

Nancy Walton

Nancy Walton serves as the Director and State Librarian of the Division of State Library Services, which is Minnesota's state library agency. State Library Services is responsible for supporting the provision of library service for every Minnesotan, the development of cooperative programs for the sharing of resources and services among all libraries, and giving advice and instruction on the establishment, organization, maintenance or administration of libraries. Part of the Division is the Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library in Faribault, which provides library services to Minnesotans with visual and physical disabilities under a cooperative plan with the National Library Services for the Blind and Physically Handicapped of the Library of Congress.

In addition to her Director and State Librarian responsibilities, Nancy serves as a State Library Programs Specialist for State Library Services. She is responsible for the Regional Library Basic System Support and the Regional Library Telecommunications Aid programs, the state-certified level of library support (library maintenance of effort) process, the federal E-rate telecommunications discount program for public libraries, and provides consulting and mediation services to library stakeholders.

From 1994-1998, Nancy was Director of the Minnesota Braille and Talking Book Library. In addition, Nancy was Senior Librarian for online reference, periodicals and adult literacy for the San Jose (CA) Library System; corporate information and records center manager for Silicon Valley telecommunications and semiconductor engineering firms; director of the Marylandia Collection of the University of Maryland-College Park Library; and a Peace Corps Volunteer, serving as a librarian in Rabat, Morocco.

State Library Agency Vision and Mission

Vision Statement

The Minnesota State Library Agency leads in developing, planning, and implementing excellent library and information services statewide. The State Library Agency insures that Minnesota libraries and their communities have access to the present and future information resources they need through partnerships with public information and cultural institutions.

Mission Statement

To provide the library services and information resources needed by Minnesotans, the Minnesota state library agency will:

- Administer statewide library services;
- Develop and implement standards of accountability of state and federal funding recipients;
- Develop and implement statewide and regional library services, initiatives and programs;
- Implement statewide planning and evaluation for library development for all types of libraries;
- Develop and implement standards for libraries;
- Provide leadership for career and education opportunities;
- Certify library eligibility for state and federal assistance;
- Advise the Governor, the Legislature and regional and local governing bodies on library-related issues;
- Facilitate partnerships between libraries and other agencies;

Minnesotans deserve equitable access to library services and information resources regardless of geographic location, economic or social status, cultural background, age, or level of intellectual or physical ability. The library network of trustees, friends, librarians, administrators, and their communities must work together to voice their concerns and support for equitable access to their funding entities, including their congressional, legislative, county, and city officials. This collaboration will help to foster a more informed citizenry, a stronger democracy, and more economically viable communities statewide.

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About Minitex

Minitex is a publicly supported network of academic, public, state government, and special libraries working cooperatively to improve library service for their users in Minnesota, North Dakota and South Dakota. There is reciprocity with Wisconsin libraries.

The Minitex program is funded by the Minnesota Legislature through the Minnesota Office of Higher Education to serve Minnesota academic and state government libraries. Minitex is a joint program of the Office of Higher Education and the University of Minnesota. The Minnesota State Library Services (the Minnesota state library agency), a unit of the Minnesota Department of Education, provides additional funding to support services for Minnesota libraries and library users.

Libraries in North Dakota and South Dakota participate in Minitex programs through contracts between the Minitex Office and the North and South Dakota State Libraries.

Minitex programs are coordinated by the Minitex staff located at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities Libraries, which fills the majority of requests sent to the Minitex office.



Minitex serves the three-state region of Minnesota, North Dakota, and South Dakota.



Minitex Mission & Principles

The mission of Minitex is to enhance the effectiveness and efficiency of participating libraries by expanding their access to local, state, regional, national, and international information resources.

This is accomplished by promoting partnerships, effective delivery of needed information, and by sharing library resources including collections and electronic resources, bibliographic records, and reference services through conventional, electronic, and innovative means. Minitex pursues technological innovations to provide new opportunities for delivery of services.

The goal of the Minitex staff is to facilitate resource-sharing activities of participating libraries by providing:

- Access to electronic information resources through consortial purchase agreements;
- A system for delivering and sharing information and resources among participating libraries;
- Access to bibliographic records and technical support for cataloging services including identification of local holdings for all types of formats;
- Maintenance of a union list of serials for the region;
- Leadership and expertise to participating libraries and other public bodies to further interlibrary cooperation and innovation;
- Forums for ongoing planning of interlibrary activities and cooperation with groups and agencies with similar goals and activities (for example, state, regional, national, and international);
- Training, continuing education, and professional development for library staff members relevant to the mission of Minitex so libraries can serve their users more efficiently and effectively.



St. Cloud Public Library - St. Cloud, MN.



Principles

The following principles guide administration of and participation in Minitex and describe roles of participating libraries.

- Minitex is a publicly supported network created to enhance local library service by facilitating group planning, cooperation, and resource sharing among libraries.
- Minitex participating libraries are the most appropriate level for providing user services and are responsible for their own collections, bibliographic records, personnel, determining and serving their clientele, and selecting among Minitex programs for which they are eligible to enhance services to their users. Libraries are strongly encouraged to strive to provide excellent services to their users. Screening of document delivery and reference requests sent to the Minitex office is managed locally by the library staff, not by the Minitex staff.
- Minitex participation by a library should improve or provide additional services and increase the availability of other libraries' resources to a library's users. In no case, should participation of any library lead to deterioration of service to its users or to other Minitex participating libraries.
- Minitex participation should aid cost-effectiveness in individual libraries, allow for improved use of available funding, and reduce the rate of increase in library costs.
- Minitex programs should be developed with flexibility to interface with regional, state, multi-state, or national programs and/or support local cooperative activity. National and international standards and protocols (bibliographic, telecommunications, formats, etc.) should be adopted uniformly in the development of any programs or systems. All relevant standards relating to libraries are considered by the Minitex/LDS Joint Standards Task Force and recommended for adoption to appropriate advisory committees.
- Minitex libraries should meet the appropriate standards and guidelines for their type of library.
- Minitex staff will support access to communication, delivery, and bibliographic systems to the degree that it is feasible, but local use of those systems and the accompanying costs are the responsibilities of the individual library.
- Minitex participation does not preclude participating libraries from using services available from other agencies or organizations. Whenever possible, libraries are expected to use locally available resources. Libraries are encouraged to participate in other regional, state, multi-state, or national and international networks as appropriate.
- Minitex participating libraries should adhere to established [criteria for participation](#) in Minitex.

[Endorsed by the Minitex Advisory Committee to the Minnesota Office of Higher Education on December 3, 1999.]

STATE FUNDING TO LIBRARY STRUCTURE FY 2012

STATE LIBRARY SERVICES

Arts & Cultural Heritage Legacy Fund (to Regional Public Library Systems)
\$3,000,000

Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM)
\$900,000

Multi-county Multi-type Library Cooperation Systems Operating Grants (Aid)
\$1,300,000

Regional Library Basic System Support
\$13,570,000

Regional Library Telecommunications Aid
\$2,300,000

**OFFICE OF HIGHER EDUCATION/UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA
LIBRARIES/MINITEX & MnLINK**
\$5,605,000

Arts & Cultural Heritage Legacy Fund (to Minnesota Digital Library)
\$250,000

TOTAL: \$26,925,000 for FY 2012