Minnesota’s Legislative Statute 134.351 established the Multitype systems in 1979. State Library Services and School Technology, within the Minnesota Department of Education, administers the program under the Statute and Rules 3530.2600. State aid appropriations provide the bulk of the funding.

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Roseville, MN 55113
Phone: 651.582.8890  Fax: 651.582.8874
http://education.state.mn.us/

ALS—Arrowhead Library System
Mountain Iron, MN
Phone: 218.741.3840
http://www.arrowhead.lib.mn.us

CMLE—Central Minnesota Libraries Exchange
St. Cloud, MN
Phone: 320.308.2950 / 1.800.657.3796
http://www.cmlc.org

Metronet
St. Paul, MN
Phone: 651.646.0475
http://metronet.lib.mn.us

NLLN—Northern Lights Library Network
Moorhead, MN
Phone: 218.477.1750 / 1.800.450.1032
http://nlln.org

SAMMIE—Southwest Area Multicounty Multitype Interlibrary Exchange
Marshall, MN
Phone: 507.532.9013 / 1.800.788.6479
http://www.sammie.org

SELS—Southeast Library System
Rochester, MN
Phone: 507.288.5513 / 1.800.992.5061
http://www.selco.info

TdSLC—Traverse de Sioux Library Cooperative
Mankato, MN
Phone: 507.625.6169
http://tdslib.org
Your Region, Your Needs

The seven Minnesota multicounty multitype library systems provide critical links between academic, public, school and special libraries in the state.

Each multitype system responds to the needs of the librarians in its region by providing support services. Key areas in which these systems provide efficient, cost effective services include:

- Consulting
- Communication
- Sharing of Resources Across All Types of Libraries
- Ongoing Professional Development Opportunities
- Assistance with Strategic Planning

The multicounty multitype library systems have built solid relationships and networks to connect all types of Minnesota libraries.

Multitypes give voice to all libraries regardless of their size or type.

Connecting Libraries and Resources

Multitype library systems connect people to the human, print, and electronic resources across library types through the following services:

- Resource sharing
- Delivery
- Backup reference
- Communication through websites, newsletters, electronic discussion groups
- Local and regional meetings

Planning & Consulting

Multitype library system staff provide planning and consulting services to all types of libraries, which may include:

- Library automation systems
- Policy development
- Sharing of best practices
- Preservation and digitization of unique collections
- Grant seeking and fund raising

Professional & Staff Development

Knowledgeable library staffs are better able to meet the needs of their library users. Multitype library systems connect library staff in all types of libraries to professional and staff development opportunities. These include:

- Regional/local hands-on workshops
- Teleconferences and conferences
- Scholarship/grant opportunities
- Training materials
- Promotion of statewide and local events