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### **Upper Midwest Ex Libris Users Group Meeting Set for Oct. 26-27**

More than 20 sessions on topics ranging from Ex Libris' new products and updates, to cataloging, to how to handle specific tasks using the Aleph ILS will be the topics of discussion at the Upper Midwest Ex Libris User Group meeting at the Wellstone Center's Neighborhood House, 179 Robie St. E., St. Paul, Oct. 26-27. Ex Libris users from Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota and Minitex staff cooperated to plan the session. The keynote presentation, "Building the URM: A Blueprint for Next-Generation Library Services," will be provided by Kathryn Harnish, Ex Libris' Director of Unified Resource Management (URM).

Library staff from throughout the Minitex region and other states of the Upper Midwest will have the opportunity to learn from each other and talk with Ex Libris staff.

For a full schedule of sessions and registration information, see:  
<https://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/conferences/exLibris2009.aspx#agenda> The registration fees are \$50 for both days, \$25 for Monday only, \$35 for Tuesday only.

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## 2nd Annual Upper Midwest CONTENTdm User Group Meeting!

Come join us in Madison, WI, for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Upper Midwest CONTENTdm User Group Meeting, which will be held at the Pyle Center on the campus of the University of Wisconsin, Oct. 29-30. For registration, a preliminary agenda, hotel information and more, go to:

[http://www.wils.wisc.edu/events/MWcontdm\\_09.html](http://www.wils.wisc.edu/events/MWcontdm_09.html)

Note: the links to online registration and accommodations are located on the right side of the webpage. Please register and reserve your hotel early. **Hotel blocks will be held through Sept. 30 only.** We hope to see you there! (Sara Ring)

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## MnKnows Featured in MPR Announcements & Website

Minitex is supporting a public awareness campaign to draw attention to MnKnows, Dig Deeper @ Your Library ([www.MnKnows.org](http://www.MnKnows.org) or [www.MinnesotaKnows.org](http://www.MinnesotaKnows.org)) as the new academic year begins. Two short announcements will be broadcast in rotation over KNOW, the all-news station of Minnesota Public Radio, seven times each week through the end of October. The announcements urge listeners to check out MnKnows and ELM as a link to Minnesota's statewide library resources. Also included in the awareness campaign are an advertisement that appears on the MPR website and an announcement that appears periodically on the KNOW LiveStream feed.

Statistics for the MnKnows website show that the number of hits to the website is increasing, and the statistics that show referrals to the MnKnows website from other websites indicate that users are arriving at MnKnows from sources as diverse as the Traverse Des Sioux Regional Library site to Facebook, from Cloquet Public Library to the MnKnows advertisement on MPR.

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## Changes Coming Soon for MnLINK Gateway

Both library staff and end-users will soon see improvements to the MnLINK Gateway as Minitex staff work to upgrade to Version 4.1 of the supporting software. The user interface will have a new look and feel, and staff will see changes geared toward ease of use, including eliminating the multiple tabbed request screens, which allows the entire contents of a request to appear on a single screen. Many of the changes are being made in direct result to feedback that we've received from users. The new changes are expected to go live during the first half of October.

Webinars will be scheduled to discuss the changes with interlibrary loan staff of MnLINK Gateway libraries and members of the MnLINK Gateway Operations

Committee, Minitex staff plans to have mini-tutorials ready for users when we go live with the new interface. The basic functionality of user interface remains the same, but the look and feel will be quite different. Minitex can also provide library staff with screen shots of the new interface if that would be helpful.

We will make additional announcements as we move closer to the go-live date.  
(Becky Ringwelski)

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## **New Resources Added to Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM)**

The new academic year finds the Electronic Library for Minnesota a larger, more important resource for users throughout the state with 31 new resources, which were added on July 1. These new resources provide information on topics including health and science as well as additional resources for educators, kids, and teens; reference materials including three versions of Britannica; and much more.

For a description of all the ELM resources, visit the [ELM products](#) page. You can also learn how to [set up ELM access from your library's Web site](#). For ELM training, check out our [current list of webinar sessions](#) or [contact Beth Staats](#) of Minitex Reference Services to schedule sessions.

The Minitex Electronic Information Resource Task, which recommended selection of the new resources, includes library staff from Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota. The State Libraries of North Dakota and South Dakota along with ODIN and SDLN added some of the resources to the list available to the residents of their states.

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## **CALD Discusses New and Continuing Challenges**

Minitex sponsored a meeting of the Council of Academic Library Directors (CALD) made up of the Minnesota four-year colleges and universities on Sept. 17. The meeting's purpose was to give the directors the opportunity to share what is happening among the participants and to discuss areas of interest.

Topics included:

- the Google Books Settlement, including the HathiTrust (<http://www.hathitrust.org/>) and possible implications for MN academic libraries;
- Macalester College's experience with a pay-for-use service for articles from Elsevier journals rather than subscribing to Elsevier's journals online;
- how academic librarians can and should work with K-12 schools to help them produce graduates who are information literate, ready for college or the workforce, and are aware of electronic resources they can access through their public libraries;

- the possibility for new consideration about the Minnesota Library Access Center (MLAC) and, perhaps, other joint storage ventures in today’s environment, which is characterized by changing accreditation requirements, online availability of publications, increasing journal costs, and other factors that combine to challenge library administrators;
- developments at the University of Minnesota Twin Cities Libraries including a new preservation project;
- institutional repositories with descriptions by four library directors of their ongoing projects;
- the draft State Plan for Minnesota Libraries prepared by Minnesota State Librarian. (Bill DeJohn)

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## New OCLC “Search for a Library” Provides Location, Maps, & Visibility



A new “[Search for a Library](#)” feature for WorldCat.org will help people find your library more easily. Users can search for libraries by name, location or ZIP/postal code, and refine their search by library type. [The order of the results](#) depends on the type of search conducted. (Note that [nearby](#) ZIP codes don’t appear yet, but will be coming soon.) **Google Maps** have also been integrated into the experience, which pulls location information from the WorldCat Registry. This is the first step toward making *all* libraries visible on the Web — regardless of OCLC membership status.



As OCLC staff have done testing, [they’ve seen](#) some incorrect street addresses showing up as P.O. boxes, along with some other anomalies. If your library [does not appear](#) the way you’d like it to, please update your WorldCat Registry profile. It’s fast, free and easy to do.

[Update your WorldCat Registry profile now >>](#)

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## Changes in OCLC Support

Did you hear about the OCLC changes that happened over the summer? 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, e-mail [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 (<http://www.minitex.umn.edu/events/training/oclc.asp>), but, now, you'll also have access to training provided by other organizations around the country through the OCLC Training Portal: <http://training.oclc.org/training>

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> (Sara Ring)

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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.

Sept. 21, "ELM Databases for Grades 9-12," webinar  
Sept. 22, "Local Holdings Maintenance, Part 1," webinar  
Sept. 22, "ELM Databases for Grades K-5," webinar  
Sept. 23, "ELM Databases for Grades 6-8," webinar  
Sept. 23-26, North Dakota Library Association 2009 Annual Conference, Dickinson, ND  
Sept. 24, "ELM Databases for Grades 9-12," webinar  
Sept. 28, "ELM Databases for Grades K-5," webinar  
Sept. 29, "Local Holdings Maintenance, Part 2," webinar  
Sept. 30, "ELM Databases for Grades 6-8," webinar

Sept. 30, "Connexion Browser Module 2, Basic Searching in Connexion Browser,"  
webinar  
Oct. 1-3, MEMO Fall 2009 Conference, Mayo Civic Center, Rochester, MN  
Oct. 5, "ELM Databases for Grades 9-12," webinar  
Oct. 6, "Local Holdings Maintenance, Part 3," webinar  
Oct. 7, "ELM Databases for Grades 9-12," webinar  
Oct. 7-8, Minnesota Indian Education Association Conference, Mahnomon, MN  
Oct. 7-9, 2009 SDLA Annual Conference, Aberdeen, SD  
Oct. 13, "Library Program Day," Health Science Libraries of Minnesota, Burnsville,  
MN  
Oct. 14-16, 2009 MLA Annual Conference, St. Cloud, SD  
Oct. 21, "Local Holdings Maintenance, Part 1," webinar  
Oct. 22, "Connexion Browser Module 3, Basic Editing and Record Processing,"  
webinar  
Oct. 22, "Using Social Networking Sites for Research," MN Chapter, Special  
Libraries Association, Donaldson Company, Bloomington, MN  
Oct. 23, "CatExpress," webinar  
Oct. 26-27, Upper Midwest Ex Libris Users Group, Neighborhood House at Wellstone  
Center, St. Paul, MN  
Oct. 28, "Statewide E-rates Workshop," webinar, SOCRATES (South Central  
Regional Area Telecommunications System)  
Oct. 28, "Local Holdings Maintenance, Part 2," webinar  
Oct. 29-30, 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Upper Midwest CONTENTdm User Group Meeting, Pyle  
Center, Madison, WI  
Nov. 4, "History Day @ Your Library,"  
<http://www.nationalhistoryday.org/AnnualTheme.htm>  
Nov. 4, "Connexion Client Module 1: WorldCat, MARC, and Client Basics," webinar  
Nov. 5, "Local Holdings Maintenance, Part 1," webinar  
Nov. 9, "CatExpress," webinar  
Nov. 11, "Local Holdings Maintenance, Part 3," webinar  
Nov. 12, "Local Holdings Maintenance, Part 2," webinar  
Nov. 12, "Connexion Client Module 2, Basic Searching," webinar  
Nov. 19, "Local Holdings Maintenance, Part 3," webinar  
Nov. 26-27, Thanksgiving Holiday, Minitex Office Closed