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MN Department of Education

State Library Services

September 2019 Update

All Are Welcome: Inclusive Outreach and Participatory Engagement for Advancing Racial Equity in Libraries

Minnesota's cities and towns are diversifying. By assessing and adapting library services with an equity lens, libraries can provide responsive library services to all Minnesotans. At this workshop, participants will use discussion and hands-on activities gain a deeper understanding of culturally inclusive dynamics to support racially diverse communities in their library. This workshop will be repeated in three locations:

- Monday, September 23 in Faribault
- Monday, September 30 in Fergus Falls
- Thursday, October 17 in Saint Paul

All sessions are 9:00 AM to 3:45 PM. [Registration is now open.](#) For more information, please contact Hannah Buckland at hannah.buckland@state.mn.us or (651) 582-8792.

Indigenous Representations: A Literature Workshop

This workshop focuses on how to critically analyze Indigenous youth literature and how to incorporate Indigenous-authored ([#OwnVoices](#)) texts in classrooms and libraries. The day's activities include lectures, readings, and interactive workshops by Dr. Dawn Quigley (Turtle Mountain Band of Ojibwe; author of *Apple in the Middle*) and Dr. Debbie Reese (Nambe Pueblo; founder of the *American Indians in Children's Literature* blog).

Saturday, November 9 from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM at St. Catherine University, St. Paul

[Registration applications](#) are available through September 13. A limited number of travel grants are available for participants traveling extended distances. For more information, please contact Hannah Buckland at hannah.buckland@state.mn.us or (651) 582-8792.

Evaluation: Early Childhood Resources, Funding, and Training

Over the last five years, State Library Services has offered resources, professional development and funding to help improve early literacy services in libraries. We'd like to hear from you about what impact these activities have had on you and your library. Please take five minutes to fill out a short survey about [Early Childhood Resources, Funding, and Training](#), and contact Jen Nelson at jennifer.r.nelson@state.mn.us or (651) 582-8791 if you have any questions or comments.

2019 LSTA Grantees

The following organizations have received competitive LSTA grants. Complete project abstracts, including those for mini-grant recipients, can be found on the [LSTA webpage](#). For more information, contact Leah Larson at leah.larson@state.mn.us or (651) 582-8604.

Central Minnesota Libraries Exchange: A team including staff from member libraries will provide access to Virtual Reality/Augmented Reality (VR/AR) tools to rural and underserved school libraries.

Douglas County Library: The Memory Loss Resource Center provides dementia-related resources, memory cafes, statewide training in serving patrons with dementia, and outreach to the homebound. This project creates a dementia resource-sharing infrastructure within Viking Library System.

Fergus Falls Public Library: A Digital Media Lab and Makerspace Coordinator will work with library staff and community partners to develop classes, outreach services, and programs for all ages in the Fergus Falls area.

Hennepin County Library: Community-Embedded Library Service pairs librarians with community liaisons, focusing on the Latino community in Bloomington and the Native community in Minneapolis.

Owatonna Public Schools: Students will write and illustrate original stories reflecting their life experiences, with authors of diverse backgrounds serving as mentors. Student stories will be published for the library collection.

Saint Paul Public Library: The Saint Paul Public Library will sustain and grow its cultural liaison services to three communities—Karen, Somali, and Latinx—and implement an evaluation plan.

Saint Paul Public Schools: The Library Go partnership with Saint Paul Public Library, launched in 2016, provides a virtual public library card to every Saint Paul Public Schools student. This project aims to increase engagement with the Library Go program through a Library Go Challenge.

University Academy Charter School: The school's 400 students are 99% English Language Learners. The school will add a Library Media Center (LMC) as a hub of learning and exploration for students.

Waseca-Le Sueur Library: Fairy and Folk Tale Festivals will be held in the Waseca-Le Sueur region, with target audiences of low income residents and young families.

The State of Our Students Report

On August 29, the Minnesota Department of Education released the new [State of Our Students](#) report. This first-of-its-kind compilation uses multiple data points to reveal a comprehensive picture of Minnesota's students. The report also looks beyond the classroom to examine the community supports that influence students' social and emotional learning. Public libraries are identified as community supports, and the report includes data about Minnesota's public libraries.



MINNESOTA MULTITYPE LIBRARY SYSTEMS

Minnesota Multitype Library Systems

September 2019

No report filed for September, 2019

State Government Libraries

September 2019

The CALCO Libraries will be presenting at MLA about the group and the libraries. We also held a successful happy hour at Peddler's Pub, which included members of SLA, MALL, Library School students and former CALCO librarians.

Several librarians made appearances at the State Fair representing their agencies, in particular the Judicial Branch and the House of Representatives.

A few other updates:

Legislative Reference Library

Submitted by Erica Nutzman

The Legislative Reference Library hosted a set of READ posters featuring Minnesota Legislators.

State Law Library

Submitted by Erica Nutzman

Longtime employee, Susan Larson, retired. The State Law Library has hired a new Reference Librarian and an intern.

The library installed two displays since the last report: First Amendment for Law Day and Education Law.

The State Law Library continues to add oral history videos to the Minnesota Reflections collection.

Ramsey County Law Library

Submitted by Erica Nutzman

The Ramsey County Law Library will be co-hosting a CLE (along with the Ramsey County Bar Association), featuring two retired Ramsey County District Court Judges. Judge Bohr and Judge Wilson contributed chapters to a book called *Tough Cases: Judges' Hidden Struggles in Dispensing Justice*. The CLE is on Monday, September 16, and will be from noon – 1:00 p.m. at the Law Library (18th floor of the Courthouse).

This link is to a post on the Ramsey County Law Library Blog that discusses the book:

<http://ramseylawlibrary.org/?p=3638>

They also unveiled a new Judge portrait for the library collection and held a reception.

State Services for the Blind

Submitted by Erica Nutzman

The big news is that the MNLINK gateway is not searchable with ALMA libraries. When I verified this through MINITEX, I told them that I would report it at some time to the CALCO membership and that I hoped something could be done in the future to make our (CALCO) collections searchable. When you meet with them you might want to discuss this issue. They are aware that it will come up at some time.

Nick Banit helped me to realize that my catalog on *Worldcat* Discovery is searchable with the current gateway with the updated formats. Because of copyright restrictions and the verification of disability status, ILL requests from my library are ignored because they can't be fulfilled by the current system of couriers. I hope at some point in time to encourage MINITEX to forward these ILL requests to see if they can be fulfilled.

State Universities

September 2019

Bemidji State University

Submitted by Pete McDonnell, Department Chair of Library and Library Services

- We are “cleaning up” from our recent renovation over the summer. The work is mostly finished, with the exception of a few last minute items. Other campus services, such as the Writing Resource Center and Math Help Center have moved onto the main floor of the library; the entire library staff is now located on the main floor as well. We're excited to see how students use the new and improved spaces.
- The A.C. Clark Library, in collaboration with the Bemidji Public Library and many other community and regional partners, was awarded a Big Read grant from the National Endowment

for the Arts. The grant will fund a community wide reading initiative centered around the book *The Round House*, by Louise Erdrich. The library will be distributing free copies of *The Round House* and sponsoring programming based on the themes that are presented in the book and relevant to our community. For more information see the press release:

<https://www.bemidjistate.edu/news/2019/06/12/bsu-one-of-78-organizations-nationwide-to-receive-an-nea-big-read-grant/>

- On July 8, Allen Bedford joined Bemidji State University as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, and in this role serves as the administrator in charge of the A. C. Clark Library.
- A. C. Clark Library on Social Media:
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/A.C.ClarkLibrary/>
 - Twitter: https://twitter.com/BSU_Library

Metropolitan State University

Submitted by Beth Clausen, Dean, Library and Information Services

- This AY, we will have two librarians on sabbatical and are currently working on hiring adjunct faculty for backfill. We have had one offer accepted and await reply on the second. We anticipate having two librarians on sabbatical next year as well.
- The Public Services Manager, Chrissy Hursh, left in June for a job with the California State University system. Filling it is on hold as we decide how to best reconfigure the organization to be better suited for student and staff success and service effectiveness.
- Overall, we are experiencing a stable budget for collections and other operations.
- For the first time, the library will have direct access to developing/updating/maintaining the library's website. Until now, IT has been the team doing this. We are pretty pleased as this recognizes the particular expertise and role libraries and librarians and staff have in relation to providing our community with information resources to support their research and teaching. This also allows the library to implement some tactics to better access that have been identified through local usability testing. The migration to the library subdomain will occur this fall.
- Other initiatives for the year include review of library policies and procedures with a lens of equity/inclusion/accessibility and a comprehensive review and planning/purchasing of technology needed/wanted by students in the library.
- This is the second year we will be hosting a Community Technology Empowerment Program/Americorps person who will continue working on digital literacy initiatives with the university library, the public library, and others on campus. Last year's provided an excellent review of existing data and also conducted more than 100 interviews with students and local residents to help us identify gaps in technology and also perception and use of the library. This is expected to be a valuable report as we identify service initiative priorities as well as

staff training needs. It is also clear from the report that we need to focus on communication and marketing.

- It is notable that 2019 marks the 15th year of the partnership/building sharing of the Dayton's Bluff branch of the St. Paul Public Library and the Metropolitan State University Library.

Minnesota State University, Mankato

Chris Corley, *Interim* Dean of Library Services

Collections: Librarians have had to spend quite a bit of time making careful decisions about the materials we are able to maintain. Our electronic resources of indexes, ebooks and journals continue to consume most of the collections budget. The human resources to maintain these collections is shifting from materials handling to online verification of bills, licenses and links.

Services: The Library continues to partner with Student Government and the Barnes & Noble Bookstore to provide Maverick Textbook Reserves. These textbooks are primarily for high-enrollment classes with high-cost texts; individual instructors can appeal to have their assigned textbook added to this collection. This has been a very successful partnership in helping students save money on textbooks and we'd love to share this model with other campuses. We're part of a collaborative campus initiative on OER which we hope will continue to build a culture of OER use on campus.

Building: MSU Mankato will be approaching the MN Legislature to replace Armstrong Hall, one of the most important classroom buildings on campus. The new building will not be as large, and therefore the Memorial Library building is a prime area for Armstrong replacement classrooms and remodeling to become the "library of the future." The planning for services, spaces and collection will be consuming much of our attention and energy over the coming years.

Minnesota State University, Moorhead

Martina Haines, Executive Director of Library Services

Initiatives

1. Liaison model. We are rolling out our new library liaison model for both academic and non-academic areas
2. Library Podcasts: A way to tell our story through others
3. Creating a 1-credit library course Information Literacy/Digital Citizenship slated to start Spring 2020
4. Virtual Reference. Starting our new virtual reference model
5. OERs initiative with 3 faculty librarians becoming Creative Commons Copyright certified
6. Starting several new PR/Marketing initiatives
 - a. Guest speakers
 - b. Art Contest
 - c. READ posters

St. Cloud State University

Rhonda Huisman, Dean, University Library

- 5th annual Library Lawn party on August 25th to welcome students back to campus, as part of the Huskies 1St Four initiative. We had music, lawn games, prizes, and food, and President Wacker joined us for the festivities!
- Over the summer, we made some significant collection and stacks changes to the first floor, including the incorporation of the curricula collection and youth literature from the School of Education, and reduced the footprint of our reference collection by more than 90%.
- Our Textbook Project for Success (TAPS) has been a great success since its inception last year. We held a textbook donation drive in collaboration with Student Government, and we had more than 125 texts donated for the reserves collection. Last year, the textbook collection saved students more than \$400K.
- Archivist Tom Steman has been serving on the 150th committee on campus for the last two years, and been featured on the local radio station (and Rhonda guest hosted a segment). Tom's content and research has been a critical part of the marketing, event planning, and displays for this year, and great publicity as well for the library's resources and services.
- We welcomed Teresa Bautch (.5 OA support) in the dean's office this summer, who has been assisting with event scheduling, marketing, and coordination of activities with campus organizations, as well as support for library instruction scheduling. Additionally, we had 3 adjuncts this summer working on cataloging thesis and dissertations, and supporting Tom in archives.

Southwest Minnesota State University

Submitted by Pam Gladis, University Librarian

- We are in the midst of having the Southwest Regional History Center moved into the library!
- We are up for a Program Review this year, so work on writing the report will begin this fall. (If you have suggestions for a reviewer, please let me know!!)
- We are part of an OER Collaboration grant with St. Cloud State, Minnesota State, Mankato, and Metro State to increase adopting, adapting, and developing OER materials.
- We completed an Escape Room with our library and technology resource center student workers on August 25. Our new President, Kumara Jayasuriya, stopped by to join us. {His new arrival on campus was part of our Escape Room plot!}
- Over the summer we expanded from two to four Collaboration rooms and 2 open COLLAB spaces (mounted TV screens and AirTame software along with moveable furniture) in the library.
- We are initiating conversations on campus to create an Undergraduate Research Journal as a "next step" for our Undergraduate Research Conference.
- For the first time in years, we received a small increase to our library budgets. Not enough to keep up with rising costs, but an increase nonetheless.

- Our Instructional Design Librarian, Kate Borowske, is leading the VR charge on campus! Two major VR projects Kate is leading: 1) along with Ag Ed faculty, wrote a \$25,000 grant to create VR experiences from local farms and 2) a MinnState Going Places collaboration grant to help faculty incorporate VR into their classrooms. Kate became VR Certified Educator over the summer.

Winona State University

Submitted by Kenneth Janz, Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dean of the Library and CIO

Digital Learning Commons in the Krueger Library Has a New Look

The Digital Learning Commons in the Krueger Library now has a new look with a variety of seating options for collaboration and individual work. The space includes comfortable seating for collaboration, a small conference table with shared access to a monitor, multiple white boards, curved monitors for laptop users, and desktop stations with double monitors. The design team, which included staff from the DLC, TLT, and the Library, determined that the following principles would guide them in planning the space:

- access to technology assistance;
- collaborative space with access to shared technology;
- individual work stations;
- an open and harmonious appearance; and
- serve as a touchstone for future revitalization projects of the library's first floor.



Distance Education and Outreach Librarian Position Filled

Megan Peterson will be serving as our Distance Education and Outreach Librarian at Winona State University. Megan comes to us from Saint Mary's University where she served as the Instruction and

Digital Services Librarian. Prior to working at Saint Mary's University, she worked in the Collection Development Division of the Minnesota Historical Society. Megan holds a Master of Library Science and Information Services degree from University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign.

ITS and the Library Collaborate on TechFest 2019

During orientation week, staff from both the Library and Information Technology Services (ITS) met with all the entering students for the TechFest 2019 show...two shows only, limited seating! They had a blast covering eWazoo, student-to-student tech tips, digital health, basic information literacy, when bad things happen to good laptops. The Library staff hosted a game show using Kahoot that was so much fun...and we handed out some cool prizes.



Krueger Library Digital Collections Growing

This summer Krueger Library Digital Collections is making progress on digitizing and providing access to a range of digital collections for our new [OpenRiver@WinonaState Repository](#). OpenRiver@Winona State University is a digital repository for the scholarly and creative output of Winona State University and southeast Minnesota.

Here is a look at collections which are in development.

[WSU Leadership Education](#) - Books, capstone papers, projects, newsletters, and articles

[WSU Living History Project, Retiree Center](#) – a work in progress

[Voices of Veterans & Community Activists](#) – WSU History Department oral history collection

[Wenonah Yearbooks](#) - a work in progress, PDFs available on campus for WSU community, if thumbnail image displays

[WSU Football Games](#) – VHS to digital

[WSU Football Programs](#) – a work in progress

[WSU related videos](#) – a growing collection

[WSU Course Catalogs](#) – a work in progress

We are supporting two new journals. Leadership, editing, and publishing of the journals is by WSU Faculty. [Essays in Education](#) – a Counselor Education Department led journal. It is open for article submissions. Journal of Advanced Education Practice - a new education journal in development coming in 2020.



The Voices of Women of Color Audio Oral Histories/Experiences is Now in OpenRiver

WSU undergraduate students interviewed women of color about their own experiences. The interviews in this oral history collection were recorded in the spring 2017 as a part of Dr. Emilie Falc's communication studies course titled Multicultural U.S. Rhetoric: Voices of Women of Color. You can listen to audio oral histories by going to OpenRiver, the digital repository of Southeast Minnesota: <https://openriver.winona.edu/voicesofwomenofcolor/>

Counselor Education Capstones Make Their Way to OpenRiver

Counselor Education is the first capstone collection in OpenRiver, the digital repository of Southeast Minnesota. It contains a collection of capstone papers from 2014 – present. You can read these capstone papers by going to the OpenRiver site: <https://openriver.winona.edu/counseloreducationcapstones/>



Minnesota State 2 Year Colleges - Twin Cities & Southern Region

September, 2019

Council Representative: Elissah Becknell

Colleges Represented: Anoka Ramsey Community College, Anoka Technical College, Century Community College, Dakota County Technical College, Hennepin Technical College, Inver Hills Community College, Minneapolis Community & Technical College, Minnesota West College (Canby, Granite Falls, Jackson, Pipestone, Worthington), Normandale Community College, North Hennepin Community College, Ridgewater Community College (Hutchinson, Willmar), Riverland Community College (Austin, Owatonna), Rochester Community College, Saint Paul College, South Central College (Faribault, North Mankato), Southeast Technical College (Red Wing, Winona)

Anoka Technical College

Submitted by Jill Holman

No report.

Anoka Ramsey Community College

Submitted by Gina Pancerella-Willis

No report.

Anoka Ramsey Community College, Cambridge Campus

Submitted by Julianna Boner

No report.

Century Community College

Submitted by Jane Young

No report.

Dakota County Technical College

Submitted by Michael Kirby

No report.

Hennepin Technical College

Submitted by Jennie Simning

No report.

Inver Hills Community College

Submitted by Brenda Besser

No report.

Minneapolis Community & Technical College

Submitted by Elissah Becknell

No report.

North Hennepin Community College

No report.

Saint Paul College

Submitted by Ben Tri

No report.

Central & Northern State Colleges

September, 2019

Council Representative: Bridget Reistad

Alexandria Technical & Community College, Alexandria

Nina Battistini, .5 Faculty Librarian

No report.

Central Lakes College, Brainerd

David Bissonette, Librarian

No report.

Hibbing Community College, Hibbing

Rachel Milani, Library Technician

No report.

Itasca Community College, Grand Rapids

Steve Bean, Library Technician

No report.

Lake Superior College, Duluth

Bridget Reistad, Librarian

No report.

Mesabi Range Technical College, Virginia

Kim Johnson, Library Technician

No report.

Northland Community & Technical College, East Grand Forks/Thief River Falls

Cynthia Jorstad, Librarian

No report.

Pine Technical College, Pine City

Adam Bezdicek, .5 Librarian

No report.

St. Cloud Technical & Community College, St. Cloud

Vi Bergquist, CIO

No report.

Vermilion Community College, Ely

Debbie Erzar, .05 Library Technician

No report.



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

LIBRARIES

University of Minnesota – System Report

September, 2019

Crookston

- Some changes have been made to the library's physical space:
 - The children's books have been moved to a different room, which effectively created a children's corner that will help our education majors more easily find resources.
 - Furniture have been moved to create intentional zones in the main areas - zones for group work, individual work, lounging.
 - The videocassette collection was analyzed and cleaned out. Many titles were replaced by DVD or streaming video options.

- UMC Library is working with University Relations and the Alumni and Development office to create a University Archive. We have been housing items that were donated to these offices and will be working with the Twin Cities campus to move our digital collections into the University Digital Conservancy.

Duluth

- Library Course Pages fully implemented - this service, via Ex Libris' *Leganto*, provides a library presence in all Canvas/online courses. We are now working on piloting unmediated use of the system so that faculty can work directly with their reserves, and also allow the library to test copyright permission functionality in this service.
- Course Content Support - the library is providing approximately 100 courses free access to their required texts for fall semester. This semester we have increased our marketing via posters, on social media, campus announcements, and linking in *Library Course Pages*, in an effort to connect more students with these texts in order to help keep the cost of attendance as low as possible.
- Hiring - we are currently hiring for the Head of Research & Learning: To apply for this position, go to <http://www1.umn.edu/ohr/employment/> and search for job opening 332607. Click on the job title to view the job details and application instructions.
- We are hosting the [League of Women Voters exhibit](#) about the 100th anniversary of the 19th amendment and the start of LWV.

Morris

Submitted by LeAnn Dean, Director

University of Minnesota, Morris / Briggs Library

We're looking forward to a good year with a new group of students and a larger than usual new cohort of student library assistants.

- We also have a student administrative fellow who will be working on a management and tracking system for our library's internal art collection.
- Another grant-sponsored initiative with student involvement is the creation of an online timeline on the history of athletics on our campus.
- Though initiated with the encouragement of a Mellon grant, the library and archives intend to continue to expand and update this digital resource.
- Another digital project in its infancy is using a MHS Legacy grant to digitize oral histories currently held by our archives in older formats.
- The digitization process for our student newspaper archives should progress to be current by the end of this academic year.

- Finally, the four Briggs librarians are working on an initiative focusing on affordable content in terms of course materials. We are meeting with academic disciplines as well as individual faculty, offering assistance in a number of ways.

Rochester

Submitted by Mary Beth Sancomb-Moran

- UMR is starting the year with a feather in its cap after articles about our innovative teaching and learning models posted in June. Check out the [Washington Post article here](#) and the [Hechinger Report article here](#).
- In other news, the library is working with faculty to incorporate virtual reality into their teaching, starting with the sociology team who will be assigning a VR experience involving solitary confinement.



UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA

LIBRARIES

University of Minnesota Libraries - Twin Cities

September, 2019

U of M Libraries hosted 2nd annual meeting of the Data Curation Network Wilson Library collaboration studio was the venue for the [Data Curation Network](#) (DCN) project's 2nd Annual All Hands Meeting July 17th – 19th. UMN Libraries is the lead on DCN, funded by the Sloan Foundation, with 10 partner institutions. The meeting focused on skill-building, featuring curator-led workshops on curated 3D images, R, data de-identification, SPSS, and Globus. [Read more about the event](#) and the DCN project on our website.

Publishing Services Two new titles from the Libraries Publishing Services may be of broader interest. [Quantitative Ecology: A New Unified Approach](#) by Clarence Lehman, Shelby Loberg, and Adam Clark This open textbook introduces and discusses the principles of ecology from populations to ecosystems including human populations, disease, exotic organisms, habitat fragmentation, biodiversity, and global dynamics.

[Writing Boxes: The Reading/Writing Connection in Libraries](#) by Lisa Von Drasek

A guidebook and source of programming inspiration for all librarians working with early to young adult readers. Librarians will find thematic, easy to implement, hour-long writing workshops that require only paper, markers, and excited young writers. *Writing Boxes* further explores the essential connection between reading and writing by pairing each workshop with mentor texts to model writing, providing librarians with exemplary books to spark writing responses across genres, formats, and curricula

University of Minnesota Libraries work to Save Students Money on College Textbooks The University of Minnesota Libraries were recently featured in a [KARE 11](#) news story about the costs of college text books and what the Libraries are doing to save students money.

Leganto Implementation Update

As of Fall Semester 2019, the University of Minnesota system has completed its 2-year migration from Moodle to the Canvas learning management system. In the course of this migration period, the University Libraries implemented Ex Libris Leganto course materials management system and integrated its services into Canvas. Leganto leverages the management functions of Alma and discovery services of Primo for selecting and inserting reading and other materials directly into the online course environment. Implementation has included usability testing, onboarding of Duluth and Crookston campuses, and a soft rollout of the instructor user role, which enables faculty and instruction designers to integrate content into courses without library mediation.

Update from Collection Management Coordinating Committee Beginning in 2017, the University of Minnesota Libraries formed a Collection Management Coordinating Committee (CMCC) to implement and manage a series of initiatives, including a campus-wide project to deduplicate circulating monographs and serials and prioritizing investments to prepare for participation in shared print programs and local withdrawal projects.

As an initial step, the Libraries contracted with OCLC's Sustainable Collection Services (SCS) to use their GreenGlass tool to analyze print monographs and identify potential candidates for withdrawal (based on duplication), retention, and preservation. SCS analyzed 1.3 million bibliographic records from all campuses. University of Minnesota holdings were compared in WorldCat against holdings from HathiTrust Digital Library, members of the Association of Research Libraries, statewide and US libraries, and regional groups, including four-year colleges and universities in Minnesota, the BTAA, and four-year colleges and universities within the four-state region.

The group then implemented a project to deduplicate monographs across the Twin Cities campus' twelve libraries using a single set of criteria to guide their work. Duplicate monographs, which were defined as a circulating title of the same edition and same format, were withdrawn from the collection, with significant exceptions that emphasized user needs and networked preservation needs (duplicate copies of titles that were not widely held were retained). During the initial phase of the monograph deduplication project, approximately 64,000 volumes were withdrawn. Following monograph deduplication, the group initiated a print-to-print serial deduplication project across campus libraries, focusing on creating the most complete single title run possible. This project is expected to be completed in Fall 2019; to date, approximately 59,000 print volumes have been withdrawn.

Academic Survival Fair in Magrath Library

Libraries staff welcomed over 2000 students in 2 hours on August 30th as a part of an Orientation event at Magrath Library. They shared great things about the University Libraries and our partner organizations!

Coming in 2020: The Toaster!

In partnership with the Carlson School of Management's Gary S. Holmes Center for Entrepreneurship, the Libraries will be opening *The Toaster*, an innovative hub located in the basement level of Walter Library. This 6,500 square foot space will be an inclusive spot for students from across all colleges to collaborate on innovation and entrepreneurship projects. The Toaster will host workshops, speakers, competitions, and student group meetings. The expected opening date will be early 2020.

STAFF APPOINTMENTS

[Brian Vetruba](#), European Studies and Digital Scholarship Librarian, February 2019

[Carissa Tomlinson](#), Director, Physical Sciences & Engineering

CURRENT EVENTS

For full information on events and exhibits, visit *continuum* at <http://www.continuum.umn.edu>

Immigrants... 'Making a Difference' A Discussion with Ari Shapiro, with U.S. Congressman Dean Phillips

Celebrating 35 years of the Jewish Historical Society of the Upper Midwest.

September 8, 2019 | 7:30 p.m. - 9:30 p.m.

Tedd Man Concert Hall

Carl Sheppard Lecture in Medieval Art History

Mitchell Merback, Arnell and Everett Land Professor of Art History, Johns Hopkins University

October 3, 2019 | 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Elmer L. Andersen Library, Room 120

First Fridays: "From Jennie to Ribsby to Rocket: What Dogs Have Taught Us"

October 4, 2019 | 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Elmer L. Andersen Library, Room 120

Friends Forum season opener: Gotta Minute? (for Silly but Serious Science about the Environment)

Professor Peter Reich and Alex Reich, creators of *MinuteEarth* and *Hot Mess*

October 14, 2019 | 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Coffman Memorial Union Great Hall

CURRENT EXHIBITS

Celebrating Arboretum Trees: the 3rd Annual Flora & Fauna Illustrata

May 9 through October 27, 2019

Minnesota Landscape Arboretum

Dark Places, Wicked Companions, and Strange Experiences

July 8 through October 25, 2019

Elmer L. Andersen Library, 1st Floor Main Gallery

FREE: Remembering the History of Early LGBTQ Organizing in Minnesota

June 17 through September 27, 2019

Elmer L. Andersen Library, 2nd and 3rd Floor Atrium Gallery

Stamped and Posted: Communication Art From Around the U.S.A.

July 22 through September 30, 2019

Elmer L. Andersen Library, Wallin Center

The Secret Lives of Books

September 18, 2018 through December 23, 2019

Wangensteen Historical Library, 568 Diehl Hall

Private Colleges Report

September, 2019

Compiled by Terry Metz, Hamline University

Augsburg University *(Mary Hollerich)*

- **New Librarian:** We are very pleased to welcome Caroline Wack to Lindell Library. As our new Student Success Librarian, Caroline is responsible for leading the development of a multi-faceted library instruction program, coordinating assessment of our student success initiatives, and collaborating with faculty and librarians to integrate information literacy concepts into the curriculum.

Caroline just completed her graduate school studies at the University of Michigan School of Information, and she holds a bachelor degree in American Studies from the University of Notre Dame where her thesis, "Literary Environmentalism in the Desert Southwest", won her department's award for best thesis that year. Caroline can be reached at wack@augsborg.edu or 612-330-1262.

- **Augsburg General:** The university has much to celebrate this year. 2019 marks our 150th anniversary, and we will kick off a year long celebration with a Sesquicentennial Gala on

September 27. We are also welcoming our largest and most diverse freshman class this fall.

While final enrollment numbers won't be available for another 10 days or so, we expect somewhere around 650-675 first-year students (our previous record was 475) of whom more than 50% are students of color.

- **Weeding and Collection Shifts:** This summer library staff completed a 16-month effort to withdraw from our print collection all VHS tapes, all outdated or redundant reference materials, and all journals duplicated by our electronic holdings. As a result, we were able to move all print journals to the lower level, shift reference materials to the west end of our street level, and remove all shelving from the east end of the street level, thus creating additional student seating and opening up sight lines to the trees in front of the building.

Bethany Lutheran College *(Alyssa K. Inniger)*

- **Weeding Project Combined with Book Donations for Africa:** This summer we worked through our collection of VHS tapes and removed over 600 items. It was exhilarating. We also worked with the [Lutherans in Africa](#) project in collecting a number of books in order to build a new library in Kenya.

Between our regular deaccession work and a number of donations that came in, we were able to collect over 2,000 books. 30,000 are needed to start the library (subject does not matter at this point), and over half have been collected so far. The project has been collecting books for 5 years now.

- **Archives Symposium:** In May, we hosted an Archives Symposium for the college archives, synod archives, and synod museum. Guest speakers included Shelley Harrison from the Blue Earth County Historical Society, Jeff Jenson from the Gustavus Archives, Susan Willems from WELS Archives, and David Reagles, one of our history professors. Although it was small, it was incredibly helpful to gather and discuss various projects and issues.

College of St. Scholastica *(Kevin McGrew)*

- **New President Appointed:** Dr. Barbara McDonald assumed the Presidency of St. Scholastica effective August 5. She previously served as president of North Hennepin Community College in Brooklyn Park.

Cooperating Libraries in Consortium *(Carla Urban)*

- **CLIC Office Personnel Transition:** Former CLIC Executive Director, Ruth Dukelow, retired effective June 30. She had served in this role since 2012. Effective June 17, Carla Urban was appointed as Interim Executive Director through December.
- **CLIC's 50th Anniversary:** CLIC celebrated 50 years of existence on April 15. The commemoration included publishing a Pressbook ebook on CLIC's history.
- **Long-range Planning:** The CLIC Board is in the process of reviewing various scenarios for the future of CLIC

Gustavus Adolphus College (*Julie Gilbert*)
No Report

Hamline University (*Terry Metz*)

- **Search Underway:** We are currently interviewing finalists for an Acquisitions/Interlibrary Loan Coordinator paraprofessional position. The position became vacant in early May following a retirement.
- **New Small Group Study Spaces:** Because establishing more spaces for group work remains the top request we receive from students about suggestions for improving library services, four new small group study rooms were created on the 2nd floor of Bush Library in late July.
- **Website Resign:** The university is in the midst of a multi-year project to completely redesign its web presence and web content governance. The library is working to integrate its own library-specific website redesign work within these university-wide efforts.
- **Additional Role for Me:** In addition to my duties as *University Librarian*, I continue in my role as *Interim Associate Vice President for Information Technology*.

Macalester College (*Terri Fishel*)
No Report

Martin Luther College (*Linda Kramer*)

- **Staffing Adjustments:** Due to a summer retirement, we lost .75 FTE, leaving us with 3.75 FTE regular staff. The position will be evaluated throughout the year for potential filling at a later date. We have made changes to services and staff roles, perhaps most noticeably moving to a combined service desk.
- **Journal Subscription Changes:** Journal formats were evaluated in the spring with the input of faculty, and some subscription changes were made.
- **Library Popularity:** Library building use and physical circulation continue an upward trend.

North Central University (*Judy Pruitt*)
No report.

Northwestern Health Sciences University (*Anne Mackereth*)
No report.

University of Northwestern, St. Paul (*Ruth McGuire*)

- **Teaching & Learning:**

- During the 18-19 academic year, Jessica Moore, Reference & Instruction Librarian, completed a Graduate Certificate in Instructional Design, in order to develop further the library's online instruction program. Her first published project is a self-paced module on completing the literature review for the MAED capstone research project, which was developed in collaboration with the course professor.

<https://sites.google.com/view/maed-literature-review/literature-review-overview>

- The University is reviewing its core curriculum. Jessica Moore is a member of the Steering Committee.

- **Open Access Publishing:**

- The UNW Library, in cooperation with the Dept of Biblical & Theological Studies, published UNW's first open access book, which is hosted on the library's website. Greg Rosauer, the Archivist, was a chapter contributor to- and a co-editor of- the book. The book is linked from the library's home page: <https://guide.unwsp.edu/>.
- Additionally, the UNW Library is in the process of editing its first open textbook in the area of philosophy, which is tentatively scheduled to publish May 2020. This project is made possible by the Open Textbook Network, and publishing training was completed by Greg Rosauer and UNW Instructional Designers..

University of St. Thomas *(Dan Gjelten)*

- **Library Support for Undergraduate Business Faculty:** University of St. Thomas Libraries have been participating in a year-long research study with Ithaka S+R and several other colleges and universities to try to identify the ways that academic libraries can support the teaching needs of undergraduate business faculty. An initial training workshop was held at St. Thomas in October of 2018, and interviews with faculty were held during the year. Transcripts have been coded and a draft report should be done in the coming weeks, with the final report to be published this fall.

Read more about the study:

<https://sr.ithaka.org/blog/joining-together-to-support-undergraduate-instruction/>

- **Next Generation Resource Sharing Partnership:** UST Libraries have signed an agreement with Ex Libris to be a development partner in the work on the new "Next Gen Resource Sharing" product that the company is developing. The dev partner group also includes Bethel University, St. Olaf College, UW Madison, the Cal State system and several libraries in Australia. Normal resource sharing will continue until the product release, tentatively scheduled for spring, 2021. Our hope is that this next gen system will be efficient as the "collective collection" continues to evolve.
- **Internet of Things Library Study:** A Senior student Engineering team worked last spring to develop an "Internet of Things (IoT)" project designed to monitor and report on the busy locations, rooms, tables, etc., in the library. Students have asked for such a system that might help them decide whether or not there will be room for them in the library prior to coming over.



PALS Report

September, 2019

Compiled by Johnna Horton, PALS Executive Director

I had expected things to slow down once we went live on Alma/Primo VE, but they haven't!

Retirement: Linda Richter retired on July 8. She has been a part of PALS for so long that it seems very strange not to have her advice and organizational skills in the office. She is loving retirement and we were happy to see her at our 40th anniversary party.

40th Anniversary Party: We celebrated 40 years of PALS on August 15th at Minnesota State Mankato. We honored Dale Carrison and Mike Barnett by dedicating the plaques that will hang in the conference rooms named after them.

Documentation Project: A small group has been formed to create accessible documentation templates and an internal style guide. This follows a review and tweaking of how we use our customer relationship management software, Oracle Service Cloud.

Islandora: Most of the Islandora team will be attending IslandoraCon in October. We are excited to see the new version of Islandora and visit beautiful Vancouver, BC!

Alma/Primo VE life: We seem to be settling in to the new normal. Tickets have picked up since the new academic year is starting.

Dani Kroon is temporarily taking over some of Linda's communication duties regarding Alma/Primo. She has revived the PALS newsletter and is keeping our member libraries informed when important updates and releases occur.

The MnPALS Consortium is participating in Central Discovery Index (CDI) development. Carrie Curie, Perry Madden, and Dani Kroon are working closely with the ERM Working Group to test data and functionality.

We are hiring for a Systems Support and Training Specialist. Interviews are happening this month. St. Cloud State University will be contracting for 50% of a position to replace some services of their recently retired ITS 3. This is going to be an interesting experiment! We'll evaluate and report back on the feasibility of shared positions.

We are revising all of our consortium contracts and agreements to align with the new architecture and functionality of Alma/Primo VE.

MLA: PALS will have a booth - *come visit!*

School Libraries' Report

September, 2019

Submitted by Robin Weber

ITEM

The main focus this year is the 2020 Vision. We are in the middle of strategic planning around 5 areas (standards, member benefits, events and PD, communication, and advocacy) identified by a task force committee.

The new ITEM standards will be launched this year.

Schools

With the start of the school year, there is nothing to report at this time.

Greater MN Public Libraries

September, 2019

Compiled by Stacy Lienemann

GREATER MN PUBLIC LIBRARIES SURVEY

I informally surveyed a variety of greater Minnesota public library staff about the most important thing their library did this past summer, why they thought it was important, and what their community's response was. Here are the results:

Muir Library (Winnebago)

We partnered with the City of Winnebago and the Statewide Health Improvement Partnership (SHIP) and were a "pick up" location for kids/families to stop and get a \$2 token they could use at the Winnebago Farmers Market to purchase local produce. Response: We distributed close to 70 tokens during the month of August! One week, I was a minute late opening the library and there were 4 girls on bikes waiting outside to pick up their tokens because they wanted to buy cucumbers and green beans. It's important because we have hungry kids in the library all summer (and we provide snacks every single day here, but we don't always have fresh produce) and we want kids to know that the library is a safe space for them and is "on their side."

West Concord Public Library

The most important thing our library did this summer was completing our repair and renovation and moving back into our permanent location. The project started last year as a result of water damage/mold, which led to a complete renovation. Repairing the structure and removing the mold were of primary importance. The renovation and remodel have been a huge improvement to our library. The

community response has been very positive.

Babbitt Public Library (population 1,475)

Our big turnout was a tie dye class during summer Reading. We had 30 (2% of the town's population) in the class, which is big for our small town. We received lots of feedback from patrons that they would like to see this class happen again.

Grand Marais Public Library

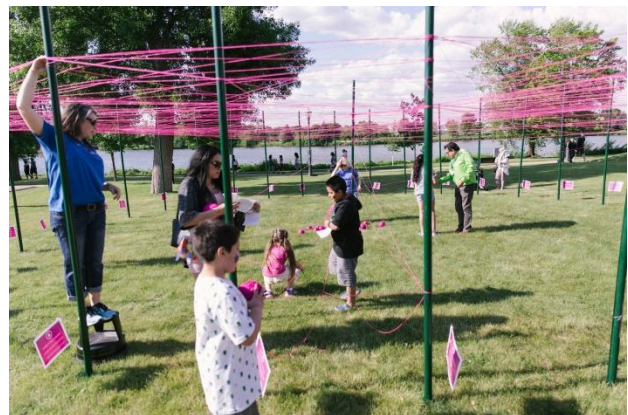
Grand Marais Public Library went Fines Free in June. Public response has been very favorable. Needless to say, transitioning to *not* collecting fines went very smoothly. This enhances our mission in that it removes barriers, and addresses a diversity priority that emphasizes economic inclusion.

Waseca Public Library

We started an Outdoor Adventurers group focused on connecting kids to the natural world. Each kid gets a backpack full of adventure gear to use during the class and to take home to work on challenges. From creating nature journals to learning how to put up a tent to shadow drawing, the kids have been having a great time. Future outings include examining tiny pond creatures and fort building and will take place in all weather conditions, including rain and snow. This project is important because people who spend time in the outdoors care more about the environment, are healthier, and feel more connected to their communities. Today's kids have less freedom to explore the outdoors and depend on screens for their entertainment. Kids can learn a lot through hands-on outdoor experiences. We've had a great response. Families who happened to be playing on the playground equipment in the park during our first session saw how much fun our Outdoor Adventurers were having and came over to sign up for future sessions.

Austin Public Library

Here are some photos from our *Unity Project* this summer. We did the project at two different festivals, in June at *4th Ave Fest* and in August at the *ArtWorks Festival*. The *Unity Project* is a response to the divisiveness we're seeing around the world. It is a larger-than-life structure, created by the community, that helps us celebrate our uniqueness and strengthens our ties to each other. This project was part of our "One Austin, Many Stories" program, and was made possible with money from Minnesota's *Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund* and the people of *Minnesota for Library Legacy* activities.



Metro Area Public Libraries

September 2019

Submitted by Margaret Stone

Remodeling

Anoka County Library reopened the remodeled Centennial Library located in Circle Pines in June. A large addition was added and the library now includes a fully-equipped classroom kitchen and various maker equipment including sewing machines, 3D printer and vinyl/paper cutter. The children's area and other spaces in the Library are more open, comfortable with a lot of natural light. Local artist-produced small shadow boxes showcasing art placed among the bookshelves. These displays can be moved around as needed. Centennial also includes a poem sand-blasted into the sidewalk out front.

Washington County Library has started on the remodel of the Wildwood Branch in Mahtomedi. As the new library will be built on the existing site, the old building was demolished in August. Construction is expected to last a year. Some library services will continue at the Mahtomedi District Education Center including story time. The Valley Library in Lakeland Plaza is moving to a new location right next door. Construction began in August and will take three months.

Dakota County Library reopened two remodeled libraries in late summer. The Pleasant Hill Library in Hastings and the Heritage Library in Lakeville both now include additional meeting space, a maker space and enhanced children's space. Also both libraries include a "comfort space"- a small room furnished to help those who might experience sensory issues, particularly those with Autism Spectrum Disorder - while visiting the Library.

Washington County

Beginning August 1, Washington County Library (WCL) extended their loan period to three weeks from two for most materials, and instituted auto-renewal (except for ILL, and items with a waiting list). WCL does not charge daily overdue fines; an \$8.00 recovery fee is charged when an item has been kept out so long its status changes to lost.

Amy Stenftenagel, Deputy Director, will be Acting Library Director for the foreseeable future, as Keith Ryskoski has resigned.



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North Dakota State Library

Report for September, 2019

Compiled by Mary Soucie, State Librarian

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South Dakota State Library

Report for September, 2019

Compiled by Dan Daily

No report for September, 2019.