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### **Remember to Sign Up: 18th Annual Minitex Interlibrary Loan Conference**

Just two weeks remain before the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Minitex Interlibrary Loan Conference on May 19 at the University of Minnesota's Continuing Education and Conference Center, St. Paul Campus. Marshall Breeding from Vanderbilt University and quality improvement consultant Ray Wilson from Indianapolis will be the principal speaker, and Bill DeJohn will provide a Minitex update.

Registration details and more information about the Conference are available at:

<https://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/conferences/ill2009.aspx#registration>

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## **Update on RFP for Statewide Electronic Resources**

The Minitex Electronic Information Resources (MEIR) Task Force members attended three consecutive days of vendor presentations and Q & A on March 30–April 1. Mary Parker, Minitex Associate Director, evaluated and summarized the members' numerical ratings of the RFP requirements and written comments in a report submitted to University of Minnesota Purchasing, which had issued the RFP on our behalf. These ratings and comments form the basis of the Task Force's recommendations to Minitex. Parker presented the recommendations to the funding partners in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota during webinars this week. Next, Bill DeJohn, Parker, and Elaine Kelash, buyer for University Purchasing, will contact vendors to negotiate the final resources and prices. It is our intent to announce awards by the end of May. (Mary Parker)

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## **Minnesota Digital Library 7th Annual Meeting Set for June 8**

The Minnesota Digital Library and the Minnesota Historical Society (MHS) are combining efforts to offer the Seventh Minnesota Digital Library Annual Meeting on June 8 at the Gorecki Center at the College of St. Benedict, in St. Joseph. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m., and the sessions begin at 9 a.m.

Morning break-out sessions will be dedicated to presentations on digital collection work across the state. Topics include:

- Digitizing audio and video projects, outsourcing, and even explorations of digitizing three-dimensional objects.
- Collaboration projects across the state – organizations working together to create digital collections to share with the public
- The “nuts and bolts” of digitization, a session where you can ask the questions that have been bugging you in your work
- The evolving Minnesota Digital Library which is working on projects with Flickr Commons, a tagging initiative, training in Pachyderm, and more.

The afternoon will be dedicated to information and discussions on the preservation of digital collections. John Kunze, California Digital Library, will discuss digital preservation issues in that statewide initiative. In the break-out sessions Cal Lee, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, will share his work and ideas on preserving digital collections, particularly personal, individual collections. Bob Horton, MHS, will discuss the lessons his team has learned from a state-wide survey of preservation needs.

New this year will be a conference room where people can get one-on-one answers throughout the day to questions on eight topics related to digitizing and the work of the Minnesota Digital Library. We're calling it “Bring your Questions.” We've made arrangements to have people available to answer questions about: scanning,

metadata, MDL initiatives, CONTENTdm, Pachyderm, preserving collections, searching in Minnesota Reflections, and our Minnesota Reflections user assessment project. If you have other questions you'd like to ask, feel free. We'll try to find someone to answer them for you.

We invite participants to linger after the last breakout session to share their ideas on the future of the Minnesota Digital Library. We interested in your ideas on projects that we could conduct, initiatives we could support, and funding we could apply for. Linger and talk with our guest speakers as well.

Thanks to the Minnesota Historical Society, the annual meeting is free this year. Registration is required. Go to <http://www.mndigital.org/> to learn more and to find the link to registration materials. Funding for this meeting is provided by the Minnesota Historical Society through a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The Minnesota Digital Library is supported through annual grants provided by the federal Library Services and Technology Act through IMLS and State Library Services, a division of the Minnesota Department of Education. (Marian Rengel)

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## **Last Chance to Register for Digitization In-Person and Online Training**

Minitex will sponsor the full day in-person workshop, *From Pixels to Projects*, on May 13, which covers practical approaches to digitizing and describing visual collections. The workshop, *Digital Imaging Guidelines in Practice*, follows on May 18 to offer hands-on opportunities to scan your own images and manipulate them in Adobe Photoshop. Interspersed between these two in-person full day workshops are online sessions for those who cannot travel to attend the in-person training opportunities.

To view the descriptions for these training sessions and to register, visit: <http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/oclc.asp> (Sara Ring)

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## **MnKnows Website Debuts to Strong Reviews**

So far, we've distributed nearly 50,000 bookmarks and received consistently favorable responses to the new MnKnows website, which provides single-site access to five statewide electronic resources: the MnLINK Gateway, Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM), the Minnesota Digital Library's Minnesota Reflections collections, AskMN, and the Research Project Calculator. There have been more than 1520 unique visitors to the MnKnows site since it was launched on March 24.

For more information, see the site: [www.mnknows.org](http://www.mnknows.org)

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## **"Dear Del ILLa" and "News from libraries around the Minitex region" Are on the Web**

You can now ask questions of Del ILLa on the Minitex website. Go to <http://www.minitex.umn.edu/docdel/> and click on the links to ask Del ILLa a question.

We have also added articles on libraries from "News from libraries around the Minitex region" that were profiled in past issues of *Resource Sharing News*. Let us know if you would like to see your library featured in an upcoming edition of the newsletter. Contact Carol Nelson ( [c-nels@umn.edu](mailto:c-nels@umn.edu), 612-624-7879, 800-462-5348). (Carol Nelson)

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## **News from Bill DeJohn**

### **100% Participation in 2008 Survey of Minnesota Academic Libraries**

We're happy to report that there was 100 percent participation among Minnesota academic libraries in this year's national Academic Library Survey (ALS) through which libraries provide data to the National Center for Education Statistics (NCES). We've been notified that, nationally, the Survey (formerly known as IPEDS) received an 86.7% response rate from all TITLE IV post-secondary degree-granting institutions, and NCES needed 85% in order to publish summary results.

We've sent directors of participating academic libraries a copy of their statistics and ask that they double-check their numbers. Because the ALS forms presented some difficulties at times, we want to ensure that library staff have an opportunity to check the data. If you have questions about the data, please contact Elly Gustafson Held ( [EllyGH@umn.edu](mailto:EllyGH@umn.edu), 612-624-1081, 800-462-5348). In order to avoid yet another survey, we use the information provided for the ALS Survey to check that Minnesota academic libraries meet the requirements of the Minitex Criteria for Participation.

### **Check Out OCLC's Proposal for Web-Scale Library Management Services**

In case you haven't heard about OCLC's announcement last week to provide a "quick start version" of WorldCat Local and its plan to create the first "Web-scale, cooperative library management service, I want to make sure that you are made aware of it.

As described in OCLC's news release,

*This new library service design will support library management for print, electronic and licensed materials built on a new, Web-scale architecture that provides streamlined workflows and cooperative solutions. This Web-scale solution will not only include the functionality of disparate systems, it will interoperate with third-*

*party business process systems, such as finance and human resources, and will reduce the total cost of ownership for libraries. The cooperative nature of the platform will create network effects for libraries with enhanced discovery, resource sharing, and metadata management, and through sharing collection management information, identity management, and collective intelligence fueled by data shared through the cooperative and with partners.*

For more information,

- See OCLC's news release:  
<http://www.oclc.org/us/en/news/releases/200927.htm>
- Or, an interview with Andrew Pace, OCLC's Executive Director for Networked Services:  
<http://ala.org/ala/online/resources/selectedarticles/paceonquickstart42909.cfm>

### **Funding Discussions Continue at the Legislature**

Discussions of funding for Minitex and MnLINK for the next biennium continue as part of the work of the Minnesota Legislature's Higher Education Conference Committee. The House's version of the appropriation for the Minnesota Office of Higher Education maintains current funding for both programs. The Senate maintains current funding for MnLINK, but would reduce the Minitex budget by 6%. The Governor's budget proposal called for a 10% budget cut to Minitex and MnLINK.

According to the MLA Legislative Committee's Update of April 29, the House Outdoor and Cultural Heritage Finance Division has released its omnibus bill, which would allocate the constitutional amendment money. Libraries were included in two ways.

- \$500,000 in FY10 and \$500,000 in FY11 is appropriated for the Minnesota Digital Library project, of which Minitex serves as administrative home, to preserve, digitize, and share Minnesota images, documents, and historic materials.
- \$5 million in FY10 and \$5 million in FY11 for regional libraries "to provide educational opportunities in the arts, history, and cultural heritage of Minnesota." The funds are to be allocated via the existing formula. The bill states, "These funds may be used to sponsor programs provided by regional libraries, or to provide grants to local arts and cultural heritage programs for programs in partnership with regional libraries." No more than 2.5% can be used by regional libraries for administrative costs.

The Committee met Tuesday morning to vote on the bill before it goes to the House floor for debate. It, then, must be reconciled with the Senate bill that is being discussed in the Economic Development and Housing Budget Division, which does not include library funding.

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### **New OCLC Report: *Online Catalogs: What Users and Librarians Want***

The new OCLC report, *Online Catalogs: What Users and Librarians Want*, summarizes the findings of research conducted by OCLC about what constitutes quality in library online catalogs from the points-of-view of both end users' and librarians. Key findings are:

- The end user's experience in the delivery of wanted items is as important, if not more important, than his or her discovery experience.
- End users rely on and expect enhanced content, including summaries/abstracts and tables of contents.
- An advanced search option (supporting fielded searching) and facets help end users refine searches, navigate, browse, and manage large result sets.
- Important differences exist between the catalog data quality priorities of end users and those who work in libraries.
- Librarians and library staff, like end users, approach catalogs and catalog data purposefully. End users generally want to find and obtain needed information; librarians and library staff generally have work responsibilities to carry out. The work roles of librarians and staff influence their data quality preferences.
- Librarians' choice of data quality enhancements reflects their understanding of the importance of accurate, structured data in the catalog.

Print copies of this report are available for \$10, or you can download the full report online here: <http://www.oclc.org/reports/onlinecatalogs/default.htm>

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### **Pachyderm Software Training Available for Teachers & Media Specialists**

The Minnesota Digital Library and Sandbox Studios are offering social studies teachers and library media specialists a two-day workshop this July for Pachyderm, an easy-to-use Flash-based multimedia authoring program. The training will take place from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on July 10 and July 24 at St. Cloud State University in St. Cloud. We have room for 20 participants. There is no fee for this class.

Designed for people with no multimedia experience, Pachyderm is accessed through a Web browser and is very easy to use. The Minnesota Digital Library provides access to its Pachyderm server at no cost. This access will be for a minimum of one year for those who complete a project during the class. To learn more about Pachyderm, check out work already done for the Minnesota Digital Library at <http://www.mndigital.org/educators/>. Click on "Pachyderm Training Projects 2008." Also, visit the software site at <http://pachyderm.nmc.org/>.

Those interested in attending should contact project planners as soon as possible. Contact Kris Wetterlund, Sandbox Studios ([kris@sandboxstudios.org](mailto:kris@sandboxstudios.org), 612-986-

1360) or Marian Rengel, Minnesota Digital Library Outreach Coordinator ([mrrengel@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:mrrengel@stcloudstate.edu), 320-308-5625).

Funding for the training comes from a Minnesota Learning Commons grant. (Marian Rengel)

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### **Upcoming Regional Library Conferences & Events**

We would be happy to include information about more events of interest to library staff throughout the Minitex region. Please contact Cecelia Boone ([cboon@umn.edu](mailto:cboon@umn.edu), 612-624-6353, 800-462-5348) with information about your event.

For more information about the following events, see the Minitex Calendar of Events at: <http://lists.minitex.umn.edu/forums/calendar.php>

For more information about more library-related events in the Minitex region, see the:

- WebJunction Minnesota Calendar of Events at: <http://evanced.info/minnesota/evanced/eventcalendar.asp>

Information about and registration forms for currently scheduled Minitex training sessions and webinars are available at the Minitex Training & Conferences webpage: <http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/>

Remember, many of the Minitex webinars are recorded, so you can access them at any time. See <http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/archived.asp> for more information.

May 7, "Taking the Fear Out of Business Reference," webinar

May 8, "EBooks and NetLibrary," webinar

May 11, "Local Holdings Maintenance (Part 2)," webinar

May 11, "Information Management 2.0: Customized Content and Customized Delivery," webinar

May 12, "EBooks and NetLibrary," webinar

May 13, "Information Management 2.0: Customized Content and Customized Delivery," webinar

May 13, "From Pixels to Projects: An Introduction," Andersen Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

May 14, "Gale K12 Resources and PowerSearch," webinar

May 14, "Developing Funding and Managing Digital Projects," webinar

May 18, "Local Holdings Maintenance (Part 3)," webinar

May 18, "EBooks and NetLibrary," webinar

May 18, "Digital Imaging Guidelines in Practice," College of Visual Arts, St. Paul

May 19, "Authority Control," Wilson Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

May 19, 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Minitex Interlibrary Loan Conference, Continuing Education & Conference Center, University of Minnesota, St. Paul  
May 20, "Cataloging Basics: Description," Siouxland Libraries, Sioux Falls, SD  
May 21, "Cataloging Basics: Access," Siouxland Libraries, Sioux Falls, SD  
May 21, "Copyright for Digital Materials," webinar  
May 21, "Taking the Fear Out of Business Reference," webinar  
May 25, Memorial Day, Minitex Office Closed  
May 26, "Imaging Quality Control and Digital Infrastructure," webinar  
May 27, "From Pixels to Projects, An Introduction," State Historical Society of North Dakota, Bismarck  
May 27, "Taking the Fear Out of Business Reference," webinar  
June 8, 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Minnesota Digital Library Meeting, College of St. Benedict, St. Joseph, MN  
June 9, "Metadata for Digital Projects," webinar  
June 11, "Authority Control," Augustana College, Sioux Falls, SD  
June 15, "Taking the Fear Out of Business Reference," webinar  
June 17, "Lunch for Libraries," Macalester College, St. Paul  
June 17, "Taking the Fear out of Business Reference," webinar  
July 4, Independence Day, Minitex Office Closed  
July 10-15, ALA 2009 Annual Conference, Chicago  
July 28-29, WiLSWorld, Madison, WI  
Aug. 4-5, 2009 Branch Out Conference, Willmar, MN