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### **Update on Minitex and MnLINK Budgets**

The Governor's unallotment process did not call for reducing funds from the Minitex and MnLINK Gateway appropriations. They remain respectively at \$5,631,000 and \$400,000 annually.

This development, along with additional funding from Minnesota State Library Services for resource sharing services to Minnesota public and school libraries, enabled us to conclude a successful RFP process for ELM resources through which we were able to add a number of additional electronic resources (for example, the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*). The additional resources have been linked to the ELM Portal ([www.elm4you.org](http://www.elm4you.org)).

The Minitex and MnLINK appropriations mean that Minitex staff will continue to be available to answer your questions and to provide services to you and your end users. Our resource sharing services will continue with additional training and support and staff development programs. The MnLINK Gateway continues to attract more use, and we are searching for ways to make the process more efficient and less staff intensive. And, AskMn will continue to be provided as a 24x7

reference service for Minnesotans with the cooperation and assistance from the participating AskMN libraries. (Bill DeJohn)

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## **Access to Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM)**

On July 1, we received the last few URLs for ELM electronic resources. Minnesota libraries and schools received via email the eagerly anticipated ELM-access information for the new content that began Wednesday, July 1, 2009. Instructions for staff of Minnesota libraries and schools on how to set up access to the new ELM resources are available at <http://www.minitex.umn.edu/elm/access.aspx>.

If you have any ELM support issues, please contact <http://www.elm4you.org/contact/>. (Mary Parker)

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## **News from Minitex & OCLC:**

### **Remember: Changes in OCLC Support. . . .**

July 1 brought an important change for staff members of Minitex/OCLC libraries: Library staff are to contact OCLC directly (call 1-800-848-5800, email [support@oclc.org](mailto:support@oclc.org), or visit <http://www.oclc.org/us/en/supportandtraining/>) with support questions about OCLC products and services. If you're not sure if your question falls under the category of OCLC product support, don't hesitate to call the Minitex BATS unit.

This change is part of a group of new options provided by OCLC and Minitex. Minitex will continue to offer OCLC-related training, but, now, you'll also have access to training provided by other organizations around the country. The Minitex BATS unit is working to build a full training schedule for the fall. Please contact us if you have suggestions.

For more information about these changes, see "Minitex and OCLC Training" and "Minitex and OCLC Changes" at: <http://www.minitex.umn.edu/bats/news.aspx>

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## **WorldCat Local Quick Start**

You may have seen the OCLC announcements about the new WorldCat Local "quick start" option for libraries. If your library has a subscription to OCLC WorldCat on FirstSearch, you can take advantage of this service at no additional charge.

(**Note:** Most institutions in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota qualify because of the statewide group subscriptions to WorldCat in each of these states.)

WorldCat Local "quick start" provides a single search result that delivers your library's resources and those of other WorldCat libraries. WorldCat Local quick start displays your library's holdings first in search results, followed by other WorldCat libraries. It offers local branding of a WorldCat search box, URL, and user interface and can interoperate with your local library catalog for real-time item availability.

To find out more, visit the WorldCat Local quick start web page: <http://www.oclc.org/us/en/worldcatlocal/quickstart/default.htm> Here you can learn more about the quick start option by reading through the FAQ, signing up for a free OCLC webinar that will introduce you to WorldCat Local quick start, or follow the instructions to register for the service.

If you have already registered or are planning to register for WorldCat Local quick start, please drop an email to the Minitex BATS unit ([mino@umn.edu](mailto:mino@umn.edu)). We have started to receive inquiries about who is using WorldCat Local quick start in the region and would like to be able to point libraries to examples of local implementations. (Sara Ring)

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## **OCLC Plans for Development of New Record Use Policy**

In response to the final report of the Review Board on Principles of Shared Data Creation and Stewardship, OCLC has formally withdrawn the proposed Policy on Use and Transfer of WorldCat Records, and a new policy will be drafted. A new group will be assembled soon to begin work to draft the new policy with more input and participation from the OCLC membership.

The Review Board's final report is available at [www.oclc.org/worldcat/catalog/policy/board/default.htm](http://www.oclc.org/worldcat/catalog/policy/board/default.htm)

An OCLC Review Board open forum will be held at the ALA Annual Conference in Chicago on Sunday, July 12, from 10:30 a.m. to noon, in the Chicago Hilton Waldorf Room. Members of the Review Board will discuss findings from their report and answer questions. Registration for this forum is available on OCLC's ALA events page at [www.oclc.org/info/ala/](http://www.oclc.org/info/ala/).

Until a new policy is in place, OCLC has reaffirmed the existence and applicability of the "Guidelines for the Use and Transfer of OCLC-Derived Records," which have been in place since 1987, as recommended by the Review Board.

For the OCLC's full announcement about the Review Board's final report and future plans, see the news release at: <http://www.oclc.org/us/en/news/releases/200939.htm>

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## **Minitex Delivery: Let's Get Together on the Web!**

The Minitex Delivery Unit is scheduling web-based meetings with library staff around the three-state Minitex region. The meeting agendas include discussion of delivery issues, schedules, tubs, and routes and provide a great opportunity for us to communicate with staff at Minitex region libraries without library staff or Minitex staff spending time and money on travel. The meetings are planned to provide the opportunity for conversation between Minitex Delivery staff and staff members of libraries in a particular city or area. So far, participants at the meetings have indicated that they think the sessions are time well spent too.

Over the summer, we will be looking at ways to expand these web meetings to include Minitex Document Delivery staff. (Kathy Drozd and Fred Finch)

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## **MORE Workshop Scheduled**

Minitex is pleased to offer training on Minnesota Opportunities for Reference Excellence (MORE). This full-day workshop, scheduled for Sept. 11 at Andersen Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, will include discussion and offer the opportunity to learn from fellow library staff about issues relating to reference work. This workshop will count for six contact hours for those enrolled in the Minnesota Certification for Library Employees Program.

The MORE program and this workshop are designed for paraprofessionals and/or library staff new to the reference desk. Experienced library staff are welcome to attend also. Something new will be learned, and collective knowledge will be shared. The day will consist of activities and discussion around the Reference Interview, Readers' Advisory, Print Reference Sources, and Electronic Reference Resources. Hands-on searching will be included.

To register, go to <http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/reference.asp#230>.

For information about Minnesota Certification for Library Employees, go to <http://www.arrowhead.lib.mn.us/certification/>

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## **Minitex Public Library Node Meeting Set for Aug. 14**

Staff from public libraries authorized by the Minnesota State Library to send interlibrary loan requests directly to the Minitex Office are invited to attend Minitex

Public Library Node Meeting on Friday, Aug. 14, at the Hennepin County Library (Brookdale). The meeting is designed for front-line interlibrary loan staff and will provide tips about using ZPORTAL and VDX as well as updates on other areas of Minitex services that impact ILL.

The meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. and end no later than 3:30 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

If you have suggestions on content for the meeting or would like more information, contact Obinnaya Oji ([o-oji@umn.edu](mailto:o-oji@umn.edu), 612-624-4385, 800-462-5348). Registration materials will be distributed soon. (Obinnaya Oji)

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### **MnKnows: Help Spread the Word!**

Don't forget that bookmarks and logo files are available to help your library publicize the new MnKnows website. The website, which provides single-site access to the MnLINK Gateway, Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM), the Minnesota Digital Library's Minnesota Reflections collections, AskMN, and the Research Project Calculator, has had 2,914 unique visitors since it debuted on March 24. We've distributed 54,7000 bookmarks so far.

Images of the MnKnows logos are available at:  
<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/about/logos/#mnknows>

To request more copies of the bookmark (which come in packets of 100), contact: Elly Gustafson-Held ([EllyGH@umn.edu](mailto:EllyGH@umn.edu), 612-624-1081, 800-462-5348).

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

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### **Apply for MDL Grant Funds**

Minnesota libraries, museums, and other cultural memory organizations are invited to apply for funds available through the Minnesota Digital Library's Phase 6 for digitization work. A new grant through the Library Services and Technology Act makes it possible for MDL and Minnesota organizations to continue digitizing the organizations' collections and making the digital images available through Minnesota Reflections, MDL's database of digital copies of primary resources from across Minnesota. The LSTA grant is provided through State Library Services, a unit of the Minnesota Department of Education,

Applications forms are available at the Minnesota Digital Library homepage: <http://www.mndigital.org> Please review both the Call for Projects and the application form.

MDL is most interested in digitizing photographs, negatives, letters, journals, maps, and plat books. We also provide funding for creation of transcripts. For project materials that are to be digitized by MDL staff, organizations must send/deliver their originals to either the Andersen Library at the University of Minnesota in Minneapolis or to the Minnesota History Center in St. Paul.

We also accept applications for projects that organizations have already digitized – provided that the work was done to MDL standards (see <http://www.mndigital.org/digitizing/standards/>). Talk with Marian Rengel, Outreach Coordinator, about this type of project if you are interested.

Once MDL has approved an application, we will work with you to schedule a time to digitize the project. You may submit applications until March 26, 2010 -- or until MDL has committed all of the grant funding (whichever comes first). Early applications will increase your opportunity to work with the Minnesota Digital Library on a digitization project.

For more information, contact the Minnesota Digital Library Outreach Coordinator, Marian Rengel at St. Cloud State University ([mrregel@stcloudstate.edu](mailto:mrregel@stcloudstate.edu), 320-308-5625). (Marian Rengel)

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### **Mark Your Calendars for Library Technology Conference 2010!**

Save Wednesday, March 17, and Thursday, March 18, 2010, for **Library Technology Conference 2010!** Planning is underway for Library Technology Conference 2010 sponsored by Macalester College and Minitex. The conference will be held on the campus of Macalester College. The 2009 Conference was attended by over 350; this is a not-to-be-missed educational event. (Mary Parker)

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### **Presentations from Minitex ILL Conference Available on the Web**

Were you unable to make it to the 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Minitex Interlibrary Loan Conference on May 19? Copies of the presentations by keynote speaker Marshall Breeding of Vanderbilt University, organizational management consultant Ray Wilson, and Bill DeJohn are available on the Minitex website at: <http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/highlights/2009/illConference/>

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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 ([c\\_boon@umn.edu](mailto:c_boon@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.

July 10-15, ALA 2009 Annual Conference, Chicago

July 21, "2009 Minnesota Legislative Forum," St. Cloud Public Library, St. Cloud, MN

July 28-29, WiLSWorld, Madison, WI

Aug. 4-5, 2009 Branch Out Conference, Willmar, MN

Aug. 10, "What's New in ELM," webinar

Aug. 13, "What's New in ELM," webinar

Aug. 14, Minitex Public Library Node Meeting, Hennepin County Library – Brookdale, Brooklyn Center, MN

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Aug. 18, "What's New in ELM," webinar

Aug. 21, "What's New in ELM," webinar

Aug. 25, "Tools for Original Cataloging with Connexion," webinar

Aug. 26, "What's New in ELM," webinar

Sept. 7, Labor Day, Minitex Office Closed

Sept. 11, Minnesota Opportunities for Reference Excellence Workshop, Andersen Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis

Sept. 23-26, North Dakota Library Association 2009 Annual Conference, Dickinson, ND