

Minnesota's Libraries in 2014: An Overview

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The state shall, as an integral part of its responsibility for public education, support

- The provision of library service for every citizen,
- The development of cooperative programs for the sharing of resources and services among all libraries, and
- The establishment of jointly operated library services at a single location where appropriate.

Minnesota Statutes, section 134.31 subdivision 1

State Library Services

Leadership and Statutory Program Administration

- Clear guidelines
- Transparent processes
- Accountable
- Responsive

Libraries in Minnesota

88 Academic Libraries

serve students and faculty at two and four year colleges and universities

356 Public Libraries

serve Minnesotans of all ages, at all stages

1570 School Library Media Centers

serve K-12 students and staff

Helping to Improve Lives

- **Collaboration**
- **Equity**
- **Cost Effective Services**
- **Reliability**

Regional Public Library Systems

- Member communication
- Resource sharing
- Delivery of library materials
- Reciprocal borrowing
- Cooperative reference services
- Established by two or more counties
- All counties belong to one
- Governed by joint powers agreements and library board
- Cities may belong

*Minnesota Statutes, section 134.001
subd 5*

Minnesota Statutes, section 134.20

Multicounty Multitype Library Systems

Facilitate cooperation among academic libraries, public libraries, school library media centers, and special libraries. Develop services including:

- Referral of users
- Intrasystem reciprocal borrowing
- Cooperative collection development
- Cooperative reference services
- Staff development
- Research and development
- Cooperative storage facilities
- Publicity
- Community relations

Minnesota Statutes, section 134.351 subdivision 2

Public Library

Any library that

- Provides free access to all residents of a city or county without discrimination
- Receives at least half of its financial support from public funds
- Organized under provisions of Minnesota Statutes 134

Minnesota Statutes, section 134.001 subdivision 2

Public Library Use (2013)

- **4,197,055 registered users (includes reciprocal borrowing)**
- **24,736,878 visits**
- **5,721,965 internet sessions**
- **40,697 free public programs for children, teens and adults**
- **54,350,897 items checked out**

Public Library Funding (2013)

Operating Revenue

- Federal - \$308,661
- State - \$21.5 million
- City - \$57.6 million
- County - \$121.2 million

Capital Revenue

- City - \$1.7 million
- County - \$16.057 million

Minitex

A collaborative program of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education and the University of Minnesota serving academic, school and public libraries

- **Electronic Library for Minnesota**
- **Interlibrary Loan and Delivery**
- **Training and Professional Development**
- **Minnesota Digital Library**
- **Collaborative Purchasing**

Cooperative Programs Minitex Administered

- **Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM)**
 - 50+ million searches/20+ million full text retrievals
- **MNLink Gateway**
 - 507,384 total items requested through MNLink
- **Interlibrary Loan**
 - 149,841 items requested by public, school and museum libraries
- **Delivery**
 - 332,122 items loaned/returned between regional library systems and public libraries

Braiding Resources to Reach All Residents

- **Local funds support public and school libraries**
- **State aid to regional and multicounty multitype systems**
- **Appropriations to Office of Higher Education/Minnesota Department of Education for Minitex**
- **Federal Library Services and Technology Act Grants to States Program**

Thank You

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