

Minitex 2022

Year in Review

Resource Sharing



The rich resources of Minnesota libraries, available to patrons and libraries in every corner of Minnesota

Resource Sharing staff processed **236,266** requests in FY 22, an increase of nearly **22%** over the previous year.

MNLINK



The online interlibrary loan portal to Minnesota's vast library resources

Minnesota library patrons requested **480,574** items using MNLINK, a **55%** increase over FY 21.

Delivery



Timely and accurate handling and delivery to and from libraries throughout Minnesota and the region

Delivery handled **716,647** items in FY 22, a **25%** increase over the previous year.

Cooperative Purchasing



Discounted prices and subscription options on a wide variety of products and e-resources for libraries

Minnesota libraries saved an estimated **\$4.5 million** in FY 22 by purchasing library products and e-resources through Minitex.

Professional Development



Training, education, support, and event management on a wide range of topics.

In FY 22, via institutional partners and directly through staff, Minitex delivered **195** training sessions, including 4 conferences, to **3,103** attendees.



"Time after time, year after year, library patrons get what they need."

- 2022 Minitex Stakeholder Survey Respondent

Ebooks Minnesota



Minnesota's statewide ebook collection for readers of all ages

Ebooks Minnesota transitioned to a new platform, MackinVIA, in FY22. Overall usage dipped 10% to **242,519 views** as compared with the previous year, but when transition-related downtime is taken into account, monthly usage actually increased.

Minnesota Library Storage



High-density storage for academic, public and governmental libraries

Minitex staff filled **9,772** requests from the state-of-the-art high-density storage facility below Andersen Library, a **14.5%** increase over the previous year.

eLibrary Minnesota



Encyclopedia, magazine, journal, and newspaper articles, plus multimedia, primary sources, and more

Minnesotans found **11.3 million** full-text items in ELM in FY22, a **7.5%** increase over last year.

Minnesota Digital Library



Historical content from Minnesota's cultural heritage organizations, all in one place

With the addition of 25 new projects, including 7 new contributors in FY22, MDL's digital collection swelled to **57,860** items. These represent **202** contributors located in each of Minnesota's 87 counties.

Minnesota Libraries Publishing Project



Online publishing tools for independent authors, supported by Minnesota's libraries

MLPP now features **1088** books projects by Minnesota authors, including **150** initiated in FY22. Altogether, these titles garnered **858,656** page views, a **17%** increase from FY21.

AskMN



Online reference service staffed by librarians 24 hours a day, 7 days a week

AskMN library staff answered **43,121** questions from Minnesotans in FY22, a **33%** drop compared with the previous year, when AskMN provided a vital link between information seekers and libraries during the pandemic shutdown.



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