

Special Announcement

New Statewide Electronic Resources!

On behalf of Minnesota's State Library Services, Online Dakota Information Network (ODIN), the North Dakota State Library, South Dakota Library Network (SDLN), the South Dakota State Library, and itself, Minitex is pleased to announce our joint, 3-state participation in licensing the databases and database packages recommended by the Minitex Electronic Information Resources (MEIR) Task Force as a result of the Request for Proposal (RFP) that was issued in 2008-2009. These partners realize the importance of statewide access to a common suite of databases to the libraries and school media centers within and among the three states.

In coordination with Elaine Kelash, Buyer, University of Minnesota Purchasing, Minitex will finalize license agreements with the following vendors for access to the following statewide electronic resources. These resources will be available beginning July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2012. (* denotes a database added to the suite of resources for the coming contract period.) In Minnesota, the suite of electronic resources is known as Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM).

EBSCO databases (Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota)

- Academic Search Premier
- Alt HealthWatch*
- Business Source Premier
- Consumer Health Complete*
- ERIC*
- Health Source: Consumer Edition*
- Health Source: Nursing/Academic Edition*
- MAS Ultra – School Edition*
- MasterFILE Premier
- Middle Search Plus*
- Points of View Reference Center*
- Primary Search*
- Professional Development Collection*
- Regional Business News
- Science Reference Center*

Gale Group for K-12 electronic resources (Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota)

- Discovering Collection
- Expanded Academic ASAP*
- Educator's Reference Complete*
- General Science Collection*
- InfoTrac Student Edition
- InfoTrac Junior Edition
- Junior Reference Collection
- Kids InfoBits
- Student Resource Center Gold*

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Gale's Spanish-language database iInforme! (Minnesota and North Dakota* only)

ProQuest for Newsstand Complete, our current package, PLUS two Gannett papers, the St. Cloud Times and the Sioux Falls Argus Leader (Minnesota only)

ProQuest Newsstand Complete, the current package (North Dakota only)

OCLC for the FirstSearch Base Package (Minnesota, North Dakota*, and South Dakota)

- OCLC WorldCat
- ArchiveGrid*
- CAMIO*
- OAISter*
- OCLC ArticleFirst*
- OCLC Electronic Collections Online A&I*
- OCLC PapersFirst*
- OCLC ProceedingsFirst*
- Clase/Periodica*
- ERIC*
- GPO Monthly Catalog*
- MEDLINE*
- World Almanac/Book of Facts*
- OCLC Electronic Books*
- OCLC WorldCat Dissertations and Theses*

Encyclopaedia Britannica's General Reference for K-12, public, and academic libraries (Minnesota and North Dakota* only)

- Britannica Online School Edition*
- Britannica Online Public Library Edition*
- Britannica Online Academic Edition*

These databases/resources were available at the RFP Trials website during February - April.

Access will begin July 1, 2009.

Additional information will follow over the next few weeks as we work with the vendors to set up links and so on. Additionally, you will be able find updated information in the weeks to come on our Minitex ELM pages: <http://minitex.umn.edu/elm/> and ELM Portal: <http://elm4you.org/>. We understand the work and time these changes may take to implement in your libraries and schools and will provide needed information as quickly as possible.

The Minitex CPERS staff, Rita Baladad, Tim Peters, and Anne Hatinen, and the vendors' sales teams will work closely with you as some of you transition between vendor products. If you are a current subscriber to any of these resources, they will work with you to prorate your subscriptions and credit your accounts.

Similarly, the Minitex Reference Services staff, Jennifer Hootman, Matt Lee, Carla Steinberg Pfahl, and Beth Staats, and vendors' staff will work to provide training for you and your colleagues on the resources we license.

On behalf of Minitex and the libraries and school media centers in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota, thank you to the MEIR Task Force members and their institutions for participating in the RFP process. Their dedication and commitment to the process and their expertise in writing the requirements and evaluating the RFP responses were awesome!

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