40 Years of Collaboration

Minitex, North Dakota, and South Dakota Libraries, Then and Now

Bill DeJohn
Minitex Director
October 2011
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• **1969**  Minnesota Interlibrary Teletype Experiment (MINITEX) - a 2-year pilot project to provide cost, volume and operational data to develop recommendations for a long-range statewide ILL service.

• **1971**  The MN State Legislature approved funding and the Minnesota Interlibrary Teletype Exchange(MINITEX) was established at the University of MN with Alice Wilcox as Director.

“Before the teletype network, 2-3 weeks elapsed before a request was received. MINITEX has cut this to 2 days.” – Jan Schroeder, Assistant Director, Duluth Public Library, Dec. 1971
A Day in the Life of Minitex, 1971

“A visitor to MINITEX headquarters in Wilson Library on the U of M Minneapolis Campus (anyone is welcome) would see a beehive of activity. One would hear the constant receipt of requests on the TWX (sometimes more than 500 a day!). There is a bevy of student assistants fetching materials from the nearly two dozen library units of the University Library system. Couriers from CLIC and MELSA come and go. In all, upwards of 80,000 items were sent out to MINITEX participants in 1971-72. More is expected in 1972-73.”

From: MINITEX Progress Report for First Year 1971-72.
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1971 – Work begins on MULS, the Minnesota Union List of Serials

1972 - The National Union Catalog, New Serial Titles, and MULS were among the tools available to verify and locate holdings for requests.

1973 - Serials Exchange began.

1974 - A contract was signed with North Dakota, and MN and ND libraries began sharing resources.

1975 – Minitex began support of local couriers and overnight delivery of shared resources via commercial buses to libraries, in Duluth, Mankato, Moorhead, Northfield, Rochester, St. Cloud and Winona.
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1976 - Regional participation in the OCLC online cataloging system began with 18 academic libraries. Their participation was funded by a grant from the Bush Foundation.

On Dec. 21, St. Cloud State input the first Minitex OCLC record.
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1978 – A contract for Minitex services was signed with the South Dakota State Library.

1979 - The OCLC ILL subsystem goes online.

1979 - MULS 2\textsuperscript{nd} Edition Revised was distributed on microfiche.


1983 – Only 11 MINITEX libraries had more than 2 OCLC terminals.
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June 1984 – Bill DeJohn became Director.
- PALS became operational with State University libraries who used their acquisition budgets to fund PALS development.

1986 November – PALS libraries currently are using the Minitex Delivery System to move their ‘direct borrowing items’ among their campuses. That is, they request monographs directly and electronically from each other and these materials are included and sorted with the Minitex materials.
1987 – Delivery moved from the Greyhound Bus system to a dedicated courier service.
- Minitex & PALS staff worked closely together to improve resource sharing.
- Minitex offers discount on list prices of various WILSONDISC databases.
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1988 - At a meeting on June 22, the Council of Presidents of the North Dakota State Board of Higher Education (BOHE) approved ODIN as an HECN project, with a commitment from Bismarck State College, Dickinson State University, Mayville State University, Minot State University, North Dakota State School of Science, the University of North Dakota, and Valley City State University to support the project financially. The original buy-in cost for each participating NDUS institution was based upon the raw records held by each institution on June 30, 1988, as recorded in the original STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION AND OPERATION.
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1988 – “The South Dakota Legislature appropriated $575,000 to fund the South Dakota Library Network which is using the UNISYS/PALS system. Installation of equipment is in progress, and over 600,000 records for the state funded libraries have been loaded and indexed. After July 1, 1988, participation in the Network will be open to other libraries in the State, and passwords will be available for dial access users.” Black Hills State University hosted – had federal grant for ILS.

- Minitex Communication Memo #38 3/15/88.
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1988 ++ Minitex worked with library staff in using the ILL system to send & receive requests, replacing Teletypewriters.

1989 – We began brokering 3M tattletapes and online reference databases (DIALOG, BCR and DataStar).
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1991 – Minitex, acting as fiscal agent, in partnership with ODIN, SDLN, MnPALS, UMN, contracted for access to IAC databases – 1st consortial contract for IAC databases in the country.

This allowed users to search online catalogs & indices to electronic databases – some abstracts.

1995 – AV lending and borrowing is opened to all libraries through Minitex.
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1994 - MN Legislature established the Library Planning Task Force which was instrumental in obtaining funding for:

• **MnLINK**: replacing ILS for University of Minnesota and PALS with Ex Libris/Aleph.

• **MnLINK Gateway**


• **Minnesota Library Access Center** at U of MN
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the Library Planning Task Force Report in August 1996 called for:

• Develop statewide on-line library information system **MnLINK Gateway**
• Expand purchasing of statewide site licenses for electronic indices and full text articles. **ELM**
• Explore options for a statewide reference information referral backup network... citizens have access to quality reference services 24/7

*[AskMN: The Librarian is In. (2008)]*
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the Library Planning Task Force Report in August 1996 also called for sustaining state funding for:

• Regional public library systems (‘07 increased)
• Multicounty multitype library systems (‘07 increased)
• Document delivery, including information in both electronic and physical formats, (ELM funding increased) and
• Cooperative collections management. (nope)
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1999-2000 – Minitex negotiated RFP for three-state contract (ND, SD, MN) for electronic resources: IAC, Now Gale, Bell & Howell, and OCLC FirstSearch.

2000 – The MN Library Access Center (MLAC) opens, already 2/3 full!

2000 – Minitex Electronic Document Delivery (MEDD) was launched.

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2001 June 30th – Library Planning Task Force sunsets

2003 – Collaboration between Ex Libris, University of MN, PALS, & Minitex staff on development of the Aleph ILL module. Work continued until system went live in 2006.

2003 – Development work is comleted to allow MnPALS librry uses to search the MnLINK Gateway and requess will be managed on the PQLS system – eventually replaced by Aleph ILL. Minitex staff worked with MnLINK & PALS staff to get this in place.

2004 – MnLINK Gateway goes ‘live’ for patrons in Minnesota

2004 – Minitex negotiates at-a-discount access to 580 scholarly journals from Elsevier for 15 MN participating higher education libraries and NDSU, Univ of North Dakota, & Univ of South Dakota.
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2004 – MN Dept of Education receives $400,000 from Legislature for ELM.

2006 – Minitex and MnPALS exchange requests on Aleph ILL system – MnPALS ILL staff begin processing ILL requests ALEPH to ALEPH to ALEPH with other libraries in this first group. Sending requests to Minitex and Univ of MN using ALEPH ILL.

2007 – Minitex receives major increase in funding & MDE receives $900,000 for ELM.

Collaboration continues by holding quarterly conference calls between staff at Ex Libris Aleph server sites including U of MN, SDLN, ODIN, and Minitex. ILL and related issues are discussed.

We hope that Minitex has strengthened libraries in Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota!
Minitex 40th Anniversary 1971-2011

• Requests for loans and copies received by Minitex in 1971-1972 71,353

• Requests for loans and copies received by Minitex in 2010-2011 401,825
Minitex Mission - Then

Strengthen Services
Facilitate Sharing
Cost Effectiveness
Provide Materials and Information
Minitex Mission - Now

Our core mission hasn’t changed in 40 years – we are still all about strengthening libraries and facilitating access to information.

Collaboration with and between libraries and other partners throughout our region is what makes it possible.
Anniversary Fun
http://www.minitex.umn.edu/40th/

MLA
We hope you will join us this afternoon for our anniversary reception! Play Minitex Trivial Pursuit and share a story or memory in our anniversary journal. Be sure to pick up a limited edition anniversary pen at our exhibit table!

On the web:
Oral History Interviews
Interviews that help tell the story of Minitex and participating libraries and capture the voice and experience of some of our library innovators. Interviewees were asked to reflect on the early years of Minitex -- from the two-year pilot project that was the Minnesota Interlibrary Teletype Experiment (1969-1970) to the present.

Minitex Then and Now
A collection of images highlighting how much some things have changed, and how others are still very much the same.

Lots of Facebook activity (go ahead and “like” us on FB!)
Oral History Interviews

Ten interviews posted so far.

Four long-term Minitex staff members:
  Bill DeJohn, Dave Paulson, Cecelia Boone, Kathy Drozd

Various library movers & shakers.

Many more still to come!

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**Oral History Project Interviews**

- **Cecelia Boone**
  Editor and, then, Assistant to the Director for Communications & MULS, Minitex Union List of Serials (1978-2011)
  Assistant to the Director for Communications (2011-present)
  Interviewed on June 9, 2011

- **Kathy Drozd**
  Manager, Minitex Delivery, ILL & Support Staff (early 1970s to present)
  Interviewed on June 7, 2011

- **Suzanne Mahmood**
  Continuing Education Coordinator, Library Development and Services, Minnesota Department of Education (1978-2001)
  Interviewed on June 3, 2011

- **Mary Ran Osborn**
  Reference/ILL Librarian, Plum Creek Library System (1981-2011)
  Minitex Staff (1969-1990)
  Interviewed on May 26, 2011

- **Mary Tracey**
  Director, Metronet (1981-1999)
  Interviewed on November 18, 2010

- **Charlene Mason**
  Minitex Interim Director (1983/1984)
  University of Minnesota Libraries (1976-2001)
  Interviewed on October 11, 2010

- **Bill Arp**
  Minnesota State Librarian (1975-1990)
  Interviewed on September 17, 2010

- **Doris Ott**
  North Dakota State Librarian (2000-2010)
  Interviewed on September 10, 2010

- **Mike Kalthman**
  Director of Libraries, College of St. Benedict and St. John's University (1989-2006)
  Interviewed on August 5, 2010
Mike Kathman Interview

Mike Kathman is the former director of libraries at the College of St. Benedict (St. Joseph, MN) and St. John's University (Collegeville, MN). St. John's and St. Ben's was one of the 11 original participants in the pilot project that was known as the Minnesota Interlibrary Teletype Experiment (MINITEX), January 1969-June 1970.

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Listen to the interview with Mike Kathman using the built-in audio player:
Words of Wisdom from Mike Kathman

“What we do together has much greater benefit to our patrons than what we do separately.

I think that what Minitex has meant to me is cooperation – at all levels and in all ways. We all have to look at the much larger picture, and I think people are doing that and that Minitex has played a key role in helping us think that way.”
Minitex Then and Now

Minitex Delivery: Then

Every day, we packed tubs, and then drove them down to the Greyhound bus station. During the winter around the holidays, the lines were very long and we would send two people and stand there holding the tubs. The point was overnight delivery!!!

During this time we sent one box via Greyhound to each major city. One of the libraries took the responsibility to drive down to their Greyhound bus station and pick up their tubs for routing to libraries in their city and to bring down the one tub to get on Greyhound for us to pick up.

Each box was painted a distinct color and that helped for sorting purposes. Some cities, St. Cloud on very busy days, had two boxes. We moved from using beer boxes, to purchasing boxes from Chippewa Water.

To hear more about Minitex Delivery Services in the early years, listen to an oral history [interview with Kathy Drozd](#).
“Like” Minitex on Facebook

MINITEX Library Information Network

In addition to posting our "Then and Now" photos on our Facebook Page, we've created an online slideshow on the Minitex website. We'll be continually updating the slideshow with new content over the next year. Check it out at:
http://www.minitex.umn.edu/40th/Slideshow

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Jennifer Wenner likes this.
## Resource Sharing Activity

University of Minnesota Libraries

- Provided from the University of Minnesota Twin Cities Campus Libraries Collections FY91 -- FY11

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* We are digging into archives to find the copies/loans for FY71 through FY90 and will probably add another 1 million to this total.
Minitex U of M Campus Fills 1991-2011

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Filled Requests
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- Total Fills
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# Resource Sharing in the Region

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## Resource Sharing
### Five Top Minnesota libraries

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Five Top South Dakota libraries

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Feedback On Interlibrary Loan From Users

- I could not have written the book I am now completing without ILL services!!
- The interlibrary loan privilege is a wonderful program. Thank you for your generosity in sharing your books and materials with other library systems in the state.
- ILL has been a life saver professionally. Essentially, I would have no professional development without ILL. ILL has been vital to efforts in publishing, academic refereeing, and course development.
- I received material to help document a Wikipedia article, so Wikipedia users in general can benefit from the information.
- It's invaluable in my research. I could not publish without it. The service is very fast.
- Many of the documents I order are only owned by a few libraries across the country, for example articles out of early 20th century newspapers or scholarly research reports, and I would have to do without these resources if my library did not provide interlibrary loan services.
- I have saved money with ILL, I would have had to purchase the articles otherwise.
- I loved this service. I was able to retrieve old journal articles right from my computer at home.
- Essential for my work as a college professor.
Staff Development Opportunities
Staff Development

- Staff development is very important to us at Minitex, not only within our office, but within the three-state region. One of the ways we meet our mission is to provide:

  Training, continuing education, and professional development for library staff members so libraries can serve their users more efficiently and effectively.

- We are a firm believer in recognizing staff as ‘vital assets’ in a library organization and doing more than giving lip service to this notion.

- One way we do this is to subscribe to several sites to bring teleconferences into the three-state region......
Special Regional Webinars being Planned FY12

- **Copyright** -- relating to 1) digitization & digital rights, and 2) interlibrary loan.
  
  *Nancy Sims, Copyright Program Librarian, University of Minnesota Twin Cities Campus.*

- **Cooperative collection management**, print storage collaboration; information on overlaps of digitized books and books held in Minitex libraries.
  
  *Mary Miller, Collection Management and Preservation Strategist, University of Minnesota Libraries & Sam Demas, Consultant.*
**College of DuPage/Library Learning Network Teleconferences**

- Minitex will again license the 2012 series of College of DuPage/Library Learning Network teleconferences for the entire Minitex three-state region once DuPage decides what they are going to present.

- “College of DuPage and the Library Learning Network are planning two Library Futures teleconferences this season, beginning in 2012. Dates are yet to be determined. Detailed information on those two programs will be posted as soon as it is available. During this transition, the Library Futures staff is carefully reviewing your feedback from last season in order to develop programs that will be most beneficial to you... We are busy planning the finest continuing education and professional development programming to a nationwide community of library professionals for the spring of 2012 “*from the DuPage website.*

- Look for announcements on the Minitex E-lists. We encourage you to host downlink sites in your area. This is a great way to bring you and your library staff together for professional development & feel free to invite staff from other nearby academic, special, and school libraries. contact Matt Lee, *leems001@umn.edu* or 800-462-5348 If you wish to be a regional/local site. We help publicize your sites – please acknowledge that these sessions are provided by Minitex.
National Information Standards Organization's (NISO) 2011 webinar series

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Statewide Database Contracts

- Cost to license ELM resources for statewide access: $2,243,601
  - Minitex funding through Office of Higher Education: $1,343,601
  - Funding through Department of Education: $900,000
- Note: does not include instructional/staff support costs for Minitex and local libraries.

- This allows the **leveraging of local dollars** so libraries can subscribe to more customized databases for their users:
  - WorldCat PLUS FirstSearch’s Base Package,
  - Gale’s Informe,
  - Encyclopedia Britannica,
  - Gale K – 12 Resources
  - EBSCO’s Databases
  - ProQuest’s Newstand Complete
- Minitex negotiated a ‘no increase in price’ for first years of a three-year contract which has helped us all.
- *We estimate that Minitex saved Minnesota libraries in FY11 $40,022,749 through discounted pricing.*
Regional Statewide Database Contracts

• Statewide databases available and savings –
  • Minitex includes North Dakota in its RFP for databases. RFP requires pricing on ‘Statewide’ basis.
  • This allows the leveraging of local dollars so libraries can subscribe to more customized databases for their users
  • North Dakota State Library pays for:
    – WorldCat PLUS FirstSearch’s Base Package, Gale’s Informe, Encyclopedia Britannica,
• ODIN pays for:
  – Gale K – 12 Resources
    -- EBSCO’s Databases
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We estimate that Minitex saved North Dakota libraries in FY11 $3,022,749 through discounted pricing.
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- Minitex negotiated a ‘no increase in price’ for first years of a three-year contract which has helped us all. Potential for increases for FY13.

*We estimate that Minitex saved South Dakota libraries in FY11 $2,797,428 through discounted pricing.*
Final Observations on 40 years of Collaboration

- **40 Years of Collaboration** has resulted in more effective and efficient services to library patrons.
- **Minitex is a resource sharing program** of the University of Minnesota Twin Cities Campus and the MN Office of Higher Education.
- **Our Minnesota Legislative** state funding provides us with a base to reach out and provide services to the entire region.
- **We look forward** to being around for the next 40 years, though Minitex may look different, depending upon how you, local library directors & staff, evolve your libraries in your communities and campuses in order continue to serve your users effectively & efficiently.
Final Observations

• **We stand ready** to provide services you may need that fit our mission of collaboration and cooperation in the Upper Midwest.

• **We need to work together** to fill information needs of our users.

• **We have a long history** of working together across state boundaries in this Upper Midwest Region.

• Let’s be sure we are **building our staff’s skills sets** since most libraries can’t add more staff.

• We continually need to improve our processes, both at Minitex and in each of your libraries. Change is necessary even if some staff don’t want to. So, don’t hesitate to make suggestions to your colleagues **and to the Minitex staff**.
Collaboration has worked for over 40 years in the Minitex region and is alive and well!