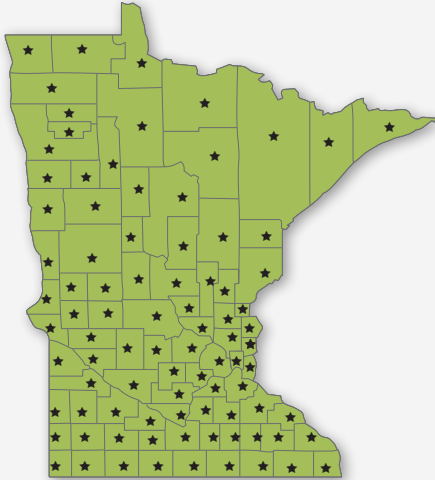


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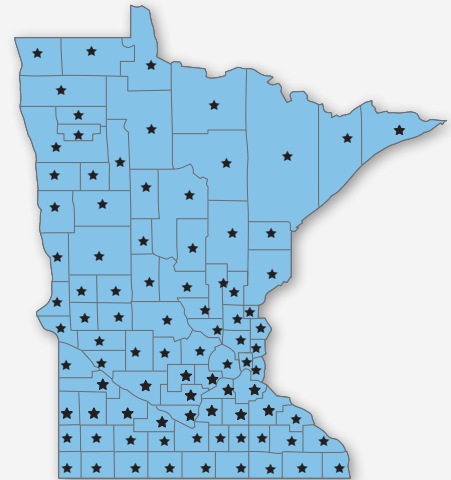
Resource Sharing & Delivery

Minitex Resource Sharing & Delivery services reach every corner of Minnesota. One such service is MNLINK, an easy-to-use website that makes the collections of nearly all Minnesota's libraries accessible to library patrons. In FY 2017, MNLINK handled over 517,000 interlibrary loan requests and filled more requests than in any other single year in the system's 14-year history. MNLINK serves Minnesotans at over 500 participating libraries in every county of Minnesota, as shown above.

Ebooks Minnesota

Ebooks Minnesota is a new state-wide ebook collection supported by Minitex and the Minnesota library community. The collection offers thousands of titles to any reader within Minnesota's borders. Ebooks Minnesota was made for all of Minnesota, and it shows: Readers in 440 cities and towns across our state used Ebooks Minnesota in FY 2017.

We serve all 87 counties



Electronic Library for Minnesota

The Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM) includes encyclopedia, magazine, journal, and newspaper articles, plus multimedia, primary sources, and much more. Last year alone, Minnesotans searched ELM 67 million times, a more than 10 percent increase over the previous year. Information seekers in 472 communities in every county of Minnesota used ELM in FY 2017.

Cooperative Purchasing

Cooperative Purchasing negotiates discounted rates and cooperative purchases/licensing for e-resources and library products. Last year, 527 libraries saved money by placing orders with Minitex.

Minnesota Digital Library

The Minnesota Digital Library (MDL) has collaborated with 190 organizations across Minnesota to create and preserve digital collections and to provide enduring open access to Minnesota's cultural legacy; Minnesota Reflections is the result. It's Minnesota's premier, online collection of primary source materials, and now contains over 55,000 digitized photos, maps, letters, works of art, and more, all shared by Minnesota cultural heritage organizations.

AskMN

AskMN is an online reference desk run by Minitex 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Last year, AskMN's network of librarians answered over 39,000 questions in FY 2017. Librarians from 4 libraries in 23 Minnesota cities stand ready to answer reference questions for Minnesota's researching public.

Minnesota Library Access Center

The Minnesota Library Access Center (MLAC) is a state-of-the-art under-ground storage facility that contains 1.5 million volumes from 21 contributing libraries. Last year, over 17,000 items were retrieved for patrons by Minitex staff.

Minitex News

Minitex News is the hub for Minnesota library news. Since its inception in 2016, Minitex News has published thousands of articles, including job and event announcements, program updates, and news from the community.

Minnesota Libraries Publishing Project

The Minnesota Library Publishing Project (MLPP) is a pilot project coordinated by Minitex and Minnesota's academic and public libraries to provide online publishing tools to independent authors and small publishers. With Pressbooks, MLPP's online self-publishing tool, authors can create professional-level content using a wide variety of templates and formatting options and export their works in formats that are essential to publishing including PDF, EPUB, MOBI, and HTML. In addition to expanding access to books in Minnesota, Minitex supports self-published authors who write them.