



Viking Library System

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Resolution in Support of the Minitex Library Services

Whereas, Minitex provides invaluable library services that enhance access to a vast collection of resources for patrons and libraries across Minnesota;

Whereas, Minitex facilitates access to a collection of more than 10 million resources from Minnesota's public, academic, and special libraries, available to patrons and libraries in every corner of the state via MNLINK.org;

Whereas, Minitex supports eLibrary Minnesota, a collection of education and research online resources essential to the success of Minnesota learners from grade school through graduate school, which was searched 55 million times last year;

Whereas, Minitex contributes to the digitization of historical content from Minnesota's cultural heritage organizations, with the Minnesota Digital Library containing 60,000 items that depict history from all 87 Minnesota counties and are sourced from the collections of 204 historical societies, libraries, archives, and cultural organizations from across the state;

Whereas, Minitex supports Minnesota's statewide ebook collection, eBooksMN.org, which offers nearly 10,000 books to readers of all ages with no need for checkouts or returns, and allows most Minnesota K-12 schools to add all 10,000 books to their local collections;

Whereas, Minitex supports library staff with continuing education to collectively meet the educational needs of Minnesota residents at every stage of life;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the Viking Library System Governing Board fully supports Minitex Library Services and recognizes the critical role they play in providing equitable access to information, fostering educational success, and preserving Minnesota's rich cultural heritage.

Be it further resolved, that the Viking Library System Governing Board commits to support advocacy for continued funding and support for Minitex Library Services to ensure these vital resources remain available to all Minnesotans.

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