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**Greater Minnesota Public Library**

Ann Hokanson

**Austin Public Library**

Austin Public Library’s 2016 budget process is going very smoothly. We are expecting modest increases in city and county funds to cover rising costs and expect to purchase about the same number of materials in 2016 as in 2015. We added a professional librarian in 2015, otherwise our staffing levels and hours of operation have been stable.

**New Ulm Public Library**

New Ulm Public Library’s budget is increasing modestly to account for increasing personnel costs. Our materials budget is flat. Our staffing levels and hours of operation are stable.

**Grand Marais**

The Grand Marais Public Library board is going after a 16.4% increase to add a position that has been needed for a long time.

We have a two part process - city goes first, county goes second. The city passed our budget. The county has heard our request, but there has been no action as of yet. If they do not respond in 45 days, it is the same as if they voted to pass it. In the past, they simply allowed the 45 days to pass.

**LaCrescent Public Library**

LaCrescent Public Library is struggling with our 2016 budget. The minimum wage jump to $9.50 August 1, 2016, will affect both of my part-time positions. We are hoping to convince our city council to a 4% levy increase but do not hold out much hope that we will receive the increase. We did receive a 3% increase in Houston County funding but that is divided up between the 5 county libraries. The library board and I are meeting to discuss possible scenarios to reduce the bottom line to balance our budget. Book budget? I do not even want to talk about that, it is too depressing.

**Spring Grove Public Library**

Spring Grove Library Board has requested the same budget as we had in 2014 & 2015. My payroll will increase by 2%, so I will need to adjust to cover, but otherwise we are doing okay.

**Rochester Public Library Report**

**Rochester Reading Champions**: Our program that links trained community volunteers with struggling readers is showing strong initial success:

**Initial Results**: Phonological awareness provides the basis for phonics. Phonics, the understanding that sounds and print letters are connected, is the first step towards the act we call reading.

It is the building block for success when someone is struggling to read. A recent progress check showed they had all made significant growth in phonological awareness.

The average growth was 23%.

*The Rochester Public Library Bookmobile*
Phonological Awareness Interim Growth Chart: 1st Year RRC Struggling Readers

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Please note, assessments occurred after only 10-50 tutoring sessions out of the standard 80-100 sessions advised for full impact with the RRC Program.

**2016 Budget:** The City Department Heads laid out a 5 year staffing plan. It was welcomed by City Council. The first year does not include any new staffing for the library, but additional staffing is requested in subsequent years. It looks like we will continue to maintain for 2016.

**Minnesota State Colleges - Twin Cities & Southern Region**

**Tom Eland**

**Anoka Ramsey Community College (Gina Pancerella-Willis)**
Bonnie Boese, Cambridge Campus librarian, retired in May 2015. For AY 2015-2016, two temporary librarians at 10 hours each/week have been hired. The Library Division is advocating for a UFT library faculty for 2016-17.

The Coon Rapids Campus Library was closed summer 2015 due to HVAC replacement. During the closure, we were able to provide some library services in one of the campus’s computer labs.

The Cambridge and Coon Rapids Campus libraries now have one website which will go live soon. As part of this process, we aligned databases, implemented STAR ID login, and combined best practices of each campus.

Coon Rapids Campus Library faculty and staff are involved in master facilities planning which will hopefully result in a remodeled library space. We are especially in need of wiring for mobile devices, improved lighting, a variety of quiet & group spaces, and comfortable seating w/ embedded technology. Other ideas include an Information Literacy Classroom/Lab/Center, a Reading Room w/ natural light, a Presentation Practice Room for students, additional writable space, and upgraded TVs.

**Dakota County Technical College (Michael Kirby)**
The DCTC Library has a new subscription to the Swank Digital Campus database, allowing our instructors and students to legally stream selected movies.

**Hennepin Technical College (Jenny Simning)**
The HTC Library will be proposing and developing a three-credit Information Literacy course to start Fall 2016.
Inver Hills Community College

Our full-time seasonal support staff person resigned and we have no information from our administration as to whether they will replacing the position. In addition one of our three faculty librarians is on sabbatical this semester and the administration refused to hire a sabbatical replacement. This is the third year that the administration has refused to replace library faculty while on sabbatical. The remaining two librarians notified the administration of the reduced professional services that would be available due to the reduction of one-third of the professional staff. The administration refused to recognize the library faculty’s contractual rights to do this, and the faculty union has filed a grievance at the state level.

Minneapolis Community & Technical College (Tom Eland)

The library hired three new library technicians this summer (two are recent graduates of our Library Information Technology program) which has return us to our full staffing level. As a result the library hours of service have moved back their previous level prior to our staff reduction two years ago.

The library has reorganized its selection/collection development process and will incorporate the Resources for College Libraries online system into the process.

The library finished writing the MCTC Library Handbook and completely revamped our Student Worker Hiring, Training and Management processes.

The library faculty will be participating in the AAC&U Information Literacy Rubric Assessment MN Collaborative Project on campus. We will identify faculty willing to submit their student research projects for scoring using the AAC&U information literacy rubric.

Our Library Information Technology program established a transfer agreement with the Metropolitan State University bachelor’s in history program. This will allow our LIT graduates to transfer directly to the history program at Metropolitan State University once they complete their A.A.S. degree at MCTC.

Minnesota State Colleges - Central and Northern State Colleges

Cynthia Jorstad

Minnesota State Community & Technical College (Perry Werner)

The Fergus Falls campus library is on the MNSCU renovation list to have to present to the legislature for funding. If the funding is approved, the library would be reduced to about half the current size and the Workforce Center would go into the half that was lost.

The Wadena campus library is also on the MNSCU list for being moved also.

Northland Community & Technical College - East Grand Forks/Thief River Falls (Cynthia Jorstad)

Lots of positive energy on our campus this fall, with our new president and TRF academic dean. It’s refreshing!

Next weekend the college is hosting a 50th anniversary celebration. The library will be open for tours. Although we don’t have an official archives, we are the holder of the old year books, scrap books, etc ... and we will make those available. Our long time TRF library technician (new retired), Jan Standlie, is going to be the tour host in the library. Jan is very knowledgeable about the library and college history and will be the perfect host! I’ll be creating a fun display with lots of old pics of the library.

Our day to day work is going smoothly. We have a good group of new work study students, we really appreciate their assistance. I have a good schedule of instruction sessions already scheduled throughout the semester and am always happy and grateful the faculty make time on their calendar to bring their class to the library.
Pine Technical & Community College – Pine City (Mindy Hicks)
We have finally gotten PALSDiscover up and running. We are calling it the Library Combined Search in hopes of distinguishing it from MnPALS PLUS, which we will also keep running through the year(s).

We have added a 26-title streaming video collection from Medcom Trainex for our nursing programs. Nursing students and faculty are loving this resource.

PTCC is getting a new website mid-November, so our library website will be going through much-needed changes. We are hoping to streamline content and reduce the number of clicks it takes to get users into action.

St. Cloud Technical & Community College – St. Cloud (Pat Ackerman)
The St. Cloud Technical and Community College Library will soon have a new home! The college library will be moving to another building on campus over winter break. Most of the construction has been completed and we are now working on the furniture plan. The new space takes advantage of the natural light coming through the existing windows in the building. The floor plan includes more square footage; several small and large study rooms equipped with projection screens and monitors; more workstations and seating; a classroom; and a special collections room. This will be a great place to learn, study, collaborate, read, or just relax in a comfortable setting.

Vermilion Community College – Ely (Sharon Evenson)
This summer, we re-arranged a part of the library to create more space for group work in the library. Also we completed weeding of the VHS and CD-Rom collections and will begin weeding in History and literature sections of the collection this Fall. I will be implementing Subjects Plus this Fall as well.

Multicounty Multitype Library Systems
Ann Walker Smalley

Arrowhead Library System (Shari Fisher)
The MackinVIA e-book project for pre K-12 schools is ready to be launched. A committee consisting of K-12 school media specialist representatives selected the vendor and content for this important project. Brainfuse and Online Catalog training sessions have been held over the summer. More training is scheduled for fall. Arrowhead has provided nearly $6,000 in Multi-type continuing education scholarships so far during the 2015 calendar year. Back-to-school information packets are being sent to all K-12 school media centers in the region informing them about Multi-type services.

Central MN Libraries Exchange (CMLE) (Patricia Post)
At its June 26th Governing Board meeting, the Executive Committee led the full CMLE Board through the results of a detailed Feasibility Analysis performed in the spring focused on the future of CMLE. Longterm financial sustainability and staffing flexibility were key factors in the Analysis. After the data was reviewed, a unanimous decision by CMLE staff and Board occurred.

The decision was made to move the Central MN Libraries Exchange (CMLE) out of St. Cloud State University after a 35-year partnership. CMLE now rents space from the Central MN Educational Research and Development Council (cmERDC) in East St. Cloud. ERDC is a joint powers, nonprofit organization established in 1965 to provide technology support and volume purchasing services to Central MN school districts. Since its beginning, the service areas and customer base have grown, but the mission holds.

The month of July was spent preparing for the move; the actual move happened the first week in August. Focus in July/August was on closing out SCSU systems around personnel, finance, payroll, and organizational content. The same systems are nearly completed at cmERDC.

Since FY14, CMLE has shifted its internal functionality to mobile computing, Google Apps for Nonprofits, and other
cloud-based business solutions. This shift minimizes disruption of services to our end users and allows CMLE to stay nimble regardless of physical location.

Both organizations strive to provide effective and affordable products/services that address the changing and dynamic needs of those that they serve. New contact information for CMLE is available here.

Read our blog post about this change here.

Metronet (Ann Walker Smalley)

• Co-sponsored Camp Read-A-Lot with MELSA at Como Zoo. There were 239 registrations for Day Camp & Virtual Camp.

• Director attended the MLA/ITEM Legislative Forum.

• Olivia Moris, MILI Program Manager, presented two sessions at Branch Out. The first was Apps in a Flash and the second was Be a Better Google Searcher.

• Metronet is working on a statewide continuing education calendar that will be presented & maintained by the multitype library systems. Its goal is to consolidate the listings of the many continuing education activities for Minnesota library staff.

• MILI will be offered in St Paul Public Schools this year.

• Librarians as Educators Wind Down was in July. MLA-RASS was the co-sponsor.

Northern Lights Library Network (Kathy Enger)

• Campbell-Tintah School Library: Over 9,000 books in the elementary library were cataloged and received barcodes this summer. Kathy weeded the high school collection, which will be cataloged next summer. Kathy is seeking funding from the Marvin Foundation to replace windows in the high school library. A special thank you to Lynette Schwagerl, Glenn Heinecke, and Charlie Lindberg for all their work in cataloging the collection.

• Tribal College Library Directors: The tribal college librarians in the region began meeting quarterly, spring 2015. The next meeting is September 28th. NLLN participates in these meetings and is working to form the tribal college libraries vision, mission, and values statements. The tribal college library directors are presenting at the fall MLA conference.

• Zion Lutheran Church Library: Books received from a Thrivent grant Kathy and Kari Anderson wrote are now processed and available for circulation at Zion Lutheran Church in Alexandria.

• Conducting research on the skills media specialists impart to students: Executive Director Kathy Enger and Glenn Heinecke completed data collection and Kathy is currently working to complete the research.

• Maamigin Achigaazo (Gathering Place): White Earth held the Grand Opening August 21st at its new community library (Maamigin Achigaazo) in a modular building outside the old Circle of Life school in White Earth. Funding from the $121,000 IMLS grant was used to purchase $50,000 worth of books, along with adding 18 Little Free Libraries to the community. Furniture from the Minnesota State University Moorhead Livingston Lord Library renovation is in the library. The library is also known as the White Earth Tribal Community Library.

• Thirty-five broadsides each of six 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.
• Technology training: Executive Director Kathy Enger presented at the Branch-Out conference, “Services that the Minnesota Multitype Cooperation Systems Provide to Academic, Public, College, University, and Special Libraries”. Participants answered the question, “What are Your Needs as a Library Professional?” Training, especially related to new technologies, emerged as the key need. An Unworkshop to discuss and learn new technology is planned for Century School in Park Rapids November 7th, facilitated by Laurie Conzemius and conducted by media specialists from the region.

• eBook access for middle and high school students throughout the NLLN region: NLLN funded $5,000 to Lake Agassiz Regional Library and $5,000 to Northwest Regional Library to increase eBooks for young adults in their Overdrive system. School library media specialists in the region are encouraged to link students to public library cards for access.

• Supporting existing catalog structure in regional schools by providing training to library media personnel using the Destiny catalog: Twenty-six library professionals received beginning and advanced Destiny training at Alexandria Discovery School from a Follett Destiny trainer on August 20th. Destiny training is planned for November 14 from 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. and for January 30 from 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. at Minnesota State University Moorhead Livingston Lord Library. Gloria Collyard, Gina Drellack, and Glenn Heinecke will lead the training.

Southeast Library System (Reagan Thalacker)
2015 SELCO/SELS Camp Read-A-Lot
• The 2015 SELCO Camp Read-A-Lot was held on Tuesday, August 6, 2015 for over 20 professionals at the Cascade Meadow Wetlands & Environmental Science Center in Rochester. Speakers included 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.

• Those in attendance chose from one of two reading lists, cultivated by SELCO staff, and during the time leading up to the event, reviewed the books on the SELCO Camp Read-a-Lot website (campread.selco.info). Many reviews were thoughtful and provided insight into how and why or why not some of the Campers would utilize the stories in their own curriculum and storytimes. One of our favorite comments from one Camper included the following, “This book of poetry is an example of why I participate in Camp Read-A-Lot. I would never have picked up this book on my own,” in regards to Voices from the March on Washington.

• We also received a note from the author Katheryn Russell-Brown thanking us for including her book Little Melba and Her Big Trombone on our Grades 2-3 reading list. Practical Librarianship Workshop Series.

• In an effort to be more proactive with workshops for the SELCO/SELS membership, staff have worked to plan out four workshops for the new fiscal year. The membership was polled in the beginning on 2015 with a focus on different professional development topics that would help to strengthen libraries from the staff side of things vs. the public.

• Based upon the feedback, the first four topics to be covered are as follows:
  • Searching - Google & More | November 10, 2015
  • Social Media | January 19, 2016
  • Assessment & Evaluation | March 15, 2016
  • Library Spaces | May 17, 2016
  • For more information.

Southwest Area Multicounty Multitype Interlibrary Exchange (SAMMIE) (Shelly Grace)
• Co-sponsored two days of Camp Read-A-Lot with Plum Creek and Pioneerland Regional Libraries

• Held an UnConference for member libraries at Marshall-Lyon County Library. Attendees were given a tour of MLCL’s new children’s wing
• Offered training on Follett's Destiny automation system for school library staff.

• Executive director visited 4 libraries (3 public and 1 special) and talked about SAMMIE's programs.

• Executive director attended the MLA/ITEM Legislative Forum.

• Executive director met and talked with Jim Trojanowski, the new director of the Plum Creek Regional Library.

• Executive director attended the quarterly Multitype Director’s meeting in Ely.

• Completed the annual application for state aid.

• Hosted ELM training for member librarians.

• Executive director submitted a proposal and was approved for a session at the 2015 ITEM conference.

Traverse des Sioux TdS Library Cooperative (Orrin Ausen)

• Preparing FY2015 Multitype year-end report.

• South Central Services Cooperative (SCSC) contracted ARVIG/Jaguar, through RFP process as the internet provider for schools and libraries in Region 9 which includes TdS service area. All library types have had fiber optic cable laid to buildings and new equipment installed. Switch over to ISP and equipment was completed in July 2015. This change in ISP providers has increased internet bandwidth speeds of one hundred (100) megabytes, minimum, to sixty-one (63) library sites and one (1) gigabyte to four (4) library sites.

• Participated Read and Ride day at MN State Fair sponsored by MELSA. Great time and many great activates and giveaways for all ages.

• Completed weeding and shelving project for Granada-Huntley-East Chain school district.

• Hired two additional temporary full-time staff for cataloging and interlibrary loan positions.

• Hired a full-time Automation Systems Librarian Coordinator.

• Attended ITEM/MLA Legislative Forum meeting in St. Cloud.

• Applied for another grant through the Schmidt Foundation to cover costs associated with migrating K-12 school districts to TdS automation system - Innovative Interfaces Inc., iii.

• Participated in "Battle of the Books" event held at the St. Peter Community Center. This is a trivial pursuit competition for young adults. Four books are selected by library directors for young adults to read. Librarians choose to read one of the four titles and write ten (10) questions about the book. Young adults sign up in teams of four to participate in the competition. Seventeen (17) teams competed for the championship in which the winning team received four (4) one hundred ($100) Amazon gift cards. All other team participants received five ($5) Barnes and Noble gift cards. Great event to see these young readers excited about reading!

• Creating a new brand for a fundraising project to raise dollars for K-12 school libraries. Hope to roll out sometime in October/November.

• Met with guidance counselors from several school districts in early August to demonstrate LearningExpress database - part of ELM databases.

• Attended the Nonprofit Fundraising Conference at the Heritage Center in Brooklyn Center.
Private Colleges Report
Terry Metz

Bethany Lutheran College (Alyssa Inninger)

New President
BLC install a new President this fall, Dr. Gene Pfeifer.

Physical Changes
The lower level of the library has been re-purposed as the campus tutoring center. We are closely working with the program coordinator and are expecting this to be a mutually beneficial relationship.

College of St. Benedict/St. John's University (Kathy Parker)

Technology
CSB/SJU will be migrating to a new ILS this year, making the transition from Aleph to OCLC’s WMS. We are pleased to have a new metadata librarian, Violet Fox, on our team as we begin data preparations for the migration. We also welcome Adam Konczewski as our new Digital Media Support Specialist. Adam is a technologist focused on digital scholarship and teaching. His early projects include use of 3D printing in mathematics classes, data visualization for economics instruction, and establishment of a faculty technology working group hosted at Clemens Library (CSB).

Renovations
Work has begun on a renovated Special Collections space in Alcuin Library (SJU), where we were recently awarded a $500,000 Cargill Foundation grant for facilities improvements. We will also be doing some infrastructure improvements this year in preparation for a major renovation of the rest of the building in 2016. This project includes new display space for the Saint John’s Bible. Saint John’s representatives presented the final volume of the Apostles’ edition to Pope Francis in April. Earlier this month, we learned the Pope will, in turn, present the Saint John’s Bible to the Library of Congress as his gift to the American people when he visits the US in September.

Cooperating Libraries in Consortium (Ruth Dukelow)

Library Space Conference
CLIC is planning a spring 2016 conference focusing on the theme of blending curricular and academic library space. Lee Van Orsdel, Dean of University Libraries at Grand Valley State University (Allendale, MI), will be one of our keynote speakers. Registration will also be open to non-CLIC libraries.

Hamline University (Terry Metz)

New President
Hamline University welcomed a new President on July 1, Dr. Fayneese Miller. President Miller’s installation is scheduled for October 2.

Integrating Library/IT Service Points
For the past six months library staff and members of Academic & Client Technical Services (ACTS)—a division of our university’s IT unit—explored opportunities to integrate our services more holistically. ACTS includes help desk, academic computing, and personal computing support elements. It has been housed on the lower level of Bush Memorial Library for over a decade.

Beginning last week, most of ACTS’s help desk and academic computing activities relocated to the library’s main floor. These operations are now collocated with library circulation and information desk operations in a temporary arrangement near library’s main entrance. Later in fall term we expect to roll out a more permanent and elegant version of this central service arrangement.

Information Literacy Tutorials
Our research & instruction librarians have been working with a vendor for the past year to fashion a series of online information literacy tutorials intended to be used in a “flipped” manner to complement in class library instruction. We launched these tutorials last week.
Strategic Planning
In late April the Development Committee of the Hamline University Board of Trustee convened in Bush Library. Library staff gave a presentation to the committee on the future of academic libraries and proposed programmatic changes for the use space in the Bush Library facility.

Law School Closing
Hamline University School of Law will cease operations at the end of September. It will then merge with the William Mitchell College of Law to create a new entity: the Mitchell Hamline School of Law. The Hamline University Law Library close down.

Macalester College (Terri Fishel)

Incoming Students and Faculty
We welcomed our largest ever incoming class the week before Labor Day as well as the largest number of new faculty. In addition to preparing for our newest community members, we had a lot of projects and new initiatives over the summer.

ACRL AiA Program “One-Shots” and Research Consultations Can Make a Difference -- A Study of Information Fluency Competencies in Student Capstone Work
The library participated in the second cohort of libraries for the ACRL Assessment in Action program and presented results at ALA Annual in San Francisco. Led by Ginny Moran, Research and Instruction Librarian, the assessment activity focused on a study of student capstone projects by developing a rubric to evaluate student citations. Working with four departments, librarians evaluated 42 capstone projects in Theatre, Political Science, International Studies, Physics and Astronomy, and History. You can read more at the AiA Project Site and at the Google Site.

Ethnographic Study Completed in Spring 2015
We partnered with professor of Anthropology Dianna Shandy and her senior seminar class to conduct an ethnographic study focused on the use of and around our consolidated library service desk. An outcome of this study were two summer projects: (1) a video of students talking about what they wished they knew as first year students, and (2) a handout using Z Card guide (which is a foldable map that reduces to the size of a credit card) for our incoming class.

SPARCS (not the publishing SPARC)
The library hosted a weeklong day camp for young women in grades 9-12 to promote technology June 15th-19th. Angi Faiks, Associate Library Director, worked with the St. Paul organization Advance IT as well as MNSCU, to develop the pilot program for a technology camp. The camp was very successful and we will be hosting again in the summer of 2016. You can read more and Angi will be presenting and sharing more information on the program at the LITA Conference in November.

WorldCat Discovery
We migrated to the new platform for WorldCat Discovery during the summer. Macalester will be hosting the OCLC WMS Midwest Users Group on Thursday, October 22. Katy Gabrio is serving on the OCLC WMS Community Leadership Team and Angi Faiks is currently a member of the OCLC WorldCat Discovery Services Advisory Group.

Open Textbook Library/Network
Ron Joslin, Research and Instruction Librarian, participated in a three-day workshop at the U of M on open textbooks. The Open Textbook Library, a U of M initiative, is creating a network of institutions that produce and support open textbooks. The library has joined the Open Textbook Network and is developing a plan for activities during the 2015-16 academic year to promote the open textbook initiative on our campus. We’ve already had new faculty members express interest in working with us.

Center for Research Libraries
Macalester joined the Center for Research Libraries to expand access to primary materials for our students and faculty.

Lever Press
The library is supporting the Lever Press Initiative, an open access publishing initiative that has been in development.
over the past two years. This project began as an Oberlin Group libraries initiative, but is open to any interested library. The emphasis is on developing an open access publishing program for the humanities, social sciences, and arts. Lever Press is organized as a collaborative partnership between the Oberlin Group, the Amherst College Press, and Michigan Publishing. A five-year pilot project to pool the resources and ideas of libraries to support new work has just been launched.

**Martin Luther College (Linda Kramer)**

**Strategic Planning**
At Martin Luther College, we are beginning the next cycle of strategic planning, so I am writing drafts of a specific plan for the library to go along with the college’s broader plan. We are also working on a college-wide effort to get a stronger archives program off the ground.

**ILS Migration**
We are also working closely with the public libraries that are our partners in the newly implemented Sierra ILS through the Traverse de Sioux Library Cooperative (TdS). The ups and downs of migration have allowed us to forge some excellent relationships. Being an academic library in a consortium otherwise comprised of public libraries makes for some unique and interesting resource-sharing opportunities because of the quite different intents of our collections.

**University of Northwestern St. Paul (Ruth Maguire)**

**Curriculum Mapping**
The goal of information literacy (IL) instruction is for all UNW students to graduate with the ability to “find, evaluate, and use information effectively” as stated in UNW’s Core Curriculum outcomes. In an effort to align the library’s instruction program and UNW’s learning outcomes more closely, a curriculum-mapping project was undertaken, led by Jessica Moore (Reference/Instruction Librarian). First, the current library instruction program was reviewed to determine how much IL instruction students received in various majors. Next, UNW course catalogs, curriculum planning charts, and syllabi were examined to determine which courses require students to utilize IL skills. These courses were then mapped by major so that librarians could review and identify where library instruction would have the greatest impact on students, and in accordance with those findings, where it already coincided or where gaps existed. Librarians also used course objectives and assignment requirements to develop a set of IL outcomes specific to lower-level and upper-level courses to help determine when they should be introduced, reinforced, and assessed. With this knowledge, a more complete IL instruction plan was developed, the first stages of which will begin in 2015-2016.

**Focus Group**
During National Library Week (April 2015), we conducted a student focus group about reference services, in order to improve service and to develop a promotion plan for awareness and use of the services. A promotional plan is being developed in cooperation with the CLIC consortium and will be rolled out Fall 2015.

**Main Floor Space**
In the summer of 2015, the library downsized the shelving in its reference collection to reflect the decrease in this print collection. The space that was freed up by taking down shelves will be used to create new study areas for students, a request they ask for frequently.

**University of St. Thomas (Dan Gjelton)**

**Strategic Planning**
The UST Libraries have been involved in strategic planning as a unit, as well as with others on campus. We have rearticulated our vision and mission and developed statements on the future of library collections, research and instruction and physical and virtual spaces at St. Thomas. We will continue in the fall by looking into new roles for library staff and possibilities for the organizational structure, given the opportunities presented by the university’s strategic directions. Transition in UST leadership, including the recent hiring of a new UST CIO, has presented the Libraries with many opportunities for collaboration.

**Program Review**
In addition, the UST Libraries will be undergoing a program review throughout the coming year, and look forward to reviewing and analyzing data from various completed assessments as well as looking at new measures of library success. The Libraries will also be participating in ACRL’s Assessment in Action with a partnership with the University’s Writing Across the Curriculum program.
Regional Public Library Systems
Barbara Misselt (CRPLSA Representative)

Arrowhead Library System (Jim Weikum)
Effective 7/1/15, ALS discontinued the region-wide Zinio e-magazine service and effective 9/1/15, ALS has rolled-out the new e-magazine service from OverDrive.

Director positions at the Hibbing and Buhl public libraries have been filled by, respectively, Coral Ellshof and Dan Wilde. In Bovey, the public library director position is now held by Tara DeGuiseppi.

The Hibbing Public Library has been closed for several week due to a flooring project. Current plans are to re-open on September 14.

Pioneerland
The Pioneerland Library System (PLS) Board of Trustees has appointed Laurie Ortega as the Executive Director of the 31-library system.

Ortega has been serving as Interim Director since February 2015. She joined PLS as manager of the Willmar Public Library in 2004. She began working at PLS headquarters in 2008 as the Assistant Director and as the Director of Library Operations since 2012.

Prior to coming to PLS, Ortega was employed as the librarian for the USGS EROS Data Center in Sioux Falls, SD.

Ortega has a BA in English & Journalism from the University of North Dakota, and a Master of Library and Information Science degree from the University of North Texas.

Ortega stated, “I am pleased and grateful for this opportunity to continue my work in PLS as their Executive Director.”

East Central Regional Library (Barbara Misselt)
Three Branch Librarians have recently retired/resigned. Robin Suhsen retired from Princeton Library; Kathy Morrow retired from Mille Lacs Community Library in Isle; and Andrea Hermanson resigned from Pine City Library to take a position with the Washington County Library System. Recruitment is currently in process for these vacant positions, in addition to 5 vacant Branch Library Assistant positions.

Five Branch and Headquarters Librarians worked at Read and Ride Day at the Minnesota State Fair and reported a great time advocating for libraries.

ECRL is mid-process in a project to move the hosting service of its Evergreen library automation system from PALS to Equinox. Streaming replication has been set up, testing is in process, and the official switch over is planned for September 23rd.

Additional news from 3 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/Special Libraries Report
Brooke Roegge

CALCO
CALCO had its annual summer luncheon on August 6. About 25 CALCO librarians and retirees attended. It was held at the PUBLIC kitchen + bar in St. Paul. Recent retiree Dennis Skrade was recognized.

CALCO will be hosting a professional table, and is helping to sponsor the Minnesota Library Association Annual Conference in St. Paul.

MnDOT Library (Marilee Tuite)
Library Session for Middle School Summer Transportation Camp
On July 13, we gave a 1-hour library session to 30 middle school students who were participating in a free camp called the National Summer Transportation Institute. The session format was brief slides followed by a tour and a relay scavenger hunt within the library. One of the purposes of this 2-week summer camp is to plant an early interest in transportation careers. MnDOT Library was the students’ first field trip during the camp. They also toured St. Croix River Crossing, MSP airport, Metro Transit, St. Paul Port Authority, RTMC, UPS, and a few engineering labs at the U of M, in addition to working on research, public speaking, and writing skills. See more details. The camp will return in 2016, so please spread the word among any middle schoolers that you know!

DEED Library (Dru Frykberg)
Sara Butterfass in July joined the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development as a library assistant/student worker. She has a master’s in literary studies from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and this fall started work on her Master of Library Science at St. Catherine University where she plans to specialize in archival and special collections librarianship. In her DEED Library position, Sara provides circulation, ILL and reference services for the agency’s 1,500 employees.

Librarian Dru Frykberg will highlight business and career resources as part of “Rapid Fire Reference: 30 in 60” 9 a.m. Thursday, Oct. 8 at the MLA Annual Conference in St. Paul. More about the session. Consider following @deedlibrarian on Twitter to learn about DEED resources and services of interest to librarians.

State Law Library (Liz Reppe)
Jean Anderson, Librarian with the Law Library Service to Prisoners Program, was awarded an Unsung Legal Hero Award by Minnesota Lawyer. This is a great acknowledgment of the good work she does for the prisoners of Minnesota. The LLSP celebrates its 30th year in 2015.
Liz Reppe coordinated a program at the American Association of Law Libraries about the MnDOT Library’s return on investment study. MnDOT Library Director was one of the speakers. It was chosen as a “must see” program for the conference.

The library hired Elizabeth Karges as a Library Associate. She is a St Kate's MLIS student and had gotten some relevant experience working at Magers and Quinn and interning at the Minneapolis Central Library’s preservation department. In honor of Constitution Day (September 17) the State Law Library will host the “Magna Carta: Enduring Legacy” traveling exhibit. The exhibit will be available for free, self-guided tours during regular library hours between September 18 and October 2.

State University Libraries’ Report
Jennifer Nelson

Public Library Construction Grants
The Library Construction Grant program provides public libraries with funding for renovation, construction, and improvement projects that result in more accessible library facilities. An estimated $848,000 in state funding is available to award approximately three grants in this second round of 2014 funding. Application forms and instructions are available on the Minnesota Department of Education’s Grants Management site. Scroll to Library Construction Grant opportunity. Completed applications are due November 10, 2015. An informational webinar will be held on Monday September 10, 2015, please contact Emily for log in information.

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Supercharged Storytimes
We are thrilled that Minnesota is one of only five states selected to participate in a new IMLS-supported OCLC initiative, Supercharged Storytimes, an empowering approach to storytime planning and delivery established in Washington state. Approximately 100 staff members, professionals and paraprofessionals from Minnesota’s libraries will be selected by OCLC to participate this fall in the free multi-week training opportunity. Participants will build a learning community designed to boost the impact of library storytimes and demonstrate how libraries provide high-quality early literacy experiences that get kids ready for kindergarten. Minnesota library staff who offer weekly storytimes in a public library setting, are passionate about early literacy at public libraries, are interested in enhancing their storytimes for children five and under, and are eager to work collaboratively online with peers from other libraries can apply to participate through September 11.

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Every Child Ready to Read 2 Workshops
With support from IMLS, State Library Services is excited to bring renowned early literacy educator Saroj Ghoting back to Minnesota for a series of workshops designed to give librarians and early childhood educators tools to provide high-quality storytimes and early literacy interactions with pre-readers. The workshops are rooted in the Every Child Ready to Read 2nd Edition (ECRR2) research-based curriculum released by the Public Library Association in 2011. Visit our Libraries Serving Youth webpage for upcoming workshop dates and registration information.

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State Library Services Staff Update
We are excited to host Emily (Nat) Bauer as an Early Literacy AmeriCorps VISTA member. A recent Carleton College graduate, Nat began her service at State Library Services on August 3 and will focus on developing resources, tools and strategies that help libraries develop, deliver and assess high-quality, outcome-driven early childhood programs for at-risk children. Nat will be working most closely with Jackie Blagsvedt, and can be reached at emily.bauer@state.mn.us.

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90-Second Newbery Film Festival
State Library Services is entering its second year in bringing to Minnesota the 90-Second Newbery Film Festival, an
annual video contest in which kid filmmakers create movies that compress the stories of Newbery-winning books into 90 seconds or less. Festival founder and middle-grade author James Kennedy visits Minnesota in October for school visits at Highlands Elementary in Edina and FAIR School in Crystal while en route to present a breakout session at the ITEM Conference in St. Cloud. He will return to Minnesota the following weekend to present a fast-paced crash course in how to produce a film for the 90-Second Newbery Film Festival. All are welcome to bring along a tablet or laptop and attend this interactive, hands-on workshop at the Minnesota Department of Education in Roseville on Saturday, Oct. 10, 2015 from 9 a.m.-Noon. Register to attend by October 8, 2015. Film submissions are accepted all year-round. The Minnesota screening for Mr. Kennedy’s favorite 2015 submissions will be Saturday, Feb. 27, 2016 from 3-4:30 pm at Hennepin County Library—Minneapolis Central.

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Public Library Annual Report
With Joe Manion on board as our new State Data Coordinator, we’re gearing up for the 2015 annual report. Joe will be reaching out to get feedback on the annual report and to share highlights from the 2014. Stay tuned for more information, including upcoming webinars.

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Libraries and World’s Best Workforce LSTA Mini Grant
The Libraries and World’s Best Workforce competitive LSTA mini grant opportunity is designed to help libraries offer programs and services that address Goal 1.2 of Minnesota’s Five-Year Plan for LSTA and the World’s Best Workforce. An estimated $75,000 is available for grant awards of up to $10,000 each. We seek grant proposals that directly serve at-risk children and youth (between the ages of 0-25) through improved or expanded library-based programs, services and/or learning activities. Click here to read a more detailed description of this initiative. The application and instructions are available at the Minnesota Department of Education’s grants management site. Applications are due October 2.

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MLA Conference
We look forward to seeing everyone at the MLA Conference in October. State Library Services staff will present sessions about e-books, storytimes for grown-ups, LSTA grant projects, and library services to tribal communities. Don’t forget to attend State Library Services updates session which will highlight our efforts over the past year. We’ll also man a booth in the exhibit hall, so please stop by and say hello.

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Please consider signing up for State Library Services’ listserv to stay connected. If you’d like to be added to the list, email Jen Verbrugge at jennifer.verbrugge@state.mn.us.

University Coordinate Campuses

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No report available.
University of Minnesota, Twin Cities

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RECENT PROGRAMS AND PROJECTS

**Partnership for Affordable Content**
The University Libraries implemented the Partnership for Affordable Content grant program in Spring 2015. The Partnership grants encourage and provide support for faculty incorporating more affordable content and materials into courses. Teams of staff from across the Libraries are supporting the sixteen awardees in the selection of materials included in Digital Course Packs, the use of faculty created course content, and the release of openly licensed content. Faculty use of alternative course content allows customization to meet learning outcomes, saves students money, and enhances academic success by providing access to materials for all students from the first day of class.

**Libraries Publishing Initiative**
As part of the Libraries newly launched publishing services, several titles have been released. Liz Weinfurter, Health Sciences Libraries Nursing Librarian, has been part of an innovative collaboration with the School of Nursing and the Center for Partnership Studies to develop the new International Journal of Partnership Studies (IJPS). This work has served as a model for the Libraries' support of journal development across campus.

**Libraries conduct health literacy research at the State Fair**
This year the Health Sciences Libraries conducted research on health literacy at the Minnesota State Fair. Co-investigators Caitlin Bakker and Jonathan Koffel led this study to better understand the extent to which individuals can obtain, process, and understand basic health information - with a particular focus on numbers and graphs. This research is intended to help health providers, patients, and caregivers have more successful and informed conversations around health and health care.

**Purchasing Ebooks for Bookstore Partnership**
During the summer of 2015, an automated process was developed to compare the University Bookstore’s list of course required reading titles for the Fall semester, with titles that were available for purchase as electronic books through the Libraries’ main book and ebook supplier, YBP. Based on set guidelines, just under 200 unlimited or multiple user titles were selected to support a portion of the required reading for dozens of courses. Course instructors were notified of the availability of the ebooks as an alternative to students having to buy the required books. Links to the books have been added to electronic reserves listings, and in most cases, individual course pages and syllabi, as well as the Libraries catalog. In addition to ebooks, digital streaming versions of videos used in conjunction with specific courses, continue to be licensed and purchased (or leased) on demand, whenever available. The Libraries are also investing in a variety of digital research collections containing key documents, archives, images, rare books and other primary source material.

**Data Management Short Course for Graduate Students**
For a week in August, University of Minnesota graduate students from across disciplines attended the Libraries' Data Management Short Course. The intensive, hands-on course was designed to help students integrate data management best practices into their research. “It’s something that isn’t really covered in traditional graduate school curriculum,” said Alyssa Meuwissen, Ph.D. candidate at the Institute of Child Development.

Each day’s session brought together a group of experts from around the University, including the Office of Information Technology, the Minnesota Supercomputing Institute, CLA Statistical Services, the Imaging Center, the Office of Tech Commercialization, CLA-IT, and the Libraries. Among the topics covered were best practices for data collection, metadata standards, copyright, security, data sharing, and digital preservation. Students also learned about the resources they can find on campus to aid in their current research projects. The course is co-sponsored by the Office of the Vice President for Research, the Minnesota Supercomputing Institute, and the Graduate School.

**Electronic Records Task Force**
The Libraries’ Electronic Records Task Force (ERTF), was established in 2014 to chart a course for managing the increasing volume of unpublished archival materials coming into the Libraries’ stewardship in a variety of electronic
formats and on various media. Over the past year, the ERTF built a computational environment (and physical space) to securely ingest electronic materials donated to Libraries’ Archives and Special Collections units. In addition, the Task Force developed workflows for ingesting those materials along with supporting policies and procedures. A summary of the ERTF’s work, findings and recommendation are available in Final Report (soon available through the University Digital Conservancy). A second phase of the effort is now being designed and is expected to focus on workflows for processing ingested materials (appraising, arranging, and describing) and creating policies, procedures and mechanisms for making them available to researchers and other users.

CURRENT EVENTS
For full information on events and exhibits, visit Continuum.

NOMMO Author Series: Roxane Gay
Thursday, September 17 at 7:00 p.m.
Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs, Cowles Auditorium

Two Jesuits, Two Manuscripts, Two Visions of Ming China Presented by M. Antoni J. Ucerler, S.J. (D.Phil., Oxon.)
Thursday, September 24, 7:30 to 9:00 p.m.
Elmer L. Andersen Library, Room 120

Lions in the Balance: Man-Eaters, Manes, and Men with Guns
Craig Packer
Wednesday, September 30, 2015, 7:30 p.m. Coffman Memorial Union, Great Hall

First Fridays Series 2015-2016: “There’s Nothing Funny About Architecture” presented by the Northwest Architectural Archives and “The Romance of the Holes in the Bread,” presented by the Wangensteen Historical Library
October 2, 2015, Noon to 1:00 p.m. Elmer L. Andersen Library, Room 120

The North American Indian Republication (Chris Cardozo)
Wednesday, October 7, 6:00 p.m.
Elmer L. Andersen Library, Room 120 and Atrium

Telling Queer History (Michael McConnell)
Sunday, October 11, 2015, 2:00 to 4:30 p.m.
Elmer L. Andersen Library, Room 120

Exhibit reception for People on the Move: 50 Years of Documenting and Researching Migration Experiences at the Immigration History Research Center & Archives
Thursday, October 29, 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Elmer L. Andersen Library, Gallery & Room 120

First Fridays Series 2015-2016: “To Be Watched and Harassed”: The Editorial Cartoons of Jerry Fearing, presented by Special Collections and Rare Books; and “Join or Die”: Early Modern Political Cartoons, presented by James Ford Bell Library November 6, 2015, Noon to 1:00 p.m. Elmer L. Andersen Library, Room 120

“Eyewitness to Climate Change”
Will Steger December 3, 7:00 p.m.
Best Buy Theater, Northrop