

## Minnesota Multi-county, Multi-type Library Systems



# MINNESOTA MULTITYPE LIBRARY SYSTEMS

The seven multi-county, multi-type library systems function as an intermediary between all types of libraries, ensuring that resources are shared and cooperation occurs among all library types, including academic libraries, public libraries, school libraries, and special libraries in Minnesota. Through library cooperation and resource sharing, Minnesotans receive the best library service possible, in the most efficient manner. Each multi-county, multi-type system is as unique as the libraries they serve.

The multi-county, multi-type library systems in Minnesota are:

*Arrowhead*  
*Central Minnesota Libraries Exchange (CMLE)*  
*Metronet*  
*Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN)*  
*Prairielands Library Exchange*  
*Southeast Library System (SELS)*  
*Traverse de Sioux Library Cooperative (TdS)*

The seven multi-county, multi-type library systems in Minnesota are mandated by Minnesota Statute 134.351 to develop and maintain services including, but not limited to, “referral of users, intra-system reciprocal borrowing, cooperative collection development, cooperative reference services, staff development, research and development, cooperative storage facilities, and publicity and community relations”. There are twelve regional public library systems in Minnesota that serve public libraries, while the seven multi-type systems serve all types of libraries. Each system has its own governing board. The five goals outlined in Minnesota Statute 134.351 for multi-county, multi-type systems include:

- Share Resources Among all Participating Libraries
- Provide Long-range Planning for Cooperative Programs
- Develop a Delivery System for Services and Programs
- Development of a Bibliographic Database
- Maintain a Communications System Among all Cooperating Libraries

Multi-county, Multi-type Library Systems in Minnesota do the following:

**Develop Library Staff Professionally.**

- Administer continuing education grants for library staff.
- Teach librarians about new library resources.
- Teach new technologies.

**Improve Local Library Collections.**

- Support interlibrary loan services.
- Support union catalogs.
- Find cost-effective eBook solutions.

**Sponsor and Support Funding for Libraries.**

- Write and receive grants that support libraries.
- Raise funds for libraries.
- Share library resources.

**Champion for Libraries.**

- Meet with library stakeholders.
- Meet with legislators on behalf of libraries.
- Publicly promote libraries.

**Create, Develop, and Maintain Library Programs that Enrich the Lives of Minnesotans.**

- Sponsor literacy initiatives through programs, conferences, and workshops.
- Facilitate improved library services.

**Move the Discipline of Library and Information Science Forward.**

- Provide leadership in library organizations and associations.
- Present at conferences and publish articles in the library literature.
- Collect and analyze library data.

**Lead and Administer Agency.**

- Manage human resources.
- Design and implement strategic plans.

**The Seven Multi-county Multi-type Library Systems in Minnesota**

**Arrowhead Library System**

Contact Shari Fisher at: [shari@arrowhead.lib.mn.us](mailto:shari@arrowhead.lib.mn.us)  
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Arrowhead publishes the *Weekly Weeder* Newsletter. To register, Go to:  
to <http://www.alscurrentevents.blogspot.com/p/als-weekly-weeder.html>

**Central Minnesota Libraries Exchange (CMLE)**

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[www.cmlle.org](http://www.cmlle.org)

CMLE publishes *Weekly Review*, a newsletter that captures local library stories, trends,  
and best practices. Subscribe here:  
<http://bit.ly/CMLEsubscribe>

**Metronet**

Contact Ann Walker Smalley at: [ann@metronet.lib.mn.us](mailto:ann@metronet.lib.mn.us)  
<http://www.metrolibraries.net/library-wire/overview.html>

Metronet publishes bi-weekly newsletter *MetroBriefs* (everyone welcome to subscribe):  
<http://bit.ly/metrobriefs>

**Northern Lights Library Network**

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**Prairielands Library Exchange**

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Prairielands publishes the *Prairielands News*. To be added to the newsletter, send an  
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**Southeast Library System (SELS)**

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**Traverse de Sioux Library Cooperative (Tds)**

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### **Arrowhead Library System**

Serves libraries in the counties of Carlton, Cook, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Itasca, Koochiching, and Saint Louis.

*Arrowhead Library System enhances the value of all types of libraries to their communities by cultivating collaboration, technological innovation, and professional development; and enriches the quality of life by providing direct services for those without a public library and access to electronic resources for all people in northeastern Minnesota.*

- ▶ Trains Library Staff such as the Awful Library Book Weeding workshop; American Indians in Children's Literature and more!
  - ▶ Brainfuse homework help
  - ▶ Collection management, online catalog, and technical support
    - ▶ MackinVIA eBook collection for pre K-12 schools
    - ▶ Scholarships for continuing education
      - ▶ Interlibrary loan service
      - ▶ Delivery service coordination.
  - ▶ *Weekly Weeder* Newsletter. To register for newsletter, Go to <http://www.alscurrentevents.blogspot.com/p/als-weekly-weeder.html> Select Follow by e-mail. Enter e-mail address and click submit

## Central Minnesota Libraries Exchange (CMILE)

Serves library staff in Aitkin, Benton, Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs, Morrison, Pine, Sherburne, Stearns, and Todd Counties of Central Minnesota.

*CMLE serves as the Central Minnesota library hub, a clearinghouse of talent, materials and expertise for all types of libraries.*

*CMLE leads, supports, encourages, engages and connects library personnel with the resources they need.*

- ▶ Provides online, just-in-time subject guides
- ▶ Gathers librarians with workshops, events, and informal gatherings and meetings
  - ▶ Maintains up-to-date regional, statewide, and national event calendars
  - ▶ Offers consulting to library grant writers
  - ▶ Provides scholarships for professional development.
- ▶ Publishes the *Weekly Review*, a newsletter that captures local library stories, trends, and best practices. All are welcome to subscribe at:  
<http://bit.ly/CMLEsubscribe>

## Metronet

Serves Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, Washington counties.

*Metronet's mission is to serve libraries of all types in the metropolitan area by leveraging existing library strengths and resources to build capacity so as to achieve more collectively than could be attained independently.*

- ▶ Hosts the Minnesota Library Jobline  
<http://www.metrolibraries.net/res/jobline.html>
- ▶ Collaborates with MELSA on Camp Read-a-Lot and Teen Lit Con.
- ▶ Provides scholarships for library staff CE
- ▶ Metronet Information Literacy Initiative (MILI): Yearlong training for media specialists and teachers on teaching research, using reliable resources, responsible use of technology & information: <http://metronetmili.org>
- ▶ MILI: Metronet Information Literacy Initiative (MILI)

The primary goal of MILI is to advance the teaching of information literacy skills in the classroom. To do this, Metronet created teacher/media specialist training that focuses on the 5 steps of the research process and incorporating the Three Rs—Research, Reliable Resources, and Responsible Use—into classroom instruction. Web 2.0 tools—blogs, wikis, online collaboration tools, and more—and iPad apps are included in the instruction in context and where using these tools enhances student learning and teaching.

- ▶ Publishes bi-weekly newsletter MetroBriefs (everyone welcome to subscribe):  
<http://bit.ly/metrobriefs>

## Northern Lights Library Network

Northern Lights Library Network covers a geographic region of 26,950 square miles (the State of Minnesota covers a total of 86,939 miles) that includes the following twenty-three counties: Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Clay, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, Kittson, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Roseau, Stevens, Traverse, Wadena, and Wilkin.

The Northern Lights Library Network system consists of four regional public library systems; academic libraries on two campuses of the University of Minnesota at Crookston and Morris; Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System institutions including Minnesota State University Moorhead, Bemidji State University, Northland Community College, Minnesota State Community and Technical College on four campuses (Moorhead, Thief River Falls, Wadena, and Fergus Falls); three tribal colleges, including Leech Lake, Red Lake, and White Earth; numerous private colleges; one hundred eighty five school libraries (including public and charter schools, Bureau of Indian Affairs schools, and private schools) in seventy-nine school districts; and a rich variety of special libraries in museums, county law libraries, hospitals, and early childhood programs.

*Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN) is a cooperative system of two hundred eighty academic, public, school, and special libraries in twenty-three counties in North-central, North-west, and West-central Minnesota, that works at the grassroots level to bring together all types of libraries and collections in the region to discover, enhance, and share resources through administrative, technological, and educational support. NLLN:*

- ▶ Provides scholarships to library staff for continuing education activities
  - ▶ Sponsors workshops and continuing education events
  - ▶ Provides directories of services in the region (see [nlln.org](http://nlln.org))
  - ▶ Writes grants to support library services in the region
- ▶ Consults with rural school libraries on collection management and development, including online catalog support
  - ▶ NLLN Provides ongoing financial support to libraries with specific needs.
- ▶ NLLN creates, develops, and maintains the following programs:

***Library Luncheon with Legislators*** where librarians from the region briefly describe their work to legislators over a shared lunch;

***The Life Achievement Award*** signifies a contribution to citizens in the region from a librarian who has given extraordinary service throughout a career;

***Minnesota Literacy Initiative*** supports literacy initiatives among all types of libraries, from early reading activities to advanced literary discussions, library literacy initiatives bring people together to get to know books in enjoyable and satisfying situations;

***Poets Across Minnesota*** encourages the love of reading, literature, and the spoken word by sponsoring poetry readings and events for regional poets through libraries in the region;

***Train-the-Trainers*** is based on practical adult learning principles linked to skill building, for librarians in the region to assist them in keeping up with rapidly changing technology;

***LARL/NWRL Overdrive School Initiative***, eBook access for middle and high school students by encouraging schools, teachers, and students to register for LARL and NWRL library cards to access the eBook services provided to them through their public library.



## Prairielands Library Exchange

Serves Big Stone, Chippewa, Cottonwood, Jackson, Kandiyohi, Lac Qui Parle, Lincoln, Lyon, McLeod, Meeker, Murray, Nobles, Pipestone, Redwood, Renville, Rock, Swift, and Yellow Medicine counties.

***Prairielands Library Exchange seeks to empower and partner with member libraries through sharing information, ideas, and resources; educating library member staff for traditional and emerging roles; advocating for all types of libraries; providing tools in support of members; and fostering lifelong library use.***

- ▶ Provides scholarships to library staff to attend continuing education events
- ▶ Teaches library staff in the region about the latest technology, including the Destiny catalog for schools
  - ▶ Co-sponsors Camp Read-A-Lot with regional libraries
  - ▶ Holds annual Teen Summit on teen programming.
- ▶ Support for teen reading: YA author visits, programming grants for Teen Summer Read, Teen Read Week and Teen Tech Week.
- ▶ Newsletter. To be added to the newsletter, send email to : [shelly@sammie.org](mailto:shelly@sammie.org)

## Southeast Library System (SELS)

Serves Dodge, Fillmore, Freeborn, Goodhue, Houston, Mower, Olmsted, Rice, Steele, Wabasha, and Winona counties and is affiliated with the SELCO regional public library system.

***SELS fosters collaboration, communication, training, and the sharing of resources among its members.***

- ▶ Provides interlibrary loan service to:
  - ▶ Carleton College
  - ▶ Mayo Graduate School
  - ▶ Minnesota State College—Southeast Technical College—Winona
  - ▶ Rochester Community and Technical College
  - ▶ Rochester Public Library
  - ▶ Saint Mary's University of Minnesota
  - ▶ Saint Olaf College
  - ▶ SELCO/SELS
  - ▶ Winona State University
  - ▶ Libraries with UPS/USPS Service
  - ▶ Riverland Community College—Albert Lea
  - ▶ Riverland Community College—Austin
  - ▶ South Central Technical College—Faribault
  
- ▶ Cataloging and circulation training
- ▶ Continuing education workshops, including a new Practical Librarianship series
- ▶ eBooks for schools, working cooperatively to purchase titles to support curriculum
- ▶ Integrated Library System (ILS) includes 85+ libraries of all types
- ▶ Interlibrary loan to 37 public, 49 school, 2 academic, and 2 special libraries
- ▶ Scholarships for professional development.

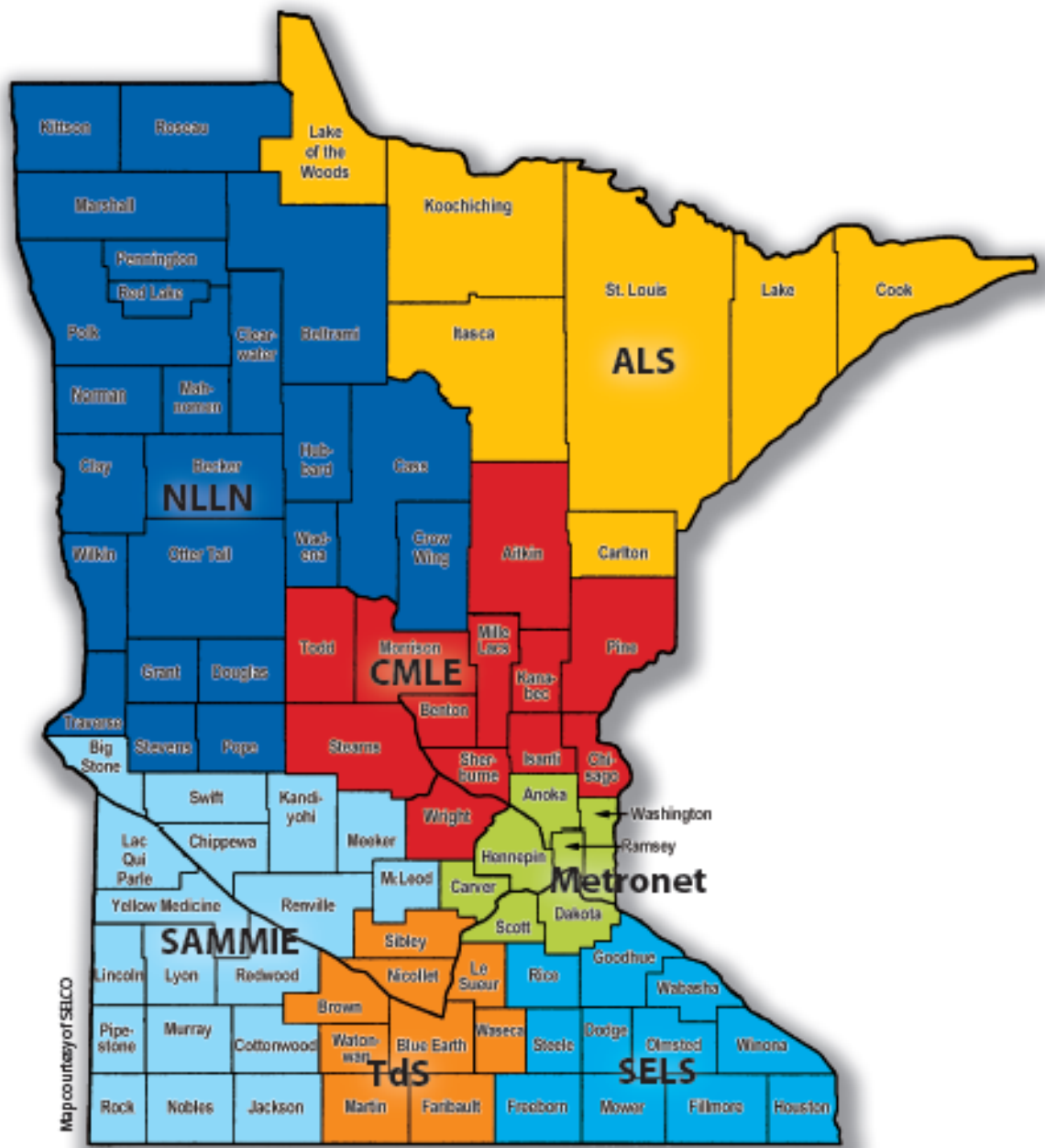
## Traverse de Sioux Library Cooperative (TdS)

Serves library staff in nine south central Minnesota counties:

- \*Blue Earth
- \*Brown
- \*Faribault
- \*Le Sueur
- \*Martin
- \*Nicollet
- \*Sibley
- \*Waseca

***TdS promotes cooperation, provides support services, and coordinates shared access to needed resources, programs, and technologies for member libraries.***

- ▶ Provides interlibrary loan and delivery to:
  - \*Bethany Lutheran College
  - \*Gustavus Adolphus College
  - \*Mankato State University Mankato
  - \*Martin Luther College
  - \*Rasmussen College
  - \*South Central Technical College –  
Mankato
  
- ▶ Consults with school libraries to offer collection development services, promote information literacy best practices, furnishes credible online resources, and provides access to eBooks and eMagazines.
  
- ▶ Integrated Library System (ILS) includes 90+ libraries of all types
  - ▶ Centralized cataloging
  - ▶ Interlibrary loan and delivery
  - ▶ Continuing education workshops
- ▶ Scholarships for professional development.
  
- ▶ ... And much, much more.



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