learning databases. The group recommended to the Board of Trustees to subscribe to Byki, a company of Transparent Languages with Recorded Books. We currently are scheduled to begin using the product on February 1st.

The group has also agreed to not subscribe to the Gale Health and Wellness database due to the content that is now available through the statewide Ebsco database contract.

The group has also decided to not renew the MELSA contract with Standard & Poors NetAdVantage and instead work with either Morningstar or ValueLine for an investment-related database. We’re still waiting for a final quote from ValueLine before the decision is made.

Professional Collection Purchases
In 2008 and 2009, MELSA collectively purchased approximately $52000 of professional literature made through requests by the directors/member library staff. The idea is that these materials will be placed into your local collections and may be borrowed by others within MELSA (and the state). We will continue to allocate funds for these professional collection items in 2010.

As With All of Us… Legacy, legacy… legacy!
Our first large metro-wide project continues through April: “America the Beautiful,” is a black and white photography exhibit by Clyde Butcher featuring scenes from national parks. Hosted at the Saint Paul Public and James J. Hill Libraries, we have a number of programs taking place at libraries throughout the Twin Cities featuring topics, such as, how to take black & white photographs to the Rose Ensemble performing at the opening exhibit. Plans are underway to have a special “Legislator and Governing Officials” event sometime after the legislative session begins.

In addition to the programming happening at the local libraries, there are several large MESA-wide projects in the planning stages, including: Community Cinema Discussions featuring public television’s Independent Lens series; a music CD created by the MacPhail Center promoting music for early childhood education; Senior art residencies with the Minnesota Creative Arts and Aging Network; plus a “major author” series in the suburbs program.

Northwest Regional Library -- Barbara Jacquet Kalinoski, Director
Family Nights at the Library
In addition to region-wide programs consisting of authors and performers during the Summer Library Program and Winter Reader’s Program, NWRL began “Family Nights at the Library” to encourage use of our branch library evening hours. We have been marketing these programs with newspaper ads twice per month as well as the other media. Programming is offered twice a month. Follow up sessions of family history/greatest generation Legacy programming will also be offered during “Family Nights,” starting this fall.

Marketing
We found the following response to marketing for the e-Publishing workshops: Posters 18%; Flyers 6%,
Newspaper ads 41%; Radio ads 12% and Cable 23%. This was a small sample but helpful to learn what is most effective for marketing Legacy programs.

**e-Books**
NWRL began to offer e-books in the fall and have found people want training! After appearing at the Lion’s Club in Thief River Falls in October, we found the guys told their wives, daughters and friends about it and now they want to be trained. We’re going to offer training in each of our branches and then determine the most effective training methods before conducting additional marketing.

**Southeastern Libraries Cooperating/SELCO -- Ann Hutton, Director**

**Dewey Day Successful & Other Cataloging News**
Our first ever free cataloging day in honor of Melvil Dewey was a clear success. Over 500 items were cataloged on the very day, December 10, and in total, SELCO staff and special catalogers added 1,229 new bibliographic records to the database --- a value of nearly $7,000.

**Rice County**
The new Lonsdale Public Library, the Buckham Memorial Library, the Northfield Public Library, SELCO and Rice County have finalized language for a new one-year contract. Five original copies of the contract will move from meeting to meeting for signatures beginning with the County Board on November 24.

**New Public Library in Lonsdale**
The new Lonsdale Public Library hired a library director, Diana Tallent. SELCO staff is working closely with Diana to assist this new library coming online with the SELCO ILS. The PC Team installed equipment and the cataloging staff is assisting with acquisitions and cataloging. Opening day was scheduled for January 23 but has been delayed while awaiting shelving.

**E- Commerce**
On November 2, SELCO began accepting credit card payments. Online Library patrons may use the My Account section of the online catalog to pay fines and fees with a Visa, MasterCard, or Discover card. We are thrilled that Online Libraries can now offer the same convenience as other web-savvy enterprises. The first payments were made within hours of going live and, not surprising since many requests are made after library hours, so too are fines being paid late at night. This service is being provided as a Basic Service, at no additional Automation Fees for the Online Libraries.

**Traverse des Sioux Library System -- Dayle Zelenka, Director**

**Budget Issues**
Our Fee Structure Committee has come to the conclusion that we have two problems – the need for a reasonably fair formula that everyone can agree on, and the problem of our current economic conditions. The second problem led to an in-depth discussion at our last Director’s meeting concerning ways to save money and be more efficient. We’re still examining our various contracts for savings possibilities, but in an effort to cut down on ILL and Delivery costs, several motions were passed concerning ILL and delivery practices, particularly concerning MnLINK requests and circulation limits.

**ACHF (Legacy)**
We have awarded 20-30 grants to the tune of just under $40,000 for a broad range of programs. At a regional level this year, given the lack of planning time available, we are pursuing a series of “big name” speakers. We also have some questions to bounce off the group on Thursday afternoon.

**Miscellaneous**
The Faribault County Library Board has begun the process of eliminating the Faribault County Library. The County Commissioners have signed off on the contracts for three of the four City Libraries to take over supplying the seven book stations scattered around the county. There is a series of meetings in place throughout the first couple weeks of February for the various city councils and library boards to sign off on the contracts. We are working on the Technical Services aspects of removing them from the Automation system.
Viking Library System -- Peg Werner, Director
Gail Nordstrom, Youth Services Supervisor at Stillwater Public Library, has accepted the position of Public Library Consultant with Viking Library System.

The new headquarters building is complete. The move was made in early February.

The Douglas County Library is currently searching for a new director after the retirement of Patricia Conroy last October. The Library Board has completed one round of interviews and has decided to re-open the search.

Fergus Falls Library Director Walt Dunlap has announced that he will retire at the end of November, 2010.

The Pelican Rapids Public Library has been chosen as one of the libraries participating in the intergenerational partnership program with the Minnesota Historical Society.

Submitted by Chris Olson, Regional System Libraries Representative

University of Minnesota Coordinate Campus Libraries Report
Bill Sozansky, Director, University of Minnesota, Duluth
March 5, 2010

University of Minnesota, Crookston – Owen Williams, Library Director
This winter, the UMC Library is evaluating all print periodical subscriptions. This is an attempt to identify titles that are duplicated in electronic format or no longer considered essential. The library is trying to locate areas of potential savings.

The library continues to expand its' digital archives collection. This is a collection of rare or important documents that are made available on the Internet. http://umclibrary.crk.umn.edu/DigitalProjects.html

University of Minnesota, Morris – LeAnn Dean, Library Director
Briggs Library was asked by University of Minnesota, Morris administrators to represent our campus at the University of Minnesota Quality Fair held Feb. 4 at TCF stadium. We participated in the poster session by conveying via photos and explanation the various initiatives the library has taken to strengthen student retention and provide outreach by using donated funds and time contributed by faculty, staff and librarians. This included co-sponsorship of our "Asking the Big Questions" discussion series, a roving "Librarian on the Loose," Briggs Library Associates events (our friends of the library group), monthly game nights in the library, late night snacks and coffee during final exams, recreational DVDs and best-sellers and jigsaw puzzles in the library for stress relief. This year the Briggs Library Associates have also sponsored a student research competition, brought two speakers to campus, purchased DVD display cabinets and hosted a UMM retirees association luncheon in the UMM Archives room of the library. The assignment for luncheon attendees was to identify people and events portrayed in photos that we hope to add to our digital image collection and include in our Archives catalog records. Finally, the staff members of Briggs Library at the University of Minnesota, Morris are watching the news concerning budget planning for the next fiscal years with keen interest as we confront our specific budget challenges.

University of Minnesota, Duluth – Bill Sozanski, Library Director
The UMD Library hosted the ALA national traveling exhibit “Lewis & Clark and the Indian Country” from January 4 – February 25. The panel exhibit looks at the Lewis and Clark expedition from a different point of view—that of the Indian tribes who lived along the explorers’ route. The Library held three events that complemented the exhibit: an opening ceremony and refreshments reception; the lecture “Avoiding Discovery: Lewis and Clark from a Minnesota Point of View,” given by Dr. Bruce White; and an evening of presentations from four UMD American Indian Studies faculty on their area of research interest as it relates to Lewis and Clark. Northeast Minnesota Historical Center Director Patricia Maus researched, designed, and installed an ancillary exhibit about the history of the local Ojibwe communities and individuals. The NEMHC exhibit
included vintage photographs, maps, and documents from the Center’s many collections. UMD Library staff
also created a Lewis and Clark LibGuide (http://libguides.d.umn.edu/lewisandclark).

The 22nd annual Northeastern Minnesota Book Awards (NEMBA) will be presented at a weekend celebration
May 15-16, 2010, at the University of Minnesota Duluth Kirby Ballroom. The 22nd annual NEMBA will be
honoring books published in 2009. Once again, the UMD Library, Friends of the Duluth Public Library, and
Lake Superior Writers are collaborating to showcase and honor authors and books that capture the spirit of the
Northland and substantially represent northeastern Minnesota.

Renowned food writer and consultant Beatrice Ojakangas will give this year's NEMBA address as well as
conduct Saturday's writing workshop. Beatrice has written 27 cookbooks, including her latest, Petite Sweets,
published in October 2009. Her 26th, The Best Casserole Cookbook Ever (500 recipes), was published by
Chronicle Books, San Francisco, in October 2008 and was nominated for a James Beard award in May 2009.

Submitted by Bill Sozansky, University of Minnesota, Coordinate Campus Libraries Representative

State Government Libraries Report
Karla Gedell, Minnesota Attorney General Library
March 5, 2010

General News

Barbara Golden Receives Lawyer Magazine’s Recognition for Career Service

Minnesota Lawyer, a print and online magazine, conferred its 2009 annual Outstanding Service to the Profession Award to Barbara Golden. The magazine uses the honor to recognize no more than five individuals annually who, over a lengthy period of time, work toward the betterment of the legal profession and those whom it serves. Ms. Golden was the State Law Librarian at the Minnesota State Law Library from 2002 until her retirement in June 2009. She began her career at the law library in 1983.

from: State Library Services December 2009 Streaming News

Please note:
Several state agencies have switched from Groupwise email software to Outlook. Their email addresses may have changed. Find up-to-date state government and special library information in the online CALCO Directory, available on the NorthStar web site.

Legislative Reference Library – Robbie LaFleur, Director
LRL has released a new web feature. The Legislative Time Capsule pages consolidate important statistics and materials for each biennial session of the Legislature. Back to territorial times, you can quickly find information for each legislative session on members, bills, laws, vetoes, dates, special sessions, leadership, and more.
http://www.leg.state.mn.us/lrl/timecapsule

January and February are the heaviest month for receiving reports mandated by the Legislature. So far in 2010, we've received 200 mandated reports.

Dept. of Employment & Economic Development Library (DEED) – Dru Frykberg, Senior Librarian
The library recently compiled its end-of-the-year highlights. In 2009, the DEED Library:

- Responded to more than 1,000 requests for research and library assistance
- Expanded the number of topic-specific DEED Library Alerts to 17, including email alerts on business expansions, layoffs and social media marketing
- Conducted five “Get Search Savvy Using Blogs & Twitter” workshops for 50 DEED staff members
Mn/DOT Library – Qin Tang
A designated space for the Commissioners’ Reading Corner has been created in the Library where books recommended by Commissioner Sorel are on display and people can read in this quiet corner.

Mn/DOT employees are encouraged to read the books and participate in the monthly book discussion with the Commissioner or one of his staff. Employees can participate in person, or virtually via Adobe Connect.

Sorel’s article “Enhancing our leadership skills, one book at a time,” and an interview with him on the first book “Letters from Leaders” in the series, titled “Drawing leadership inspiration from Muhammad Ali and others” are available in the Feb. 24, 2010 issue of Mn/DOT Newsline, a biweekly employee e-newsletter posted on the Mn/DOT Web site at http://newsline.dot.state.mn.us.

The recommended books are also posted on Goodreads.com at http://www.goodreads.com/review/list/2944786.

Mn/DOT Library applied for two digitization projects with the Minnesota Digital Library Coalition. Both were approved. As the result, 44 Minnesota Official State Highway Maps (1950-2010) and 12 Minnesota Highway Commission annual reports (1906-1923) have been digitized at the University of Minnesota for the total cost of $3,410.

Through a previous Mn/DOT digitization project with MDL, 29 Minnesota Official State Highway Maps (1919-1949) were digitized and made available on the Minnesota Reflections website at http://tinyurl.com/ybt7qa9

State Law Library – Daniel Lunde
New librarian hired, Law Library Service to Prisoners.

Compact shelving installed.

Historial Society Library – Tracy Baker
MHS is now a Family Search Affiliate Library. Researchers in our library may borrow from the vast collection of U.S. and European records available from the Family History Library in Salt Lake City.
Attorney General Library – *Anita Anderson, Law Librarian*
To avoid further creative shelving, the library staff is progressing in its weeding and book-shifting project. Our objectives are to have plenty of expansion room for the ever expanding legal publications and more visibility for the most used materials, i.e. Minnesota and topical practice materials.

Library staff is beginning to plan for our annual National Library Week celebration. Because April is National Poetry Month, our 2010 NLW theme will be poetry and the law. Possible activities: poetry contest, spin the wheel for random poetry, and a noon-time video about 1st Amendment issues and a controversial state poet laureate.

**Perpich Center for Arts Education Library -- Jeanne Iverson, Senior Librarian**

“Water Dance” by Thomas Locker
(Perpich Center Library - Dance Education Collection PZ7.L7945 Wat 1997)

You never know how someone might be inspired by a book you recommend to them and they decide to check out from your library. Janika Vandervelde, music instructor and composer, from the Perpich Center for Arts Education - Arts High School used this book to inspire others to create a performance based on the theme of water. Vandervelde worked with a team of 15 student composers along with composers from the Schubert Club Composer Mentorship Program to create all the music for a choral ballet performance based on the children’s book “Water Dance” by Thomas Locker. This performance at the Ted Mann Concert Hall is meant to celebrate the many forms water takes as it travels the water cycle. Over 200 performers, including the University Women’s Choir, and choirs from Chaska High School, Central High School, the PCAE Arts High School choir, PCAE dancers, and PCAE drumming circle along with the Zeitgeist new music ensemble all came together to perform at the Ted Mann Concert Hall at the University of Minnesota on March 3, 2010.

This event is also connected to many events sponsored by “Women and Water: Rivers of Regeneration”, including an art exhibit and symposium which opened on Friday, Feb. 26 at the Regis Center for the Arts, West Bank, University of Minnesota. For more information about other events go to [http://womenandwater.net](http://womenandwater.net)

**Department of Health, Barr Library -- Paul Dahl, Library Director**

Received a $200 Electronic Fund Transfer System (EFTS) Award from the Greater Midwest Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine (University of Illinois at Chicago) to fully participate in a seamless electronic payment system for ILL articles between health science libraries designed at the University of Connecticut. Over 1,500 subscribers now receive GovDelivery updates to the Barr Library’s Pick of the Week. Barr Library added icons to its homepage [http://www.health.state.mn.us/library/index.html](http://www.health.state.mn.us/library/index.html); the icons will be added to other library webpages in the future.

**Department of Natural Resources -- Jo Ann Musumeci, Library Director**

We are using a service center application to track services—ManagEngine ServiceDesk Plus, along with our other MIS service units (computer support, telecommunications, webteam, software application development, and others). It’s similar to the MnPals user support software in which you log in the service request, can email back and forth, attaché documents, and put in a resolution.

The DNR library has a service contract with DNR Divisions and uses the statistics from this application, along with other statistics, to determine the fees divisions pay for library services.

*Submitted by Anita Anderson for Karla Gedell, State Government Libraries Representative*
Community Colleges Report
Ginny Heinrich, Minnesota State Community and Technical College
March 5, 2010

Minneapolis Community and Technical College -- Ginny Heinrich, Library Director
We are working on a periodicals review project, assessing print holdings and electronic availability. Like most libraries, electronic resources continue to expand and print contract. However several important periodicals for the MCTC curriculum have pulled out of aggregator databases requiring individual subscriptions. Librarian Jennifer Sippel and Technician Thulani Jwacu are leading this project.

Librarian Thomas Eland will be on sabbatical for the 2010/2011 academic year. Librarian Ginny Heinrich is currently on sabbatical for Spring 2010 and will take over coordination of MCTC’s Information Studies teaching program, which includes the Library Information Technology career program as well as the liberal arts courses.

We have 12 full sections of INFS 1000 Information Literacy and Research Skills for Spring 2010. The course continues to develop and evolve. Look for new materials posted online later this semester: http://www.minneapolis.edu/library/courses/infs1000/support.htm

In February, MCTC hosted Student Success Day. Library faculty and staff presented two sessions: Ebooks with a focus on the resources found in ebrary; and, Cloud Computing.

We now feature relevant significant electronic resources in our new books displays. We are currently featuring the American Indian Experience database as part of our display of current works by and about Native Americans.

Going “old school,” we now have an actual, physical suggestion box. Responses to suggestions are posted in the library and on our Facebook page.

Submitted by Ginny Heinrich, Community Colleges Representative

Metro-Area Public Libraries
Patricia Conley, Director, Washington County Public Library
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Carver County Library -- Janet Karius, Assistant Director
The Norwood Young America Library building project is progressing with the exterior of the building taking shape. The library building committee has reviewed ideas, community wishes and local history with the interior architects to create a library that is truly reflective of the community. This committee is at the point of viewing furnishings, paint and carpet samples at their next meeting. Meanwhile the system Collection committee is building an opening day collection that is reflective of the concept of a truly “popular library” for this community. The NYA Friends are in the midst of planning both a “Farewell” party for the old building and a “Welcome” party for the new building. The CCL Marketing team will soon begin work on the marketing plan for the close of the library (a two week period between close and opening) and the Grand Opening. Currently NYA staff is working with the mover on the diagrams and processes for the move.

Exciting progress is being made for the e-kiosk project funded jointly with Washington County Library through LSTA grant funds. LEID was awarded the contract to install the kiosk in Victoria, Minnesota.

The Library partnered with the Schools of Eastern Carver County (SD 112) to hold the 5th annual Hooked on Books event. Over 1,500 children and adults attended a morning program filled with fun literacy activities. The Library provided featured author Amy Krouse Rosenthal, who was very well received, and the ever popular
therapy dogs who visit our libraries as part of our Tails for Reading program. A spin-off Community Read activity centered on the book, *Riding the Bus with My Sister* by Rachel Simon will continue into the second quarter of the year.

Carver County Library again offers free tax preparation and E-filing. It is available from mid-February through mid-April for seniors and moderate income individuals and families at sites throughout Carver County. The library partners with volunteers trained by the IRS, MN Department of Revenue and AARP Foundation.

“Play and Learn”, a series of literacy events targeting pre-school children who are receiving daycare from grandparents, friends, neighbors, or others outside of a licensed daycare network is offered at the Chanhassen and Waconia libraries through a partnership with the local CAP Agency – Child Care Resource and Referral group. Bi-lingual (English and Spanish) sessions are under development as an outreach project out of the Chaska Library and will be funded by the Chaska Friends of the Library.

The Library is partnering with TreeHouse (non-profit serving at risk teens), the Chaska Police Department and Bailiwick, Inc. to provide homework assistance to teens after school on Wednesdays from Feb. 24-May 26th. The Library is providing a mobile computer lab and 1-2 librarians. Bailiwick staff provides tutor support as well as snacks and technical assistance.

A series of gardening classes emphasizing composting and ecologically safe fertilizing offered by Master Gardeners will be held in March and April at the Chaska, Chanhassen and Waconia Libraries through a partnership with the local CAP Agency – Child Care Resource and Referral group. A Community Power: Partners on Waste Education and Education/Solid Waste Management Coordinating Board grant and the Library Foundation of Carver County.

**Hennepin County Library -- Lois Langer Thompson, Director**

The new Plymouth and Maple Grove libraries will open this spring. The grand opening of Plymouth Library will be March 13, 2010 with a 9 a.m. ribbon cutting (you’re invited!). Construction for the Maple Grove Library continues on schedule with a grand opening tentatively scheduled for May/June 2010. Both libraries include several environmental features such as green roofs and geothermal heating and cooling systems. Both have expanded collections, more public computers, drive-up book drops and additional express checkouts. Both will also be open additional hours thanks to the ballpark sales tax.

Beginning Feb. 8, Hennepin County Library – Minneapolis Central is now open Mondays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. These new hours are made possible by revenue from the ballpark sales tax.

To assist the community in completing their Census 2010 forms, HCL is hosting Questionnaire Assistance Centers (QAC), and libraries are also Be Counted sites.

On March 1, customers and staff began using Room Reserve, the Library’s new online self-service reservation system (paid for by MELSA). The popular Bestseller Express service has been offered for more than 10 years at Hennepin County’s suburban libraries. As of March, the service is now expanded to all libraries in Minneapolis. The cost to rent a Bestseller Express book at all Hennepin County libraries will be $4 for 10 days.

Preparation for the 2011 operating budget begins.

**Strategic planning** continues.

HCL staff is currently testing video-based reference service to see if it could become a tool that helps customers connect with “virtual librarians” for answers to reference questions when “in-house” librarians are busy with other activities. Pretests of the service will occur at several libraries to help determine the feasibility of piloting a video reference service.

**Special Collections** contributed 1,134 pages of newly digitized materials to the Minnesota Digital Library.

The popular “How Do I Afford Retirement?” workshop series begins again this spring.
In January, with funding from the Library Foundation and the County’s A-Grad (Accelerating Graduation by Reducing Achievement Disparities) initiative, two Ridgedale librarians created an active learning environment at the Juvenile Detention Center’s (JDC) waiting room that inspires early literacy.

Thanks to Legacy Funding, Hennepin County Library and MELSA are planning programs and events to engage customers of all ages in the arts, cultural heritage, literature and Minnesota history.

**St. Paul Public Library -- Kit Hadley, Director**

**New Hours in Effect February 1st.** Our new hours went into effect on Monday, February 1st. Here’s a summary of the impact:

- Six libraries and the bookmobile: no reduction
- Fewer hours at seven libraries
- Tuesday, Thursday evenings eliminated at the medium and small libraries
- Homework/learning centers: minimal impact; work study students added

Here’s the link to the new schedule: [http://www.sppl.org/locations/hours-feb-2010.html](http://www.sppl.org/locations/hours-feb-2010.html)

**College and Career Access.** With the help of St. Paul Youth Services, the Doorway at Sun Ray Library has expanded its approach to college and career access by motivating young people to think about college for themselves. Three standing-room-only sessions featuring speakers who have overcome personal challenges to attend college and succeed in life have attracted students from all over the city.

**Strategic Planning.** We have begun the process for developing a new strategic direction. The goal is to adopt a new mission statement, vision statement, and key goals for the Library. The strategic direction will inform the Library’s priorities and work plan for the next three to five years.

The process will involve a steering committee with members appointed by the Mayor, the Council, and representatives from the Friends and library leadership; a staff working group; and Belden-Charles, Inc., a consulting group.

**WORKplace Funding.** We are implementing our $300,000 two-year grant from the Knight Foundation for mobile, multi-lingual WORKplace services. "WORKplace" is our brand for job search, workforce skill building, and business start-up services. Rebecca Ryan, our project manager/trainer is in the process of hiring three bi-lingual community liaisons who will help on outreach and providing WORKplace services in multiple languages throughout the community - at places like public housing sites and community centers.

**2009: a Record Year for Volunteers.** Adult and youth volunteers contributed 27,434 hours in 2009, an increase of 17% from 2008. These hours are worth approximately $621,585. The growth in volunteerism at SPPL since the program started has been remarkable: in 1993, volunteers contributed fewer than 5000 hours.

There were 203 youth volunteers in 2009, more than half of whom are volunteers of color. Half the youth volunteer corps is teen males. Many of our youth volunteers were featured in local newspapers for their volunteer and academic achievements.

**Scott County Library – Vanessa Birdsey, Director**

Planning for Legacy Fund programming has been a major focus for the last quarter. We decided to use umbrella categories that would continue to inform our programming after the initial round had been completed. One category is Roll Out the Red Carpet with the first set of programs titled “Celebrating Oscar Movies & Books Together.” We decided to include both author visits and writing workshops under the category of Ink Slingers. The first programs in this series will be author visits to all of our branch libraries beginning on March 11. Arts in the Library will be celebrated in March with a series we’re calling “Needle & Thread”. Every other year local quilters sponsor a quilt show in the branch libraries, and we are partnering the quilt shows this year with demonstrations of quilting and various other needle arts, including crazy quilting, knitting, Hmong needlework, drop spindle spinning, embroidery, and appliqué.
Spring Break Workshops have been scheduled in each of the branch libraries. Activities as varied as batik and painting a mural have been scheduled for kids and teens. Finally, librarians have begun working with their cities and local organizations to offer Libraries Out of the Box. We have ordered yard signs to promote the libraries and to identify the programs as funded by the Minnesota Legacy Amendment Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund.

On March 1, Mary Freyberg, Scott County Law Librarian, made her first scheduled visit to Jordan, one of our smaller branch libraries. She saw about 6 people and was able to direct a patron to the online legal database. She spoke to everyone using the library and was able to let people know that there is a Law Library and tell them a little bit about the services that are offered there.

Washington County Libraries -- Pat Conley, Director

Foreclosure Forums
In collaboration with the Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority (WCHRA) and the Minnesota Homeownership Center, WCL is hosting a series of six forums at which residents can learn about the foreclosure process, what options are available and speak with a housing counselor. The January forum was held at Stafford library in Woodbury; the February forum was held in Oakdale. The next forum will be held on March 9 @ 6 p.m. at the Park Grove Library in Cottage Grove, MN.

Victoria-Hugo E-Branch Update
The contract has been let by Carver County with LEID Inc from Michigan. The e-branch project is a joint venture of Carver and Washington Counties and is funded by an LSTA grant through State Library Services, Minnesota Department of Education. As befits literary institutions, the kiosks will be located in Victoria, MN and in Hugo, MN with copies of Les Miserables available on request!

Legacy Funded Programs Begin
MELSA has approved use of Legacy Funds several programs for Washington County Library, including celebrations during the week of March 1 of Dr. Seuss’ birthday at all library locations. Thanks to MELSA approved Legacy Funds, Washington County Library will also be working with Washington County Historical Society (WCHS) through June 2011 to commemorate the beginning of the Civil War on its 150th anniversary. Among the activities will be the preparation and publication of a book of letters of Civil War soldiers who were cousins from Stillwater. Minnesota was the first state to send volunteers into the War. The First Minnesota Volunteers were established on April 14, 1860, two days after the declaration of war. Company B consisted largely of Washington County volunteers; the letters of two Stillwater soldiers, as well as the newspaper reports of an embedded Stillwater Pioneer journalist, will form the basis of the book. Washington County Library is also in discussion with a St. Paul artist who uses the Stafford Library for his research and who is painting portraits from original photographs of the members of the 1st Minnesota Volunteers. WCL hopes to display his work and have the artist discuss his process and research.

Budget Impacts of Governor’s Budget proposal
Washington County will lose 75% of its County Program Aid (CPA), a property tax relief program, under the Governor’s budget reduction proposal. For Washington County Library which relies on property taxes, including CPA, for 95% of its funding, this reduction will be significant and could result in a loss of another 6-10% of its levy (on top of a 6-7% loss of same in 2009). Options are few.

Bayport Library recently announced it will be closed on Wednesdays effective immediately due to reductions expected in Local Government Aid (LGA). They will be open five days per week from September through May and four days per week over the summer months.

Submitted by Patricia Conley, Metro-Area Public Libraries Representative
Central Minnesota Libraries Exchange (CMLE) – Patricia Post, Director

Activities that CMLE has been involved in recently include:
Real Learning for the Real World event in Alexandria featuring Buffy Hamilton, the Unquiet Librarian. CMLE and NLLN worked together on this event. For more detail, read the NLLN report.

Continued promotion and support of the North Star Library Consortium for schools who need an affordable hosted library management software solution. Currently, 32 CMLE schools are part of this Consortium, which offers a hosted software solution. Other districts are showing interest as cost cutting measures are arising.

Central MN History Day Activities include working with the SCSU History Dept., student interns, SCSU librarians, and MHS staff to craft a January 30th event at the Miller Center library. Seven schools, 116 students, and many parents attended this all day event designed to provide research assistance and one-on-one help with History Day projects. CMLE continues to provide History Day assistance to schools throughout our region regardless of whether they attend this event or not.

CMLE staff just wrote the March content for Things on a Stick News, the new version of the 23 Things on a Stick Program.

Promotion and management of NASA Materials: SCSU is one of 70 NASA Educator Resource Centers in the nation. CMLE manages the inventory, promotes NASA materials and CMLE student workers take orders for these free materials for the K-12 schools.

Support, promotion and assistance with logistics of the SCSU Soul of a People Grant activities

Support and promotion of the Lewis and Clarke grant activities at SCSU

Senior to Sophomore and PSEO programs through Continuing Studies at SCSU. CMLE partners with Continuing Studies to ensure circulation of materials that students in these two college programs need to support their coursework.

Interlibrary Loan Services: Interlibrary loan numbers continue to decline. CMLE guidelines require a staff member to mediate ILL requests. In many of our schools, the media specialist position has been cut, in others, the professional may only work two hours per week in the media center. These scenarios make it unlikely that any orders for materials will be placed.

CMLE will soon be convening a strategic planning group to determine what level of planning needs to happen given that we are awaiting the legislative audit report and the State Plan for MN Libraries.

Southwest Area Multicounty Multitype Interlibrary Exchange [SAMMIE] – Robin Chaney, Director

In preparation for this report, I looked at my calendar and realized that for the last few of months, we have mostly been hibernating and rescheduling meetings and other plans. I doubt that we were alone in these endeavors.

March has Teen Tech Week so the PSP Teen Co-op is sponsoring a You Tube Video Competition. We await the creativity results.

The Teen Co-op also is in the middle of a grant program to assist School Library Media Centers to purchase materials for their Teen patrons.
School Library Media Centers are also eligible to apply for grants to assist them in upgrading their automation systems and/or joining the North Star Library Consortium.

Spring begins our planning for the next fiscal year and beyond. To this end, SAMMIE is surveying members to get their thoughts on our current offerings and on how they see SAMMIE and their library situations in the future.

**Metronet – Ann Walker Smalley, Director**

*Activities and Programs*

Metronet and MELSA are collaborating on MetroBriefs a bi-weekly newsletter to deliver news & information to Twin Cities library staff in all types of libraries. Metro area staff who wish to subscribe can email newsletter@metronet.lib.mn.us.

The latest version of 23 Things On a Stick launched February 1, 2010 as Things On a Stick News. Each monthly issue of Things On a Stick News will highlight at least two new Things—a tool, a concept, an idea, whatever is happening now—or offer a new perspective on a previous Thing. Each Thing will be introduced in the newsletter and then linked to the News Archive blog for more information. In this version of Things On a Stick there are no blogging requirements, no deadlines, no checking in (no prizes either!). The only sign-up is for the newsletter subscription. Anyone interested in subscribing can find the Join Our Mailing List link at http://thingsonasticknews.blogspot.com/.

A WindDown on Copyright in the Information Age was held at Augsburg College Lindell Library. 35 people heard Lindsey Finifrock (Bethel University) and Jessica McIntyre (Minneapolis Institute of Arts) present their mashup of the film RiP: A Remix Manifesto and lead a lively discussion on copyright issues, Creative Commons, and the remix culture.

The Metronet Information Literacy Summit will be June 18 at the Continuing Education Center on the University of Minnesota St. Paul Campus. Confirmed speakers are Eric Celeste and Dr. Ross Todd, Rutgers University. The theme of the conference is preparing today’s third grader for college in 2020 and the role of school, public, & academic libraries in the process.

Camp Read-a-Lot is scheduled for August 3 & 4 at the Pavilion at Como Lake in St. Paul. Camp will have two days of day camp and a virtual camp.

History Day @ your library is scheduled tentatively for November 10 at the Minnesota History Center. A call for proposals on the theme “Geography in History: Impact, Influence, Change” will go out mid-summer.

**Northern Lights Library Network – Ruth Solie, Detroit Lakes**

A very successful staff development workshop was held in January for the members of the North Star Library Consortium and other school librarians in the state. Buffy Hamilton, the Unquiet Librarian from Canton, GA, came in late January, suffered through a giant blizzard, and had an extended stay due to flight cancellations, in order to provide us with a dynamic workshop on creating personal learning networks and how to support students in their own dynamic learning. It was a highly useful workshop.

We are preparing to add a new round of members to the North Star Library Consortium, a library management system. The opportunity is available to all areas of the state. To date, we have 166 participating libraries, largely from the NLLN and CMLE regions, and expect that growth will continue at a steady rate due to changing library vendor software/support, and increasing financial pressures on school districts.

We are working with renewed concentration with the White Earth Early Childhood Programs as they develop and expand their services to child care centers, licensed providers, and to family/friend/neighbor child care providers. In addition to creating strong print collections that support early literacy skills, we are supporting their efforts to develop and publish Ojibwe language and cultural materials for their children and families.

The NLLN 10 laptop mobile computer lab has proven successful in a number of arenas, some of which were unanticipated when the lab was created. These very portable and easily used computers have been used at
Conference cyber cafes, in local library programming, for NLLN governing board meetings, for NSLC training sessions, and for demonstrating new technologies and applications. We expect they will continue to be used in creative ways to meet changing needs in our region.

We are currently taking the lead on the planning, promotion and delivery of the ever popular Spotlight on Books Conference (April 23-24, 2010; [http://nlln.org/spotlight.html](http://nlln.org/spotlight.html)) at Sugar Lake Lodge Resort. Featured authors this year include Henry Cole (this year’s summer library program illustrator), Ben Mikaelsen (author of Ghost of Spirit Bear and Touching Spirit Bear) and Dara Dokas (new MN author – Muriel’s Red Sweater). The Friday afternoon workshop will be presented by Doug Johnson on the topic of “Facing our Challenges in a Positive Way”. We are hoping for good weather after 2 years of raging blizzards at the time of the Conference.

**SMILE Report – Dayle Zalenka, Director**

Planning for our Annual Meeting is proceeding. It will take place April 15th. First declaration -- it will no longer be called the Annual Meeting.

Just about all other SMILE activities this spring boil down to one focus -- planning for and organizing the merger.

SMILE and TdS sent a delegation of five to Library Legislative Day. This is fewer than in years past, but seemed to be a good sized contingent for this year.

**SELS – Michael Scott, Director**

8 Scholarships were awarded to SELCO/SELS member librarians for the 2010 Library Technology Conference at Macalester College on March 17-18, 2010

Legacy Funding is the major focus in the SELCO/SELS:

- 18 Library Legacy Programs have been funded in the SELCO/SELS region nearly $124,000. This covers funding to support the RACE Exhibit coming to Rochester in May 2010 as part of a partnership with the Rochester Public Library and Mayo Clinic as well as programming at member libraries in theatre, dance, author visits, and other arts and cultural heritage programs.

- Digitization is another major emphasis with Legacy funds in the SELCO/SELS region. A committee made up of all types of libraries and historical societies are working on prioritizing the digitization needs in the region

- A poetry anthology, *Poetic Strokes*, will be published in April 2010 with poetry from SE Minnesota poets. 118 poets have submitted 280 poems which will be judged by a review committee. All 11 counties and 30 communities in SELCO/SELS are represented among the poets

- Legacy funding continues to support the addition of sheet music to the SELCO ILS for the Chatfield Brass Band and Music Lending Library

- Work is also being done to bring programming from the MN Book Awards as well as the Minnesota Historical Society’s *Minnesota’s Greatest Generation* program

The annual SELCO/SELS Budget Survey was released March 1 as the two organizations work to prepare their FY2011 budgets as well as find out from their members the value of the services provided by SELCO and SELS.

Several SELCO staff members along with member library staff participated in MN Library Legislative Day and the region was successful in being able to meet with all the Senators and Representatives that represent our region.

Submitted by Ruth Solie, Director, Northern Lights Library Network
Public Libraries Report
Mary Lukkarila, Director, Cloquet Public Library
March 5, 2010

Cloquet Public Library -- Mary Lukkarila, Director
The Library is taking advantage of Legacy funding for the Arts through the Arrowhead Library System. The museum pass program is a great success and people are enjoying area museums, plays, and concerts. The Duluth Superior Symphony also came to the library through their outreach program. “Lunch With the Sound of Science” drew a respectable lunch audience. The next program will be a Greatest Generation Tour on June 11 which will allow people to travel by bus to the Minnesota History Center to view the Greatest Generation exhibit.

The Library will again participate in the One book, One community with the Duluth Public Library. The book is Animal, Vegetable, Miracle by Barbara Kingsolver.

The library reduced hours due to budget reductions to the library as a result of less Local Government Aid to our city.

Fergus Falls Public Library -- Walt Dunlap, Director
Fergus Falls Public Library continues to see increases in every tally it keeps, registered borrowers, visitors, circulation, program attendance and Internet usage. Unfortunately, the number we would most like to see increased will almost certainly go down, our calendar 2010 budget likely cut by 8% or more. Since budget “fat” was long ago whittled away, we are left with the options of raiding the materials budget and dispensing with student help. Cutting check-in and shelving aides would mean losing open hours while seven permanent staffers check-in and shelve books. That would be quite an irony for me, returning to some of the same duty I had in 1962 as a Rochester Junior College work-study student.

On a brighter note, Fergus Falls Reads has again received NEA “Big Read” matching money for its community-wide reading program. The Library, School District, A Center for the Arts, and the Victor Lundeen Bookstore, partners since 2001, will this year feature Louise Erdrich’s Shadow Tag. Our partnership with the School District in providing summer reading tutorials will be in its 9th year, another effort we are proud of, will again be funded by Community Education, a local family foundation, and the Pamida Foundation.

Fergus Falls Public Library continues to work toward building expansion, but currently both sticks and black projectiles people and peace officers carrying guns have elbowed aside the far too-quiet library community. When I retire late this year I will tell the new director just what I heard 15 years ago when I arrived, “building expansion is in your future.”

Hibbing Public Library -- Ginny Richmond, Director
We are getting a new roof over the middle third of the Hibbing Public Library (the section where all the regular, fairly predictable leaks occur). It is a white (rather than black) membrane, so that will help with heat gain in the summer. 20 yr warranty. We are looking at possible solar panels on the south section of the roof but that is another project for another funding source (and experts would need to be hired).

Northfield Public Library -- Lynne Young, Director
Our Carnegie Library Centennial is well underway. We have received grants from the Northfield Area Foundation (for the concert series) and from SELCO legacy funds for the birthday party. We also received a grant of $5,000 for our Books & Stars program this summer from SEMAC (Southeastern Minnesota Arts Council.)

Kathy Ness, the Children's Programming Librarian, also received an all-expenses paid trip to New York City for the Picturing America conference.
Rochester Public Library -- Audrey Betcher, Director
The Rochester Public Library will be hosting **RACE: Are We So Different?** in partnership with the Mayo Clinic. The 5,000 square foot exhibit will be housed on the second floor of the library from May 17, 2010 – Sept 4, 2010. Legacy funds are extremely helpful in providing support for the exhibit (moving the collection around, programming, etc.). This is an exciting opportunity for the entire community, and we’re thrilled to be at the center of it.

We’ve begun using Revenue Recapture. We appreciate the information provided by several metro libraries already using the service who helped us get started.

As with everyone else, we are awaiting the outcome of the legislative session to see how much LGA will be cut.

Submitted by Mary Lukkarila, Public Libraries Representative

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Private Colleges Report

Dan Gjelten, University of St. Thomas

March 5, 2010

Bethany Lutheran College – Orrin Ausen, Library Director

Preparing budgets for 2010-11.

Finishing mid-terms and preparing for spring break next week.

Looking forward to Midwest Technology Conference in mid March.

Carleton College – Sam Demas, Library Director

At Carleton, work continues on coordinated curricular report, developing a data service program for the college, and integrating the library and archives. Our Digital Archivist, Nathan Wilson, began work March 1 and Metadata Librarian Tom Lamb will begin April 12. Both will have duties in both library and archives. Northfield History Collaborative has put up about 500 items relating to Northfield History on its site and is establishing a repository for student research (K-16) on Northfield. Work towards archiving student senior papers and honors papers continues, as does digitizing of college publications.

Budget situation continues to be difficult but stable for now.

College of Saint Benedict/Saint John's University Libraries – Kathy Parker, Library Director

Starting in January, the CSB/SJU Libraries have been answering text message queries from patrons. Since we know that texting is a common communication strategy for our students, we wanted to extend the choice to contact library staff that way as well. We use Mosio’s Text-A-Librarian program to provide this service ([http://www.textalibrarian.com/](http://www.textalibrarian.com/)). Students have been pretty good at determining which questions lend themselves to short text answers, and when appropriate we also suggest they follow up with a reference librarian. Although it’s too early to tell whether this will make a real difference in students’ academic work, I’m pleased with the reception our text service has received and I’m optimistic it will be an effective way to extend our reach.

We are also exploring ways to use exhibits to advance learning. Currently we have a gallery exhibit on Book Arts, in cooperation with several other campus partners. ([http://www1.csbsju.edu/finearts/visual_arts/BooksArts.htm](http://www1.csbsju.edu/finearts/visual_arts/BooksArts.htm)). Since we don’t have an exhibits specialist on staff, it’s a real challenge to find time and expertise to do substantive displays. Still, we’re trying to find ways to make our collections more visible with the resources at hand.

College of Saint Scholastica – Kevin McGrew, Library Director

On Wednesday, I head to New Orleans (with my VPAA and a couple of other faculty members) for the CIC "Information Fluency in the Disciplines" workshop.
Concordia College, Moorhead  -- Sharon Hoverson, Library Director
Concordia College was chosen to participate in the Council of Independent College’s Information Fluency in the Disciplines: The Humanities workshop in New Orleans March 4-6. This is the third CIC workshop that the Concordia Library has been selected to attend.

In February the library hosted Lise Lunge-Larsen, author and storyteller, who spoke to our students and faculty. The afternoon session included our faculty and staff’s children who especially enjoyed Lise’s storytelling.

Macalester College  Terri Fishel, Library Director
April 16th, as part of our celebration of National Library Week, we will be hosting a session on the Google Book Project featuring Jack Bernard, Assistant General Counsel, University of Michigan and Wendy Pradt Lougee, University Librarian and McKnight Presidential Professor at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities. This will be a lunchtime event on Friday, in the John B. Davis Lecture Hall. More information will be available in mid-March.

University of Saint Thomas  -- Dan Gjelten, Library Director
Our new coffee shop opened on February 10 and has been very busy ever since.

The UST Libraries will be implementing two great applications this spring: Summon from Serials Solutions and Digital Commons from the Berkeley Electronic Press.

We are also involved in serious organizational restructuring in the wake of the consequences of a voluntary early retirement program.

CLIC  -Tom Nichol, Director
Most of our work in CLIC in the past couple of months has focused on internal issues -- budget, strategic planning, etc. Regarding the ILS: both CLICnet Classic and Encore now include cover art from Baker & Taylor’s Content Café. Our Acquisitions and Collection Development folks are interviewing vendors in view of recent Blackwell developments, and we are also beginning to investigate participation in Digital Commons as a consortium.

Submitted by Dan Gjelten, Private Colleges Representative