

# About the ~~Minitex/MnLINK~~ Interlibrary Loan Committee

## Overview

In support of the vision statement adopted by the Library Planning Task Force\*, we will work towards facilitating improved resource sharing throughout Minnesota by addressing the following objectives:

- Maintain an awareness of social and technological trends and their impact on user expectations in resource sharing.
- Monitor resource-sharing software options that are currently available and in development.
- Develop recommendations and expectations regarding operational procedures and policies.
- Consider the delivery implications as we develop recommendations for new types of services.
- Communicate and coordinate with other groups and stakeholders as appropriate.
- Alert the appropriate stakeholders of issues that are outside this group's responsibility.

## Purpose

- Share and communicate about the committee's work with the library community.
- Explore, discuss and make recommendations on resource sharing policies affecting libraries in Minnesota.
- Advise and make recommendations on the use, configuration and interconnections of resource sharing software used by Minitex and MnLINK Gateway libraries.
- Facilitate communication of best practices for resource sharing by Minnesota libraries.
- Explore the needs and new options available for delivery of materials in our changing environment.
- Determine what issues are outside the purview of the Committee and to be addressed by other groups.

## Membership

The Minitex/MnLINK Interlibrary Loan Committee is composed of members drawn from interlibrary loan staff and public service personnel including those with interlibrary loan experience from Gateway Server Site Libraries and Minitex participating libraries. All types of libraries are represented on the Committee.

## Procedures

Reports and recommendations of the Minitex/MnLINK Interlibrary Loan Committee will be presented to the Minitex Director. It is expected that this group will coordinate its activities with already existing groups such as:

- Minitex in the area of resource sharing and delivery.
- MnLINK Gateway Libraries
- Academic libraries, State Government libraries, Regional Public Library Systems, Metro area public libraries, MnPALS libraries, and Multitype-Multicounty Library Systems in areas related to local delivery and protocols.

The Minitex/MnLINK Interlibrary Loan Committee is advisory to the Minitex Office, the Minitex Policy Advisory Committee and the MnLINK Gateway Operations Group.

The Minitex/MnLINK Interlibrary Loan Committee organizes itself and is chaired by the Minitex Associate Director. Frequency and location of meetings are determined by the Committee. Minutes of the Committee's meetings will be shared widely and posted to the Minitex and MnLINK websites.

## **Notes**

\* All people in Minnesota will have access to a wide array of high quality library services and global information resources in a range of formats whenever, wherever, and however the information services are needed. —Library Planning Task Force Vision Statement, 1995; MnLINK Policy Advisory Committee, 2002

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