



Minnesota Libraries

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Ten Minnesota Commitments to Equity

1. Prioritize equity.
2. Start from within.
3. Measure what matters.
4. Go local.
5. Follow the money.
6. Start early.
7. Monitor implementation of standards.
8. Value people.
9. Improve conditions for learning.
10. Give students options.



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How do Minnesota Libraries work?

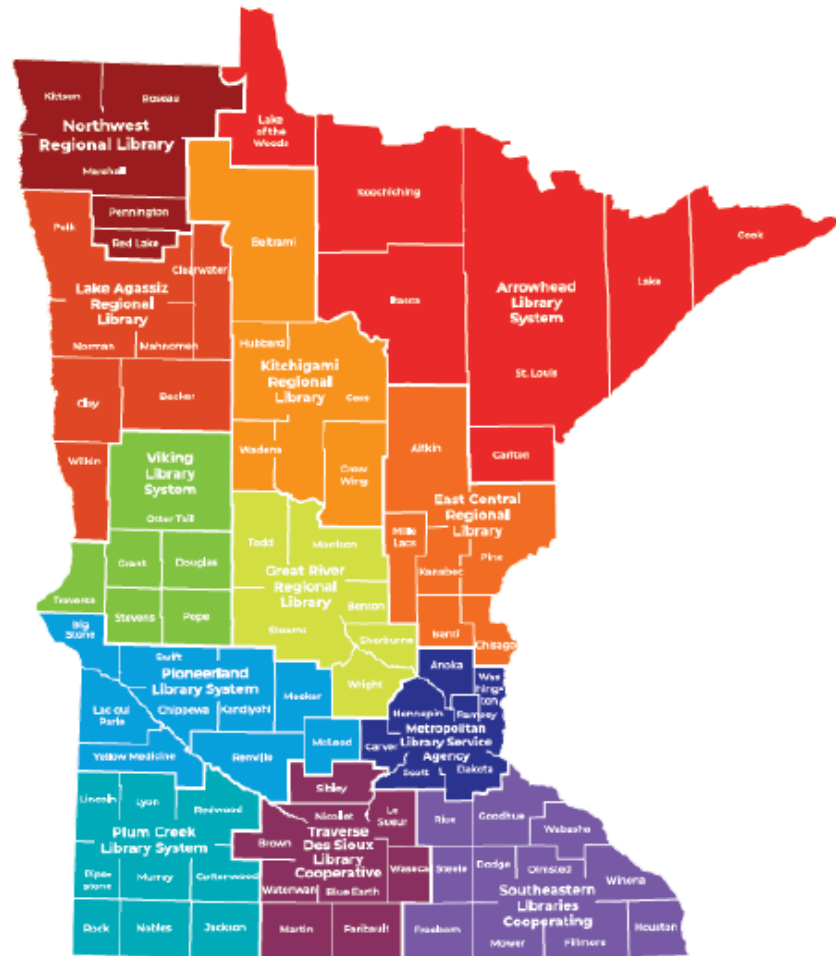
Many types of libraries in Minnesota including:

- 356 public libraries
- 982 School libraries
- 90 Academic libraries
- 140 Special libraries
- 11 Tribal libraries
- 8 bookmobiles

Libraries are supported by:

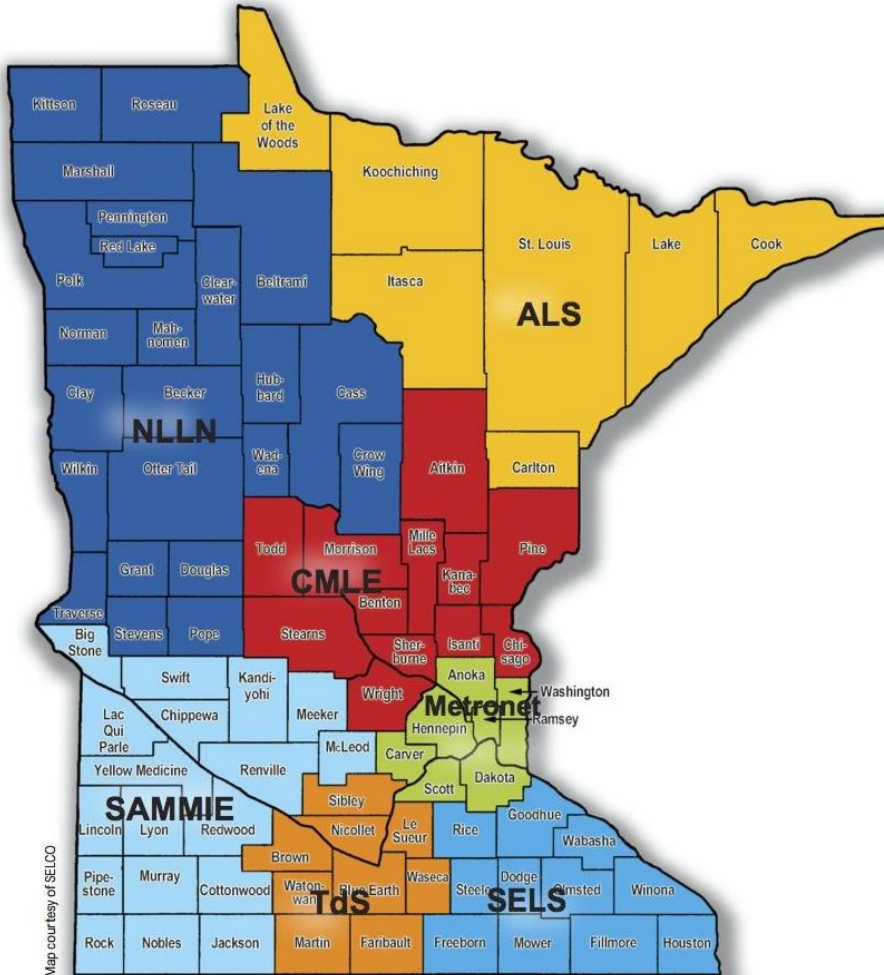
- Government entities
 - MN Office of the Governor
 - MN Department of Education
 - Institute of Museum & Library Services
- Library systems & services
 - Regional public library systems
 - Multi-type systems
 - Minitex
- Professional organizations
 - MLA
 - ALA
 - COSLA

Regional Public Library Systems



- 12 regional public library systems
 - Consolidated: centralized administration with branch libraries
 - Federated: independent member libraries
- 356 public library locations
- 8 bookmobiles
- At least one library in every county

Minnesota Multi-County, Multi-Types Library Systems



- 7 multi-type systems
 - 3 merged with regional systems
 - 4 not merged
- Members
 - School libraries
 - Public libraries
 - Academic libraries
 - Special libraries
- \$1.3M = annual funding

What's happening in Minnesota Libraries?

- 47% of the total MN population are registered cardholders (60% if you include the reciprocal numbers). This means 1 in 2 Minnesotans have a library card!
- You don't even have to have a library card – 9.7 million visits to libraries in 2021 – that's more than seven times the attendance at the MN State Fair in 2021
- Total materials circulation is 43 million, which is 16 checkouts per cardholder
- 11 million checkouts of downloadable ebooks, audio and video, and digital magazines
- All Minnesotans have access to 9,000 ebooks through eBooksMN and 57 research tools through eLibrary Minnesota
- 74% of MN libraries have space for community meetings; over 37,000 community meetings took place in Minnesota public libraries in 2021
- 465,000 people attended the 23,374 library programs offered by libraries in 2021. 10,000 in-person programs for kids, with 1,500 live virtual programs and 4,000 recorded programs

What's happening in Minnesota Libraries?

- Minnesotans had access to 4,800 computers and mobile devices at libraries - that's an average of 34 devices per library
- Minnesota libraries logged 7 million computer and wireless sessions in 2021
- 40% of Minnesota's libraries have partnerships with workforce development organizations
- 70% provide services to organizations serving seniors
- 95% of Minnesota public libraries participate in interlibrary loan through Minitex. With this system, library patrons can request books, journal articles, and audiovisual material from all types of libraries in Minnesota.
- Through interlibrary loan, public libraries borrowed 1,060,788 items and lent 1,091,449 items.

What is MDE's State Library Services?

- A Unit of the Libraries and Expanded Learning Division
- In the Office of Teaching and Learning
- In the Minnesota Department of Education

Our responsibilities, according to Minnesota Statutes 2021, section 134.31 fall into five categories:

- Library service
- Advice and Instruction
- Library resources
- Public Library Statistics
- Services to people with visual and physical disabilities

What does State Library Services do?

Yes!

- ✓ Administer state aid, state grants, and federal aid to public libraries
- ✓ Coordinate learning and networking opportunities for library staff
- ✓ Collect public library usage data
- ✓ Manage the MN Braille & Talking Book Library

No

- ✗ Manage public library systems
- ✗ Maintain a statewide library catalog
- ✗ Coordinate interlibrary delivery
- ✗ Provide statewide access to databases and eBook collections
- ✗ Develop a statewide digital archive

State Library Services Five-Year Plan, 2018-2022

- Promote Barrier Free Access
 - School readiness early literacy support
 - Welcoming Libraries-services to immigrant and refugee populations
- Contribute to the World's Best Workforce
 - CareerForce Corners (inter-agency collaboration with DEED)
- Facilitate Digital Equity and Literacy
 - Partnership with DEED on digital equity and broadband initiatives
- Respond to Diverse Community Needs
 - Project Ready
- Demonstrate Library Value
 - Embedding Evaluation

State Library Services Five-Year Plan, 2023-2027

- Building coalitions to increase collective impact
 - Partnering for reimagined access
- Changing the narrative to showcase libraries' contributions to thriving communities

Thank you!

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