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Greater Minnesota Public Library
Ann Hokanson

Summer at public libraries means summer reading. Charming themes, creative youth librarians, excellent programs, enthusiastic parents and kids. And hopefully lots of reading.

The details vary, but are some version of rewarding children for tracking their reading, relying on the honor system. Some small libraries offer a wide variety of programming and events. Some large libraries offer a very slimmed-down version of summer reading.

Lonsdale
Northfield
Washington County
Hibbing
Detroit Lakes

Minnesota State Colleges - Twin Cities & Southern Region
Tom Eland

No report submitted.

Minnesota State Colleges - Central and Northern State Colleges
Cynthia Jorstad

Hibbing Community College (Tina Trullinger)
I am leaving my position as Librarian at Hibbing Community College. This leaves no librarian at HCC or Mesabi Range in Virginia. At this point I am not sure what the plan is for either library.

Hibbing Community College will be asking for bonding money in FY16 for a rightsizing project. If the money comes through, the library will be moving out of its existing building into a space just over half the size that it currently occupies. The new space will be more centrally located. Much work needs to be done weeding the stacks as there will not be enough space for all the items currently in the collection.

Minnesota State Community & Technical College (Perry Werner)
Minnesota State Community and Technical College and North Dakota State College of Science in Wahpeton have just joined NDSU, MSUM, and Concordia as part of the Tri-college. I don’t know if the name will change from Tri-college or not. So now the five libraries are in the process of developing a plan that would provide more access to the resources the five campus libraries own.
Northland Community & Technical College – East Grand Forks/Thief River Falls (Cynthia Jorstad)
The college has filled two administrative positions. Dr. Dennis Bona is our new president. He comes to NCTC from Kellogg Community College in Battle Creek, Michigan. Mike Curfman has been hired as Academic Dean, Thief River Falls campus. He was most recently at Bemidji State University.

The TRF campus library is finally getting painted. We’ve been waiting to get on the list for a few years.

Our hours are very abbreviated during the summer, and I’m using this very quiet time to work on weeding and records clean up.

North Dakota State Library
Mary J Soucie

The North Dakota Library Coordinating Council (NDLCC) hosted a series of Think Tanks at four locations in the state in April and May. The purpose of the Think Tanks was to garner feedback on the draft of Library Vision 2020 (LV2020). The Coordinating Council reviewed the revised draft of LV2020 at their meeting on May 14-15. A revised draft copy has been shared with the ND library community to comment on. The Coordinating Council will adopt a final version of LV2020 in July to be implemented January 1, 2016.

The NDLCC reviewed grant applications on May 14, 2014 that were received for their most recent round of grants. In addition, the NDLCC adopted proposed edits to the Standards for Public Libraries.

The North Dakota State Library (NDSL) was contacted by Library Strategies, an arm of the St. Paul Public Library Friends of the Library. Library Strategies is interested in partnering with NDSL on a mentoring program for librarians. They have applied for a grant from the Bremer Foundation. They’ve done a similar program in both Minnesota and Wisconsin. They recognize that their model would need to be adapted for ND though, especially since we have so many small libraries in our state. They will be amending their grant application to the Foundation to request additional monies to bring together a planning team to discuss the needs and design of the program. The program partners a library or group of libraries with a mentor to work on completing a project of the library’s choosing.

NDSL developed a series of 125th Anniversary displays to celebrate the state’s anniversary of statehood. There are 10 displays which libraries can request for a month at a time. The displays come with related books (copies to circulate can be ILL’d through NDSL), a list of suggested activities and resources. NDSL will pay for one way postage. The program will be expanded by adding 3-5 displays annually to the collection. Visit our website for more information on the topics of the displays.

The NDSL is in the process of researching the feasibility of a statewide e-book platform. Two staff members visited Douglass County, CO to explore their method/platform. We are also going to be speaking soon with a variety of vendors. Once we have more information, we will work with our partners in the ND library community to determine if this is a possibility.

The NDSL internal Database Committee met recently to review our current database offerings. We are looking at which, if any, we should eliminate and/or add. This committee meets annually to review our offerings. We are currently speaking with a few different vendors, including Hoopla and Freegal. We don’t know if a statewide model is feasible for ND with either vendor, but since Zinio has been so well received by ND libraries, we want to explore similar options.
Multicounty Multitype Library Systems
Ann Walker Smalley

Arrowhead Library System (Shari Fisher)
A meeting was held with K-12 representatives from the Arrowhead region to discuss starting a pre K-12 e-book collection. Arrowhead Library System has committed $10,000 in Multi-type funding for this project.

ALS Board member Amanda Houle demonstrated the use of Mackin VIA to the group as she uses this e-book vendor at the Marshall School in Duluth. Amanda will make a presentation to the regional school TUG (Technology Users Group) about this project in June. A follow-up meeting is being scheduled with K-12 representatives to work out the details to move this project forward. ALS is excited about this project and the opportunity to connect with the TUG audience.

Central MN Libraries Exchange (CMLE) (Patricia Post)
Year-end activities are pushing our small staff in many directions as we wrap up our FY15 activities, prepare for our annual audit, and engage in work with our Board to plan for FY16 too. In recent years due to flat funding, CMLE has hired some seasonal employees, which has it perks during peak times, but drawbacks at year end too.

Google for Nonprofits: CMLE applied for and received its Google for Nonprofits account and is experimenting with ways to use the included tools. Eighty four percent of K-12 schools participating in our recent Needs Assessment are using Google Apps for Education, which is similar in nature. This move to the cloud seemed like a natural transition.

Refinements to New CMLE Website: We continue to tweak our new Wordpress website.

CMLE Needs Assessment: Recently, 20% of the CMLE membership participated in an online CMLE Needs Assessment. Questions were asked to better inform CMLE’s use of social media along with questions that assess gaps in programming. We used Qualtrics for the survey this year, which gave improved reporting and functionality for participants and CMLE staff. These responses were one mechanism used in developing the new CMLE Strategic Plan.

Strategic Planning: CMLE used a CMLE Outreach Panel this year as an additional mechanism to inform its strategic plan. Eleven people from diverse geographical locations in the region convened monthly in an online Google Hangout to discuss needs in the field and possible efficiencies or collaborations across library type. Membership in the group followed the makeup of CMLE membership; with seven school media specialists, one public librarian, and one academic librarian. This group also served as a usability group to test drive the draft Needs Assessment before it went live. This group confirms that librarians of different type enjoy engaging in discussion about library issues.

EdCamp MidMN: CMLE is a proud sponsor of the first Central MN EdCamp, which will be happening on June 10th at the new iSELF building at SCSU. Up to 200 people are expected, with a good mix of teachers, tech integrationists, and school media specialists. CMLE staff will act as volunteers the day of the event to ensure a great success. This event is Free to all of those who register to attend.

K-12 School Media Staffing: CMLE staff gathered MDE data to better understand how school media centers in Central MN are staffed. Sadly, there is an increased prevalence of understocked, understaffed school media centers as compared to the past three years. The number of entire school districts with no certified media specialist has held at 16, although the number of individual schools with no media specialists has increased. In fact, 70% of secondary schools have no licensed media specialist. The CMLE Board continues to discuss this downward trend and brainstorm possible strategies for improving this disparity.

Metronet (Ann Walker Smalley)
1. More than 900 people attended Teen Lit Con.

2. Both SPPS & MPS are planning on MILI for 2015-2016 school year. Minneapolis has approved the course for the 2015 ProPay 123 catalog.
3. Camp Read-a-Lot will be held at Como Zoo.

4. Several Wind Downs have been held or are scheduled:
   - What’s New in YA? (April 29)
   - Twin Cities Art Libraries (May 27)
   - Librarian as Educator (June 30)

5. Metronet is hosting Book Selectors Meet Up on June 10.

6. The Metronet/MELSA OLLI class “Not Your Grandma’s Library” met in the Spring session. 15 people registered. We visited 8 libraries/collections and at the group’s request, added a bonus visit to Walker Library in Uptown.

7. Olivia Moris, MILI Program Manager, is now a DPLA Community Representative.

**Northern Lights Library Network (Kathy Enger)**

The second annual NLLN Life Achievement Award was given to Barbara “Babs” Larson on March 22nd for thirty-three years of service as Public Librarian in Warroad. The Life Achievement Award signifies a contribution from a librarian who has given extraordinary library service throughout a career. The award is given once a year upon the recommendation of the executive director or a governing board member.

Library and Information Science Intern, Katelyn Ostby, will complete her internship on June 30th. She has an undergraduate degree in English, with honors, from North Dakota State University and begins a graduate program in Library and Information Science Summer, 2015. In order to gain experience, extend educational opportunity, and develop an occupational understanding of library and information science as a career, NLLN’s Library and Information Science interns are involved in a variety of ongoing educational projects at Northern Lights Library Network. Katelyn completed the following:

- Updated social media for Northern Lights Library Network.
- Designed a pathfinder for iPad applications online at nlln.org.
- Provided training on apps. Monday, June 15, from 10-noon in the Faculty Development Center at Minnesota State University Moorhead.
- Assisted school libraries in the region with cataloging and inventory responsibilities.
- Completed the Directory of Historical and Cultural Organizations (nlln.org).
- Collected data for comparing reading scores with schools that have media specialists in the region.

**Campbell-Tintah School Library:** Lynette Schwagerl from the Campbell-Tintah School Library is renovating the library and moving the card catalog to an online catalog system with Follett Destiny. NLLN is supporting the online transition with $500 for cataloging expenses and $500 for summer release time for Lynette. David Crutchfield, architect from North Dakota State University, designed a plan for the library and intern, Katelyn Ostby, helped with the cataloging process.

**Laporte School Library:** The Laporte School Libray is planning a renovation. Architect, David Crutchfield, North Dakota State University, is meeting with Dana Woods, Technology Integrationist and Dory Zothman, Librarian from Laporte Public Schools on July 15, 2015, to plan the renovation. Executive Director Kathy Enger and Dana Woods plan to write an LSTA grant to fund the renovation.

**Tribal College Library Directors:** The tribal college librarians in the region met for the first time April 20 at Leech Lake Tribal College Library and will meet again on September 28, 2015, at the Red Lake Nation College. The group plans to meet quarterly. Kathy is developing a mission statement for the group. The following library directors are meeting:

- Hannah Buckland, Leech Lake Tribal College
- Cassy Keyport, Red Lake Nation College
- Claudia West, White Earth Tribal and Community college
Zion Lutheran Church Library: Along with Kari Anderson, Executive Director Kathy Enger wrote a Thrivent service project grant request for $250 that was funded to improve the library at Zion Lutheran Church in Alexandria. Kathy visited the library April 27th to advise on collection management. As it turned out, a group of church librarians from First Lutheran Church, Calvary Lutheran Church, and Zion Lutheran church were also able to meet April 27th to discuss church library management. Kathy wrote a book processing and cataloging memo for Zion Lutheran to follow in managing books in the collection.

River Cities Literary Arts Center: Executive Director Kathy Enger wrote the outline for the strategic planning process for the River Cities Literary Arts Center and is collaborating with several other board members to design the strategic plan and organizational structure for the River Cities Literary Arts Center. It is hoped that a literary center will be formed in the Fargo Moorhead region like the Loft in the Twin Cities. A draft of the mission statement states, “The River Cities Literary Arts Center develops community for writers, nourishes the writing life, and celebrates literary arts and reading.

Skills and Knowledge Students Acquire from Media Specialists: Executive Director Kathy Enger and Glenn Heinecke are completing a review of the literature to determine the skills and knowledge students acquire from media specialists and should be completed with the study by the end of Summer, 2015.

Correlation between Media Specialists and Reading Scores: Katelyn Ostby called all of the school media centers in the region to determine if schools employed certified media specialists, paraprofessionals, or if teachers ran the library. NLLN learned that 49.8 certified media specialists, 115 paraprofessionals and 10.56 teachers worked in media centers in the region. Data was collected from 317 schools. A correlation was run on each school, comparing reading scores at 3rd grade for elementary schools and reading scores at 11th grade for secondary schools, to determine if there is a relationship between schools with media specialists and paraprofessionals and reading scores. No correlation was found, due to the small number of media specialists employed at each school. Another correlation will be run on total district reading scores to determine if there is a difference.

Career development, professional engagement scholarships, and library service funding: Thirty-nine scholarships were committed for: MLA and ITEM conferences; the Association of Rural and Small Library meeting; online courses, including Explore the World and Teaching with Technology; Lifetime Arts: Library Training; MnPALs User Group Meeting; TIES 2014; Spotlight on Books; ALA Annual conference; 24th Annual Minitex Conference; Rural Arts & Cultural Summit.

Ongoing library administrative and technical support for the White Earth Child Care/Early Childhood Program (WECC/ECP): as they prepare a new community library (Maamigin Achigazo):

- NLLN donated three children’s books and two children’s birch bark canoes for door prizes for White Earth Early Childhood’s Festival of Fathers in Mahnomen at Shooting Star Casino, April 4th.
- NLLN sponsored Bob Fulton, children’s author of the book, Pickle Bumps for Baby Dill for the April 14th Week of the Child event in Mahnomen at the Shooting Star Casino. Several of Fulton’s books were given to children as door prizes.

Thirty-five broadsides each of poets in the NLLN region: Belar, Bennett, Dolence, Lajimoidiere, Vinz, and Zepper have been created by Patrick Vincent, professor of visual arts at MSUM and will be for sale at $25/each to raise funds for NLLN’s scholarship fund. The broadsides were on display at an exhibit of area collector’s broadsides at the Spirit Room in Fargo from March 12 – May 15, 2015. ($175.00 received in sales so far.)

NLLN’s Annual Meeting will be held at the Pavilion in Detroit Lake’s City Park; to be followed at the City Park Band Shell by “Poetry and Jazz in the Park” by Just Friends, Poet Mark Vinz and jazz musicians Ferreira and Law. The schedule is as follows:

- 4-5 p.m. NLLN’s Governing Board meeting in the Pavilion at D.L.’s City Park
- 5-6 p.m. Picnic Lunch (sponsored by Habitat for Humanity)

LARL and NWRL Evergreen Automation Migration Project: NLLN is supporting a new online catalog with the Evergreen system for LARL and NWRL with $25,000 in funding. The LARL/NWRL Automation System cost $18,870; the Evergreen servers cost $2,178; the battery backup for the Evergreen System cost $3,526.75; and the partial cost of $424.25 (total
sent $1,180.06) for power monitor totals $24,999 for a new automation system for the LARL/NWRL systems.

**Sent ongoing emails and electronic communication to members:**

- Constant Contact had 9,477 recipient messages that were opened 2,280 times (a 24% average open rate). Constant Contact is, “an online marketing company offering email marketing, social media marketing, online survey, event marketing, etc” (Wikipedia, 2015).
- Listbox, a discussion forum and listserv, has 683 subscribers and 5,897 recipients received Listbox messages.
- Twitter has 437 people connected with NLLN, 116 followers, and a total of 179 tweets.
- Facebook has a total reach of 29 people, with an average of 60 posts.
- Website Total Number of visits: 15,162 (1,262 average number of visits/month).

**Southeast Library System (Reagan Thalacker)**

**2015 SELCO Camp Read-A-Lot**

- The 2015 SELCO Camp Read-A-Lot, for teachers in Grades 2-5, as well as librarians, media center staff, and others interested in discovering new books for students, will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2015 at the Cascade Meadow Wetlands & Environmental Science Center in Rochester. Speakers will include Minnesota children’s author Douglas Wood as well as a panel of representatives from the Diversity and Outreach Round Table (DORT) of MLA to speak on diversity in children’s literature. For more information: http://campread.selco.info/

**Strategic Planning for Albert Lea Public Library – Albert Lea, MN:**

- During July and August 2015, Executive Director Ann Hutton and Regional Librarian Reagen Thalacker will work with the library staff, Board, Friends, and city representatives to identify future service goals and create a strategic plan for the library.

**Technology Update**

SELCO/SELS has undertaken a series of database management tasks that will simplify workflow:

- Borrower Record Clean-up
- BSTAT Clean-up
- Expired Hold Clean-up
- Long-Term Transit Item Clean-up
- Expired Hold Period
- Notices Clean-up
- OCLC Reclamation

**Southwest Area Multicounty Multitype Interlibrary Exchange (Sammie) (Shelly Grace)**

- Executive Director participated in the MILE 2015 retreat
- Scheduled Sammie UnConference for August 26 at the Marshall-Lyon County Library
- Scheduled ELM training in the morning before the UnConference on August 26
- Executive Director visited 2 public library directors
- The 5th annual Teen Summit took place on April 13 and 14 in Willmar and Slayton
- Executive Director organized a discussion between multitype directors and the president of ITEM on April 30 on the training needs of school library paraprofessionals
- Executive Director attend the Library Technology Conference at Macalester College on March 18 and 19
- Administrative Assistant attended the Maker Faire in St. Paul on May 30
- Awarded $1368.37 to libraries for teen programming during Teen Tech Week in March
- Awarded $2299.58 in scholarships in Sammie’s third quarter (January – March)
- Granted 17 scholarship requests for Sammie’s fourth quarter (April – June)
• Governing Board approved a budget for FY15-16

• SAMMIE sent an RFP to library consultants for assistance in creating a new strategic plan

• SAMMIE scheduled Destiny training for teacher librarians in August

**Traverse des Sioux Library Cooperative (Orrin Ausen)**

• Finished major fundraising event, “TdS Library Cooperative Regional Annual Gathering”. We raised $6,600.00 to support summer reading programs.

• In process of another RFP for VOIP and phone equipment.

• Continue to work with, Q Computers, on responsive design of TdS website.

• We are moving forward with bringing K12 school media centers on to the TdS automation system. We have applied for a LSTA grant to provide automation, centralized cataloging, interlibrary loan & delivery services for Cleveland ISD #391 and Granada-Huntley-East Chain (GHEC) ISD #2536 this year. We have weeded GHEC’s elementary collection and will begin weeding high school collection next week. In addition, four other school districts have approached TdS to provide automation, centralized cataloging, interlibrary loan and delivery services over the next few years.

• Working to form corporate sponsorships to support library purchases of electronic resources for K12 schools.

• Assisted public libraries with summer reading activities/programs and observed their kick offs.

• Provide assistance with writing and applying for Arts & Cultural Heritage Funds (ACHF) grants for library events & programming and getting to go see them!

• Rewriting policies to update TdS personnel handbook.

• Rewriting job descriptions to create staff job performance evaluations.

• Getting ready for county fair season to promote libraries and signup for new patrons.

• Hired one part-time Cataloger and Interlibrary Loan Specialist. Are also interviewing for a Interlibrary Loan Assistant and Automation Systems Librarian within the next few weeks. This is to replace our current ILS Migration Project Coordinator contracted through the Jeanne Thorne Temporary Work Agency.

• If LSTA grant is approved to migrate K12 school media center collections, we will hire a Project Manager and Cataloger to assist with tis project.

• Preparing FY2016 Multitype budget to be submitted.

• Preparing MCMT agenda for July meeting. Also working on scheduling a meeting with MLA Lobbyist, Elaine Keefe, to discuss MCMT funding strategies for FY2016.

• South Central Services Cooperative (SCSC), of which TdS is a member, completed a RFP for an Internet provider. We currently contract with Eventis, formerly known as Hickorytech. RFP process is completed and are now contracting with Arvig/Jaguar Communications. They are laying their own fiber optic cable to public and school libraries throughout Region 9, also our MCMT regional area. Much of the current bandwidth speeds will increase to 100Mbps for most of our member libraries. This is a huge increase in the pipe.

• Served on CRPSLA Once Upon a Reader II book selection committee to choose title for 2016.

• Serve on Youth Services Committee that plans the summer reading programs for public libraries. 2016 Theme: Wellness, Fitness, Sports; Slogans: Early Literacy/Children: On Your Mark, Get Set, Read; Teens: Get in the Game, READ; Adults: Exercise Your Mind - READ.
Private Colleges
Kathy Parker

Carleton College (Jennifer Edwins)
The Bridge Consortium (Carleton and St. Olaf Colleges) has selected a new LMS - Ex Libris Alma. The “go live” date will be June 2016.

College of Saint Benedict/Saint John’s University (Kathy Parker)
After many years of planning, we have begun Phase 1 of a two-year building project at SJU’s Alcuin Library. In the first phase, to be completed by December 2015, we are renovating the basement into an Archives & Special Collections area and installing a new elevator. This will allow us to get our special collections moved and protected before the start of renovations for the rest of the building, which begin in May 2016.

Like colleagues everywhere, we are considering ways to integrate the new ACRL framework with our student learning goals. At the same time, the institutions are working on a revision to the common curriculum and an expansion of our first year experience. Altogether, we see many opportunities for engaging in the academic life of Saint Ben’s and Saint John’s.

Concordia College Moorhead (Laurie Probst)
This spring the library participated in three workshops: In February Concordia and NDSU hosted a regional NEH grant writing workshop. In March the Tri-College Libraries (Concordia, MSUM, and NDSU) held a joint staff development workshop. The three libraries have a history of planning annual workshops and after several years’ hiatus, we were pleased to get back together and renew professional relationships across our libraries. In April, the Tri-College Libraries hosted an ACRL Scholarly Communication Workshop attended by approximately 60 faculty, librarians, and administrators from MN, ND, and SD. When we weren’t attending workshops, we worked through a serials review project to reduce annual serials costs by cutting subscriptions where we have duplicate coverage from aggregators.

Cooperating Libraries in Consortium [CLIC] (Ruth Dukelow)
CLIC launched its new website on June 1. The CLIC libraries have completed implementation of the first three phases of Intota v.1 (Summon, Intota Assessment, and Intota ERM). Our current plan is to migrate to Intota v.2 (description, fulfillment, and acquisitions) in 2016.

Macalester College (Terri Fishel)
1. Library hosting weeklong day camp for young women in grades 9-12 to promote technology - Angi Faiks, Assoc. Library Directory, is working in cooperation with St. Paul organization - Advance IT as well as MNSCU, to develop a pilot program for a technology camp. We will be hosting a series of training sessions during the week to encourage young women to consider technology and library science fields.

2. Mellon Funded Grant to support Digital Liberal Arts - Macalester College has received an $800,000 grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation in New York to support faculty development in the areas of multimedia approaches to scholarship and learning as well as multimodal writing. The grant, entitled “The Liberal Arts in a Digital Age,” includes a component for a collaborative project between the University of Minnesota Libraries and Macalester College library. Macalester librarians working with librarians the University of Minnesota will be developing a workshop for our faculty interested in starting digital projects. The workshop will be held at Macalester in the spring of 2016.

St. Olaf College (Roberta Lembke)
The Bridge Consortium (Carleton and St. Olaf Colleges) has selected on new LMS - Ex Libris Alma. The “go live” date will be June 2016.
Regional Library Systems
Barbara Misselt

CRPLSA Initiatives:

**Once Upon a Reader** is a statewide reading program for young children sponsored by CRPLSA libraries funded through Arts and Cultural Heritage funds. The traveling trunk show presented by author David LaRochelle and illustrator Mike Wohnoutka is winding through the state, nearing its end. In May it was in Northwest Regional Library System (Warren and Thief River Falls), SELCO (Owatonna, Faribault, Plainview, and Red Wing), and Arrowhead (Merritt Elementary School in Mountain Iron). In June the trunk show is in SELCO (Rochester, Dodge Center, Austin, and Albert Lea).

News from CRPLSA members:

**Plum Creek, Bob Boese, Interim Director**
- Mr. Jim Trojanowski has accepted the position of Executive Director of the Plum Creek Library System. He will begin in early July. He is currently the Director of the Northern Waters Library Service, in Ashland Wisconsin. He previously served as the Director of the Vaughn Public Library in Ashland. He is a native of Nebraska and a graduate of the University of Iowa library school.

**Great River Regional Library, Karen Pundsack, Executive Director**
- The Great River Regional Library board of trustees has appointed Karen Pundsack as the new Executive Director of the 32-library system. Pundsack has been serving as interim director since July 2014. She joined Great River Regional Library (GRRL) in 1999 as manager of the Sauk Centre branch. She transferred to the Albany branch in 2002, and began working at GRRL headquarters in St. Cloud in 2009 when she was put in charge of patron services region-wide. As interim director, she has steered the library through its annual budget process, overseen significant personnel hiring decisions, and been responsible for maintaining communication between staff, administration and board of trustees.
  - A graduate of Albany High School, Pundsack has a degree in Mass Communications with a news editorial emphasis from St. Cloud State University, as well as a Master of Library and Information Science from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. She is active in various professional library associations and has been a panel presenter at Minnesota Library Association conferences.

Prior to beginning her career in libraries, Pundsack worked in retail management, in newspaper production, and on radio. She was actively involved in her family’s dairy farm for 14 years.

- GRRL is in the process of setting our 2016 budget which needs to be completed by August 1. We are also updating our strategic plan. We are hosting community input sessions throughout the summer and will be conducting a user/non-user survey at the end of July.

- In March, the GRRL Board approved a change to circulation policy that will allow us to better serve schools in the region. We now have the make exceptions to having a student physically present in the library “for library-sponsored outreach events or collaborations with educational partners who assist in verification of identity” for the purposes of registering for a library card.

**Viking Library System, Peg Werner, Director**
- Viking Library System is looking forward to its 40th Anniversary Open House to be held Friday, July 14 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the VLS Headquarters building in Fergus Falls. The public is invited to attend. The VLS staff will demonstrate and discuss the various services offered by Viking Library System, and conduct bookmobile tours as well as tours of the building. There will be historical vignettes set up throughout the building that demonstrate through pictures and equipment how the services have evolved through 40 years.

Viking Library System signed its original charter in 1975 and some members of the early Steering Committee will be on hand to celebrate the day. The Steamroller Printers will also involve those attending in creating original art made possible by Legacy funding. Refreshments will be served.
East Central Regional Library, Barbara Misselt, Director

- The City of Cambridge has completed a needs analysis for a new library and purchased land for a new building that will house the Cambridge Branch and ECRL Headquarters. The current building was built when the region came to be in 1959, with an addition in 1974. The city council has approved production of a 3D conceptual design to support informational and fund-raising activities.

- ECRL implemented an Evergreen open-source library automation system administered and hosted by PALS in 2010. PALS is ending its hosting service this year, and is assisting ECRL to move data to Equinox for hosting services.

Additional news from 3 other regional public library systems is in the Multitype Library Systems Report. These library systems provide both public and multitype library services: SELCO/SELS, Arrowhead Library System, and Traverse des Sioux Library Cooperative.

State/Government Libraries
Liz Reppe

CALCO
On May 20 librarians from four CALCO libraries presented at the Minnesota Association of Law Libraries (MALL) Spring Conference. Speakers included Dru Fryberg, DEED Library; Karla Gedell, Attorney General Library; Elizabeth Lincoln, Legislative Reference Library; and Liz Reppe, State Law Library. Each presenter highlighted her library’s services and pointed out materials of interest to legal researchers and librarians.

Attorney General Library (Anita Anderson)
The Attorney General Library celebrated National Library Week with their 21st Annual Library Open House on April 16. This year’s theme was Best in Show, modelled after the Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show competition. A.G. staff voted for their favorite research tool in seven groups: News Hound, Toy (Internet Tools), Herding (Legal Series), Sporting (Legislative Website), Terrier (Digging for Documents), Non-Sporting (Reference Resources), and Working (eFile & Case Management). Staff submitted photos of their dogs or cats for a slide show called “AGO Best in Show.” Treats included “Puppy Chow” and cookies and bars with theme names: Nova Scotia Citrus Drooling Retrievers, Chocolate Labs, Almond Lassies, Red Rovers, Dandie Dinmints, Cockeroons, & Snickerpoodles.

DEED Library (Dru Frykberg)
The DEED Library is partnering with Minitex to promote the Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM), especially LearningExpress Library, to its WorkForce Center staff who serve job seekers. As a result, Minitex librarian Matt Lee presented “Supporting Job Seekers with LearningExpress Library” at the June 3-4 Joint Counselor Training Conference in Duluth.

In other news, DEED recently launched Career Profile, a tool to help students and workers explore career paths by providing information on Minnesota occupations, including regional outlook, wages and demand.

Consider following @deedlibrarian on Twitter to learn about DEED resources and services of interest to librarians.

Legislative Reference Library (Elizabeth Lincoln)

Our newest reference librarian, Alyssa Novak Jones, will be leaving the Legislative Reference Library in July to move to North Carolina.

The Legislative Reference Library continues to work on accessibility issues on both the Library’s website and the Legislature’s website.

The Legislative Reference Library and the Department of Natural Resources Library recently received a Legacy grant to digitize 1,050 Department of Natural Resources reports both libraries hold in common. Work on the project will commence this summer.
Library staff are investigating the usefulness of PALSdiscover and the PALSdiscover e-Journal portal homepage for our library users.

Library staff assisted Minnesota Senate photographers in adding a collection of photographs of legislators in action between the late 1970s to the early 1990s to the Minnesota Digital Library a few months ago.

MnDOT Library (Marilee Tuite, Karen Neinstadt, and Sheila Hatchell)

New Intern
In April we welcomed Eve Johnson Brafford as the new library intern. Eve will process inter-library loan requests and assist with reference and other projects. In May we bid farewell to Danae Ostroot, our library intern for 2.5 years, as she graduated from the MLIS program at St. Kate's.

Open House
MnDOT Employees, guests, and visitors were invited to visit the MnDOT Library on June 2 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. to learn about the library and Employee Resource Groups (ERGs). This event showcased the seven currently-active ERGs at MnDOT – African American, FUEL: Fully Utilizing Employees Without Labeling, Indigenous, Q&A: LGBTQ & Allies, Asian, SWAT: Strategic Women Advancing Transportation, Spectrum: Autism Awareness. These groups are composed of interested members and allies that work to support professional development, recruitment, retention, and community outreach. Attendees learned how they could become involved with existing ERGs or start their own.

Visitors had the opportunity to participate in a “passport/BINGO card” activity, browse the collection, view displays, speak with ERG representatives, and enjoy light refreshments. District employees and those not able to attend in person were able to participate remotely by reading a short paragraph about each group and completing an online “quiz” that was temporarily active on the library website.

Prizes were awarded to those participants that completed the activity and included recommended leadership books (extra copies weeded from the collection), candy, name badge lanyards and water bottles donated from the MnDOT Affirmative Action Office, and “babies” cut from the plants of the MnDOT Library staff. Overall there were estimated to have been 115 people in person and 9 online participants.

Implementation of Altarama
We are excited to share that after a 4-month study last fall, followed by 6 months of IT approvals, we will be implementing Altarama’s RefTracker and DeskStats programs. This will save library staff members hours of time compiling their monthly statistical reports, and help us improve service to our customers by having all of our requests and answers contained within one system. We’ll be able to provide more complete information on who our customers are and how we are serving them.

Artist-in-Residence
To continue our busy spring, MnDOT Library has been hosting Emily Stover, our first-ever Artist-in-Residence, in partnership with local publisher Coffee House Press and their program In the Stacks. This program places authors in temporary artistic residencies of distinguished libraries to help foster creative work. We will host a brown bag session on June 23 from 12:00 to 1:00, where attendees can hear more about Emily’s experience. Please read more about Emily and In the Stacks.

Strategic Plan
The library will be working with a consultant this fall to develop a strategic plan. We’ll be investigating a variety of topics including new services and subscriptions, print vs. electronic collections, digitizing opportunities, marketing and communications, and physical space.

State Law Library (Liz Reppe)
The Library has hired a new Head of Technical Services. Erica Nutzman started in May and will lead several new initiatives in the coming years. These include: adding e-books to our collection, digitizing fragile and rare materials, and expanding the reach of our electronic resources.
On April 8 the State Law Library hosted a group of employees from MnDOT. The visitors toured the library and learned about the collection and services.

On April 24, the State Law Library and the Minnesota Coalition of County Law Libraries put on a day-long program for public librarians. It was held at the Chanhassen Public Library and featured sessions on criminal expungement, e-filing for self-represented litigants, legal issues related to seniors, and an overview of the legal system. This group offers a program for public librarians is offered once per year. It is free and is open to any librarian who is interested. Suggestions for topics of interest can be directed to Liz Reppe at the State Law Library.

In April State Law Librarian Liz Reppe visited three county law libraries. She toured the Winona County Law Library and met with the law library board chair. In addition, as she traveled throughout the state for other meetings, she had the opportunity to visit the Rice County and Stearns County law libraries.

In May Liz traveled to Fillmore to speak to the 17th District Bar Association about services the library offers to outstate attorneys. In June Reference Librarian Debby Hackerson travelled to Buffalo Lake to attend the 12th District Bar Association meeting. She presented a CLE about free legal resources on the internet and to spoke to the group about law library services.

The State Law Library hosted “Minnesota Women in Law”, an exhibit celebrating the advancement of women in the legal profession. In addition, a reception was held at the library to celebrate the contributions and accomplishments of our state’s women judges and attorneys. The speakers included Supreme Court Chief Justice Lorie Gildea; Supreme Court Associate Justice Wilhelmina Wright; Attorney General Lori Swanson; and Pam Rochlin, President, Minnesota Women Lawyers. Over 200 people were in attendance, including representatives from all three branches of government.

Susan Trombley presented at the MALL Spring Conference on the topic of the Law Library Service to Prisoners program. This unique service comes out of a partnership between the Minnesota Department of Corrections and the State Law Library. Librarians from the State Law Library provide legal materials to the inmates of Minnesota’s eight state prisons. Inmates communicate with the librarians by mail, phone and through in-person visits at the prisons. No tax dollars are used to fund this program. It is paid for by the inmates, through fees generated by their use of the commissary. This year the program celebrates its 30th year.

Electronic Services Librarian Danielle Becker presented at the MALL Spring Conference about how the State Law Library used crowdsourcing to develop its new logo.

In May, State Law Librarian Liz Reppe traveled to Fergus Falls to talk with librarians from the Viking Regional Library System about legal resources and State Law Library’s services to libraries, librarians and the public.

This quarter the State Law Library hosted four free continuing legal education programs. Our CLE programs are open to all and many attorneys from around the capitol complex attend.

As a closing note, if you are walking through Concourse C of the MSP Airport, please keep an eye out for the exhibit “Magna Carta to Minnesota: the Rule of Law” at the Thomson Reuters Concourse C Art Gallery. It contains three items on loan from the court. A bust of Justice Rosalie Wahl, the first woman to serve on the Minnesota Supreme Court, and Justice Wahl’s “Glass Ceiling Award” from the American Bar Association, were borrowed from the State Law Library.
State University Libraries' Report
Joan Roca

Metropolitan State University (Christine Schafer, Dean of the Library)
• Metropolitan State University Library will have a new organizational look beginning Fall 2015. Historically, the Director of Technical Services and the Assistant Director of Technical Services were MSUAASF members. We have eliminated those positions and created new tenure track faculty (IFO) positions; Cataloging and Acquisitions Librarian and EResources and Discovery Librarian.

• It is my pleasure to share with you Rebecca Peters has accepted the position of Cataloging and Acquisitions Librarian and will begin August 17th. Currently, she is the Metadata & Cataloging/Reference/Instruction Librarian at the University of Wisconsin, River Falls. Prior to joining the library at River Falls in 2014, she was a Cataloging & Processing/Reference/Instruction Librarian at the University of Wisconsin, Stout, Menomonie for seven years. She has over ten years of cataloging experience and over five years of acquisitions experience to include oversight of materials budgets.

• Additionally, I'm happy to announce Nathan Carlson has accepted the position of EResources and Discovery Librarian and will begin those duties August 17th. As many of you may know, he is currently serving as Interim Director of Technical Services (through June 30th) and previously was a sabbatical replacement librarian for us from 2013-2014.

• Sadly, Samantha Klein will be leaving us as Assistant Director of Technical Services. Samantha has been an excellent employee over the past two years. She assumed her duties at a critical time during a very unstable period in technical services and has contributed greatly to the integrity of our catalog, acquisitions, and library outreach. Samantha has made a significant impact on stabilizing technical services.

Minnesota State University Moorhead – Brittney Goodman, Dean
• The MSU Moorhead Library welcomes a new library technician for CMC and Archives, Coronne. Edgerton. Her first day is June 11.

• Kati Donaghy, Circulation Technician, is leaving her position and Dianne Schmidt, Interlibrary Loan Technician, is retiring. Both the Circulation and ILL Technician positions are being searched with a closing date of June 17.

Minnesota State University, Mankato – Joan Roca, Dean
• Academic Affairs is finishing the academic master plan that started in the departments two years ago. The plan will provide the strategic framework for the next three years and the Library will use it to determine possible realignment of resources.

• We are in the process of implementing a 4% budget reductions in the Library for this coming fiscal year that will affect the funds available for materials and staffing.

• We are seeing very few students on campus this summer although enrollment is at similar level as in previous years. Most of the summer classes seem to be online.

St. Cloud State University – Mark Vargas, Dean of Learning Resources Services
• Budget cuts have affected all areas. Faculty extra duty days after July 1 have been reduced, contracts for two temporary staff will end on June 30, and collections and operational lines have been cut. The Library completed a program review and its strategic plan was recommended for approval by the University Strategic Planning Committee. The Library completed a project to weed duplicate books, and about 30,000 items were removed from the collection.

Southwest Minnesota State University – Kathleen Ashe, Univ. Librarian
• Pam (Sukalski) Gladis, Associate Professor and newly tenured, has accepted the University Librarian position beginning July 1, 2015. She will continue her work with the Striegel Archives and provide instruction. Newly graduated from the University of Wisconsin, Madison, Chelsea Wyman has accepted the 50% time Instruction/Reference Librarian position.
beginning this fall. I will work on cataloging projects and plan to put procedures and processes in place to provide continuation of services in FY17.

- Pam will continue to lead the library’s strategic planning process beginning with discussions leading to the library’s next 3-5 year plan focusing on recommendations from this past year’s program review and on the University’s strategic planning process.

- Reference/ILL librarian Maria Kingsbury is implementing Springshare’s LibAnswers/LibChat this fall at the Reference Desk. Our goal is to gather statistics and information needed to provide service with increasingly limited librarian time. We will also be providing more opportunities and scheduling services for students to make research appointments with librarians.

Winona State University – Thomas Bremer, Dean

- As a supplement to our regular budget, WSU is now directing 5% percent of the total revenues generated during Summer School to the Library. After 5 years of static budgets, these are much welcomed addition to our acquisition budget.

- We are experimenting with “beacon” technology (Bluetooth low energy proximity sensing beacons) in the library. We installed a set of BluuBeam beacons around the library (entrance, Front Desk, ILL, Reference) to transmit location-based descriptions of our services to Bluetooth-enabled smartphones. To receive messages, visitors download the BluuBeam app and have Bluetooth enabled on their phone. When they come within 15 feet of a beacon, they’ll get a notification message. Click the notification, and the app opens to a smart-looking message with links to our website. Future beams can include embedded video messages, too. We are looking forward to getting creative and using the beams for teaching, learning, and outreach in the coming year.

- Our campus added the Information Literacy module to our NESSI student engagement survey during our annual university Assessment Day.

- I’ll (Tom Bremer) be retiring later this summer (my last day is July 31, 2015). Ken Janz, Associate Vice President for Information Technology, will serve as acting Dean until a new Library Dean is hired. Look for the advertisements this Fall.

University of Minnesota, Coordinate Campuses
Owen Williams

No report submitted.

University of Minnesota, Twin Cities
Wendy Lougee

RECENT PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

Experts@Minnesota

The three-year pilot of Experts@Minnesota is near the end. Through the pilot, which currently uses the Elsevier SciVal Experts platform, many uses for a researcher profiling system as well as applications for the data it aggregates have been discovered. In July, the service will move to an upgraded platform, Pure, which offers several enhancements, including the ability to:

- Import citations from databases other than Scopus or from a citation manager, virtually eliminating manual data entry for researchers not well-represented in Scopus.

- Build an online presence for Centers and Institutes, illustrating collaborations across disciplines.
• Save researchers' time by providing customizable bibliographies of their research output for CVs and grant applications.

Minnesota Immigrants Website Launched
As part of the University Libraries/Minnesota Digital Library’s DPLA grant-funded work, Minnesota’s Immigrants was created and made publicly available online in spring 2015. This work was realized through direct partnerships with the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities’ Immigration History Research Center (and Archives), Concordia University’s Center for Hmong Studies (St. Paul, MN), American Swedish Institute, Iron Range Research Center, Nathan and Theresa Berman Upper Midwest Jewish Archives, and the Minnesota Historical Society (St. Paul, MN). Stories on the website are presented in video and audio, and audio only (for older converted oral histories), and include English-language transcripts where needed. All stories are indexed in the DPLA database, which currently contains 489 stories, representing 41 different ethnicities. This work is made possible through the generous funding of the Digital Public Library of America Digital Hubs Pilot, which is supported by the Digital Public Library of America with funding provided by the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

Empowering Evidence Workshop
The Bio-Medical Library successfully held the third annual Empowering Evidence Workshop in June. The workshop is intended to help faculty learn how to better utilize and teach the important skills of evidence-based practice that drive modern patient care. This year the workshop drew attendees and faculty from Medicine, Pharmacy, Dentistry, Public Health, Biostatistics, and Allied Health. Future workshops aim to help bolster a community of practice around evidence-based practice instruction and implementation.

Interdisciplinary Journal of Partnership Studies (IJPS)
The Health Sciences Libraries served as an integral development partner in the newly launched open-access Interdisciplinary Journal of Partnership Studies (IJPS), which resulted from a collaboration between the School of Nursing, the University Libraries, and the Center for Partnership Studies. The scope of IJPS is to bring an interdisciplinary voice to the study of partnership models by asking, “How can a system of mutual respect, accountability, and benefit develop a system where power is empowering?”

The journal scope aligns closely with the University Libraries’ commitment to support interdisciplinary work for mutual benefit. It also has the distinction of being the first journal to be published on the University Libraries’ scholarly publishing platform.

Digitizing Al Haug Recording
An anonymous donor has provided seed funds to make Haug’s recordings of West Bank music more readily accessible by digitizing cassette tapes, open reels, and other materials. This donor has also pledged a dollar-for-dollar match for additional contributions.

Grant Awards
Guthrie Theater Archive (1963-present): The 21st Century Collection
The University of Minnesota Libraries’ Performing Arts Archives has been awarded $100,000 from the National Endowment for the Humanities to arrange, preserve, and describe the records of the Guthrie Theater (guthrietheater.org). The Libraries also will work with the Guthrie to create a sustainable plan for the future to preserve its 21st century materials, including digital records.

Project Ceres
This ongoing program is designed to preserve and make accessible digitized materials essential to students of the History and Economics of Agriculture. The University of Minnesota is digitizing select U of M Extension and Agricultural Experiment Station publications that will be shared through the University Digital Conservancy and AgEcon Search. The project has been approved for a second round of funding by the Center for Research Libraries extending the project through Spring 2016.

KUOM Archives Legacy Grant
The University of Minnesota Libraries received support from the Minnesota Historical and Cultural Heritage Grants (Legacy fund) for 12 months to assess, organize, and describe approximately 430 linear feet of University Archives collections related to Minnesota’s first radio station – KUOM. This is the first phase of a two-part project. The KUOM
archival collections at the University Archives consist of approximately 108 linear feet of administrative records, program planning, program logs, on-air scripts, and scrapbooks. There are approximately 300 linear feet of reel-to-reel tape recordings of KUOM programming from the 1940s through the 1980s. Additionally, the papers of Betty T. Girling comprise approximately 20 linear feet of material related to the Minnesota School of the Air program, which Girling directed.

**STAFF APPOINTMENTS**

Kate McCready and Charles Spetland have been named Interim Co-Associate University Librarian for Content and Collections following former AUL Joy Kirchner’s appointment as University Librarian at York University.

Jon Jeffryes has been appointed Director of the Social Sciences & Professional Programs department. He had been serving as Interim Director.

Andrea Jenkins, who spent 12 years as a Minneapolis City Council policy aide, has joined the University of Minnesota Libraries as staff for the Transgender Oral History Project, part of the Libraries’ Jean-Nickolaus Tretter Collection in GLBT Studies.

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**Minnesota Electronic Health Library Update**

Janice Jaguszewski

Although we had hoped to make a different announcement, the Minnesota Electronic Health Library (MeHL) project team must share that MeHL was not funded during the 2015 legislative session. We thank everyone who wrote letters and made phone calls in support of this initiative to bring evidence-based health information and the latest medical research to all Minnesotans.

We celebrated many accomplishments over the last two years and built a strong foundation to continue this work in the future. We plan to continue developing relationships with health providers, librarians, students, educators, and legislators and hope to bring the MeHL proposal to the legislature in 2017.

On a personal note, I would also like to thank all the members of the team who worked so tirelessly on this project: our outstanding project manager, Erinn Aspinall, as well as Jim Beattie, Katherine Chew, Lisa McGuire and Nicole Theis-Mahon. Valerie Horton was also invaluable in introducing us to the public library community and others affiliated with state government. And Mark Engebretson created exceptional videos for us - even coming in on a University holiday to film Dr. Jon Hallberg.

Here’s to a successful 2017 legislative session!