

# WEEKLY WEEDER



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## Shaping the Library to the Life of the User: Adapting, Empowering, Partnering, Engaging

Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

*OCLC* by Merrilee Proffitt, James Michalko, and Melissa Renspie—This report provides a recap of the October 2015 Library in the [Life of the User meeting](#) that featured insights about ways libraries can provide more meaningful support based on what students, scholars and other library users really do.

### Highlights:

- Users increasingly have choices outside the library, and those choices are both networked and social.
- It is far too easy to make incorrect assumptions about users' needs and motives. Mixed methodologies, including practices based in ethnography and design, help libraries to better understand their constituents and to make wise choices.
- Libraries need to adapt, empower, partner and engage in order to successfully shape their future services around users' needs.

NOTE: The article gives you the opportunity to download the report.

[Article](#)

### MnLINK Gateway update—OCLC Reclamation, Marketing and more!

Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

*Minitex* by Becky Ringwelski (Released 12/14/2016) - We continue to work toward an implementation of the OCLC WorldCat Discovery

platform. To date, we have held five webinars for libraries interested in the OCLC Batchload/Reclamation offer available through the recently negotiated MnLINK contract. We are expecting to move to the new discovery platform by July 2016.

Minitex staff are working with OCLC to configure the WorldCat Discovery interface to meet the needs of Minnesota libraries. A marketing committee comprised of staff from MnLINK libraries and Minitex is meeting to determine how to build patron awareness as we move to the new system. [Article](#)

### Apply for Greatness

Info Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

*Rural Gateways: Fostering the Development of Rural Librarians as Informal Science Facilitators*—Minitex by Jennifer Hootman (released 12/15/2015) - The [Califa Library Group](#) is accepting applications for mini-

grants to librarians in rural public libraries who are interested in providing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) programming for adults. [Article](#)

*Sparks! Ignition Grants for Libraries—IMLS Deadline February 1, 2016*—A special funding opportunity within the IMLS National Leadership Grants for

Libraries program. These small grants encourage libraries and archives to test and evaluate specific innovations in the ways they operate and the services they provide. Sparks Grants support the deployment, testing, and evaluation of promising and groundbreaking new tools, products, services, or organizational practices. [More Information](#)

## Kids & Teens Broadcast

Articles Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

**Seedling Comic Studio**—*School Library Journal* by Joyce Valenza (Released 1/3/2016) - Here's a winner to add to your mobile storytelling toolkit! Available for iPhone, iPad and iPod Touch, [Seedling Comic Studio](#) is a low-learning curve, free tool for comic/graphic story creation. Make one-frame or an entire multi-page book combining photographs from your camera or camera roll, cut-outs, speech bubbles, free-form text, filters, backgrounds and stickers. [Article](#)

**National Teen Lock-In 2016 "Game On"** - *ARSL* by Nikki Branam—Planning for NTL 2016 is currently underway and I am excited to announce the date for our next event. Please join us on Friday, July

29 to be a part of NTL 2016: Game On! Information will be added to the [NTL wiki](#) as it becomes available so please visit and [register](#) to stay current on all things NTL.

I am also excited to announce that Rebecca Jung, former chair of the author committee and NTL veteran, has stepped into the role of event co-chair. Questions? Comments? We'd love to hear from you! [Email us](#).

**The History Day Research in Minnesota Website, New & Improved!** *Minitex* by Jennifer Hootman (Released 12/22/2015) - The newly updated History Day Research in Minnesota [website](#) walks students through the process of researching History Day projects. It provides guidance for the research process and recommends research sources available to Minnesota residents. The site is divided into six sections which can be viewed in chronological order or individually. Students can use Re-

search notes to chart progress through History Day projects. [Article](#)

### Stanford's Links to Assess

- [15 Picture Books that Support Youth Spatial Skills Development](#)
- [Examples of Winter Sensory Bins](#)
- [16 Awesome Picture Books to Read in 2016](#)
- [Read-alikes for Kids who Love Star Wars](#)
- [The New Preschool is Crushing Kids](#)
- [2015 Best Fiction for YAs](#)
- [New Titles in the ALS Professional Collection](#)

## Older Students Learn for the Sake of Learning

Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

*New York Times* by Harriet Edleson (1/1/2016) - Josh and Susan Fried attend classes three days a week but they never receive any grades or cram for midterms or finals. They are not trying to earn an additional degree or retrain for a new career. Both are 68; they just want to learn with other like-minded adults. Dr. Fried retired from his dental practice eight

years ago and moved with his wife, Susan, a former English teacher, to Rockville, MD from New York, to be closer to their son and his family. At the same time, they wanted to expand their life in retirement beyond family.

The Frieds are among the 150,000 men and women nationally who participate each year at more than 119 [Osher Lifelong Learning Institutes](#). The institutes, affiliated mostly with colleges and universities, are among the best-known advanced adult educational programs in the country. Along with an array of other such

programs fitting under the "lifelong learning" umbrella, they tend to attract educated, passionate people who are seeking intellectual and social stimulation among peers who often become new friends.

Adult education programs have been a mainstay through local school districts, libraries, recreation departments and senior centers, but lifelong learning programs position themselves as communities where the participants not only take on challenging subjects but also seek to engage more deeply with their fellow students. [Article](#)

## Drones: Dept. of Homeland Security Publishes Best Practices...

Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

**...for Protecting Privacy, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties in Unmanned Aircraft Systems Programs**—*Library Journal* by Gary Price (Filed 1/4/2016) - The Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Unmanned Aircraft Systems Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties Working Group has published best

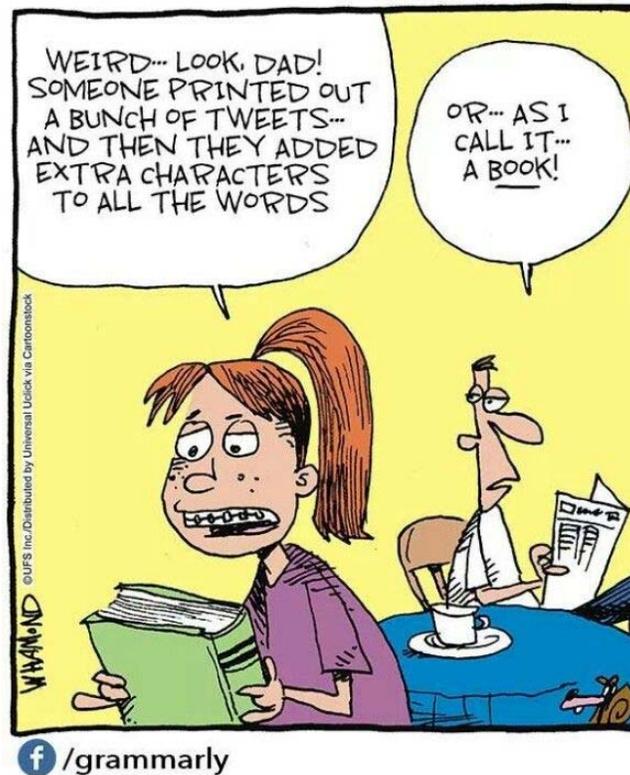
practices to assist government agencies in building unmanned aircraft system programs founded on strong privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties protections.

These [best practices](#) outline privacy, civil rights, and civil liberties practices to consider before initiating an unmanned aircraft program. They are based on the [DHS Fair Information Practice Principles](#) and civil rights and civil liberties protections.



These recommendations reflect the Department's considerable experience operating unmanned aircraft systems in securing the Nation's borders and supporting communities during natural disasters and emergencies.

While primarily intended for DHS and its local, state, and federal government partners and grantees, the private sector may also find these best practices valuable and instructive in creating unmanned aircraft system programs. [Article](#)



## The Conference is Calling

Articles submitted by **MaryLei Barclay**

**Computers in Libraries 2016—Minitex March 8-10**—The [Computers in Libraries 2016](#) conference will take place at the Washington Hilton in Washington, DC. Minitex will coordinate a group registration so that each attendee pays



**computers in libraries 2016**

\$319 rather than \$499) for the three-day event. Discounted rates of \$109 (for the Internet @Schools Track) and \$599 (for the Library Leaders Digital Strategy Summit) are also available. Your discounts will be automatically applied if you use [this link](#). [Article](#)

**Amigos Library Services Online Conference: Going Out of Bounds with Reference Services—Minitex** by

Carla Pfahl (Released 12/15/2016) - Reference librarianship has transformed from standard “behind-the-desk” reference to roving reference, to



virtual reference, and finally beyond the library walls. As part of this evolution, libraries have begun integrating reference services into other library and community services, bringing reference services directly to the need.

During this conference, we will discover how libraries have embedded reference services into their communities, bringing information assistance to information seekers in unique ways. More [Info and Register](#). [Article](#)

## Penguin Random House Unifies E-Book Terms for Libraries

Article Submitted by **MaryLei Barclay**

*Publishers Weekly* by Andrew Albanese (Released 12/3/2015) - Ever since the merger between Random House and Penguin was announced, librarians have been left to wonder which terms of sale for library e-books would ultimately win out: Penguin’s cheaper, but limited terms? Or

Random House’s more expensive, but perpetual access terms? Now, we know: it will be the Random House terms.

Penguin Random House executives announced today that all Penguin e-books purchased by libraries after January 1, 2016, will be licensed on the perpetual access model now used by Random House.

Currently, Penguin e-books are licensed to libraries with a one-year expiration date, and prices close to

consumer prices. Going forward, all Penguin Random House e-books will be sold under the same perpetual access license terms—which means no cap on the number of loans—although, with higher prices ranging from just under \$20 per title to a newly set maximum of \$65. The \$65 cap, however, is a reduction from the current Random House cap in the U.S. of \$85 per title. Penguin Random House sales to libraries will continue to be handled exclusively... [Article](#)

# Webinar Control Center

Info Submitted by **MaryLei Barclay**

**Advancing Accessibility with Mobile**—ALA fee \$60.00—January 14, 2:30pm Eastern—Accessibility for those with disabilities has always been very important, and is now more dynamic and prominent with advanced technologies. NUIs (natural user interfaces) are those that put the human first—by making use of multiple human senses. They do this with touch screens, speech recognition, camera input, and “haptic” output, such as the way an Apple Watch can gently tap your wrist for a notification. These trends along with the accessibility features of mobile devices are proving to be extremely useful to those with visual impairments, hearing loss, and mobility problems, and also those with autism. [Register](#)

**Using WebDewey and Understanding Dewey Decimal Classification**—ALA fee \$175.00—January 19 and continues for 4 weeks—With the expert cataloging instruction of Violet Fox, you will gain a comprehensive grounding in Dewey Decimal Classification® principles and practice. Starting with the basics, this eCourse will teach you how to assign DDC® numbers with correct meaning in hierarchy, build numbers using tables, and apply numbers that help patrons browse your library. [Register](#)

**Leadership Workshop for Women**—PLA fee up to \$59.00—January 20 & January 27 at 1:00pm Central—In this two-part webinar series, Sally Helgesen offers concrete, actionable practices for women seeking to transition to the next level of leadership while maximizing their contribution to their organization. The series is also suitable for men who manage women and seek to develop their talents to the fullest. [Register](#)

**Ensuring the Scholarly Record**—Minitex January 13, 12:00pm Central—Science is often referred to as a self-correcting system and scholarly

communications are meant to play an important role in that process. By describing the work that has been undertaken, others can verify the work by replicating it, testing its validity, and applying it in their own work, thereby building upon it. Recently, questions have arisen about the scholarly record, with revelations about false data, erroneous processes, and irreproducible research. [Register](#)

**Delivering Community Value: How to Make Yourself Indispensable for Small Libraries**—Library Journal January 14, 3:00pm Eastern—Libraries are always striving to show their strengths not only as a reading institution, but as a community center, no matter their size. Join us as we hear from two small library leaders who understand the true worth of their community value. [Register](#)

**Happiness Vs. Misery: Which Brings a Greater Response?** - NonProfit Times fee \$49.95 January 26, 2:00pm EST—A Current trend among some practitioners of fundraising techniques is the “You made this possible” approach. Implicitly, a gigantic difference exists between communications to those who actually did make “this” possible and communications to those the charity simply hopes or assumes will have a significant part in a campaign’s ultimate success. The obvious flaw is that ultimate success might not occur. The responsibility of recognizing the difference between speculation and reliance on tested grounds is our theme—”Happiness Vs. Misery.” [Register](#)

**Technology Skills for Library Staff: Effective and Engaging Training Programs**—Techsoup—January 27, 11:00am PST—How can we get library staff excited about learning new technology skills? How can libraries be better prepared to help the public with technology questions? How can staff go from tech shy to tech savvy? Designing an engaging technology training program can help all li-

brary staff get up to speed. Join us for this free webinar to learn about two fun and engaging staff technology training programs in public libraries. [Register](#)

**American Libraries: Virtual Reference**—Minitex January 14, 1:00pm Central—Reference work continues to be a huge part of the foundation of librarianship. Like many other library services, more and more of it is conducted online. Our expert panel will be exploring virtual reference—what it means, how it is changing, and the best practices for those getting started. [Register](#)

**Think your Library or Budget is too Small for RFID?**



**Think Again...** - February 3, 1:00pm CST—mk Solutions offers RFID technology that is affordable for any size library or budget. Our software not only saves your library

money and time, it has multiple benefits for your staff and patrons as well. [Register](#)

**Welcome, 2016: The Year of Knowledge, Optimized**—Training Industry January 19, 1:00pm EST—Most of us prioritize, optimizing our personal lives for performance and efficiency. In 2016, the world of corporate learning is poised to catch up. Today, there are tools being built and refined to take learning and development programs to the next level of greatness. Your host, Rebecca Reagan-Thieme, product manager at Inkling, will make predictions about how new technology will accelerate corporate knowledge in the coming year. [Register](#)

**EDUCAUSE Live! - The 2016 Top 10 IT Issues**—January 13, 1:00pm ET—The Top 10 IT Issues for 2016 were published in EDUCAUSE Review in January. EDUCAUSE Vice President Susan Grajek and three IT leaders from the IT Issues panel will present the list, discuss why these issues are so important to higher education this year, and offer advice for addressing several of the issues. [Register](#)

# Thinking Outside Minnesota

Articles submitted by **MaryLei Barclay**

***Egypt lawyer challenges law that says writers can be jailed***—*Associated Press* (Released 12/13/2015) - An Egyptian lawyer on Saturday challenged a law that allows writers to be jailed for violating public morals, requesting the suspension of a case against an author on trial for work that prosecutors say is sexually explicit. [Article](#)

***Public Libraries Support Refugees***—*Library Journal* by April Witteveen (Released 12/29/2015) - In the midst of the ongoing international migration crisis, libraries worldwide are finding ways to support newly arriving refugees. Libraries across Europe are assisting the wave of newly arriving Syrian refugees, as illustrated by recent [articles from Public Libraries Online](#) and the International Federation of Library Associations and Institutions (IFLA). And they're not alone: as cities in the US and Canada receive an influx of Middle Eastern Refugees seeking asylum, libraries are using both traditional and innovative services to reach out and connect with these populations in crisis. [Article](#)

***San Bernardino Libraries Get \$50K Because of Tragedies***—*The Sun* by Ryan Hagen (Released 12/29/2015) - Residents and others affected by this year's tragedies will have another \$50,000 in resources thanks to state grants extended because of those tragedies. California State Librarians Greg Lucas offered \$15,000 to the city library system and \$25,000 to county libraries because of the Dec. 2 terrorist attack, and another \$10,000 to the county system because of July's Lake Fire. The one-time funds come through the federal LSTA. A library can help by being a community hub and by providing people materials to work through loss, Lucas wrote. [Article](#)

***Pop-up Media Centers Connect Detroit Communities with Infor-***

***mation***—*Knight Foundation* by Allister Chang and Richard Tao (Released 12/22/2015) - Motivated by our shared appreciation of libraries, the two of us, with support from Knight Foundation, have been working to implement a program aimed at expanding access to library resources in Detroit's neighborhoods. The program, called the [Ideas Box](#), was originally conceived by Libraries Without Borders. Just what is the Ideas Box? Imagine a portable library replete with not only books, but also Internet access, laptops, e-readers, tablets, video cameras, arts, and crafts materials, a television, and a projector. Now imagine those materials being stored in containers that can be packed and unpacked in less than 20 minutes. Finally, imagine being able to access all this at your local rec center, your nearby Laundromat, your neighborhood park, and even the lobby of your apartment building. [Article](#)

***National Library of Israel Releases 200 Hi-Res Unique Maps of Jerusalem on Wikimedia Commons***—*Library Journal* by Gary Price (Filed 1/6/2016) - The [National Library of Israel](#) has released a collection of [200 high-resolution unique maps of Jerusalem](#), part of the Eran Laor Cartographic Collection in collaboration with [Wikimedia Israel](#). The collection of ancient maps, spanning from 1486-1947, contains a variety of styles and languages. Wikimedia Israel encourages the Wikimaps community to use the maps in Wikimedia initiatives and other open source projects. [Article](#)

***University of Missouri: After Fee Fails, MU's Ellis Library Plans End to 24-Hour Access***—*Library Journal* by Gary Price (Filed 12/20/2015) - Ending the longer hours follows a failed MU student vote in November to raise fees for library operations. Ann Riley, acting director of MU Libraries, said the new hours haven't been determined. Previous hours at Ellis for Sunday through Thursday were 7:30am-2:30am. [Article](#)

***University of Connecticut***



***Awarded \$99,000 Mellon Grant for Scholarly Communications Design Studio***—*Library Journal* by Gary Price (Filed 12/18./2015) - A grant from the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation will help to expand digital scholarship at UConn with the establishment of a Scholarly Communications Design Studio. The start-up funding of \$99,000 will bring together a collaboration among the Digital Media & Design Department in the School of Fine Arts, the University Libraries, and the Humanities Institute that will make a systematic intervention into the ways scholarship is researched, authored, presented, and published in the digital age. [Article](#)

***New York Public Library puts more than 180,000 images online***—*USA Today* by Mary Bowerman (Released 1/7/2016) - Feast your eyes on images of early settlements in the West, fires in Chicago or peruse through an early American manuscript. The New York Public Library made more than 180,000 of its public domain images [available as high-resolution downloads online](#) Wednesday.

Now users can download images of maps, documents and photo illustrations directly from the organization's Digital Collections website without restriction. [Article](#)

***Libraries Digitize Thousands of Colonial Documents***—*I Love Libraries.org* by Laszlo Herwitz and Leah Yared—Thousands of essays, journals, and other archival documents from the 17th and 18th centuries are now available online, after a group of Harvard libraries launched the Colonial North American Project website last week. The launch is part of a broader push to digitize the archives in the library system. The Law School library recently announced an effort to digitize its collection of United States case law, and the Harvard-wide library system is conducting a fundraising campaign to support digitization projects among other efforts. [Article](#)

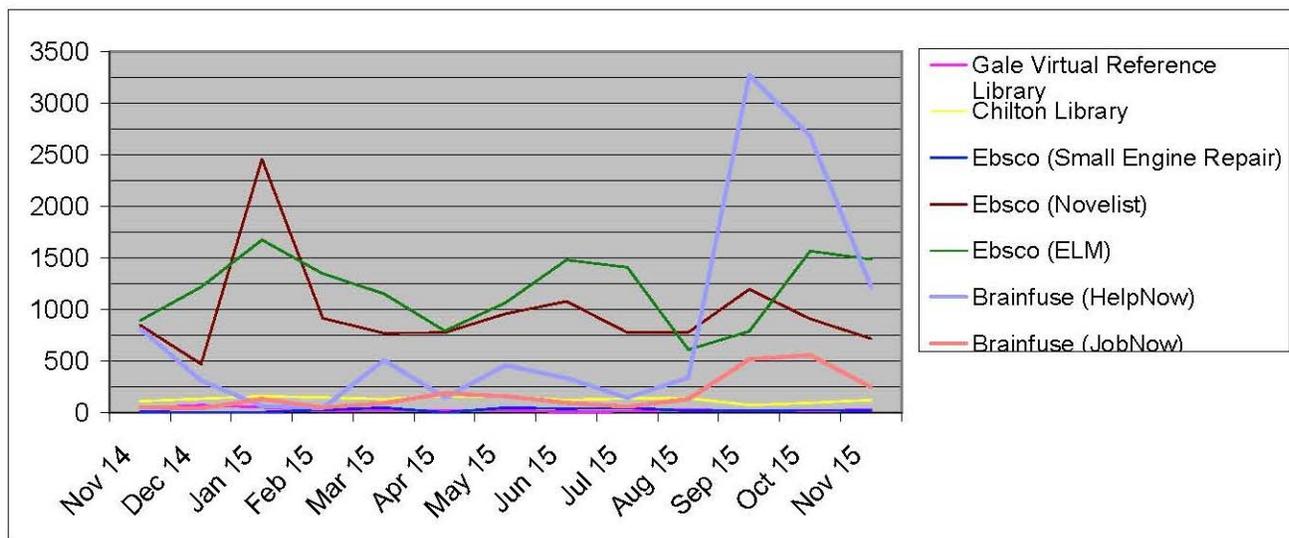
# Just the Stats

Usage for Databases Paid for by ALS  
thru November 2015

## ALS Paid Databases

### Searches

	Nov 14	Dec 14	Jan 15	Feb 15	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 15	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 15	Sep 15	Oct 15	Nov 15
Gale Virtual Reference Library	47	74	54	20	29	26	24	10	14	30	18	15	33
Chilton Library	110	135	160	147	132	165	153	124	139	141	73	97	124
Ebsco (Small Engine Repair)	10	5	6	29	50	3	50	40	48	20	20	25	22
Ebsco (Novelist)	850	473	2460	918	773	779	959	1079	778	782	1199	910	718
Ebsco (ELM)	895	1218	1675	1348	1154	793	1068	1481	1412	611	789	1568	1487
Brainfuse (HelpNow)	817	312	66	46	509	148	460	335	144	342	3275	2682	1221
Brainfuse (JobNow)	53	44	134	51	93	189	160	95	59	134	517	560	251
<b>TOTAL USAGE</b>	<b>2782</b>	<b>2261</b>	<b>4555</b>	<b>2559</b>	<b>2740</b>	<b>2103</b>	<b>2874</b>	<b>3164</b>	<b>2594</b>	<b>2060</b>	<b>5891</b>	<b>5857</b>	<b>3856</b>



## Other Gale Databases

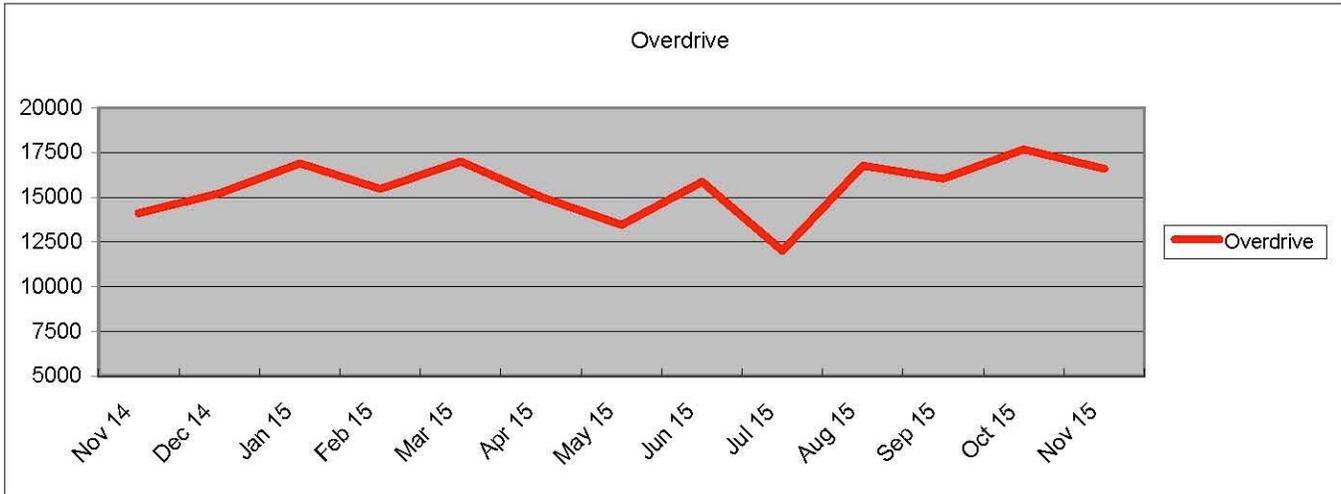
### Searches

	Nov 14	Dec 14	Jan 15	Feb 15	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 15	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 15	Sep 15	Oct 15	Nov 15
Discovering Collection	43	27	23	22	3	7	5	4	1	1	7	0	0
Educator's Reference Complete	42	30	13	13	4	7	2	10	0	1	14	1	3
Expanded Academic ASAP	58	45	45	17	156	81	18	6	12	1	12	9	19
General Science Collection	84	43	50	26	9	34	4	7	0	0	1	8	2
Informe Academico	42	20	13	13	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Junior Edition	42	21	13	13	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Junior Reference Collection	0	1	1	10	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	5	0
Kids Edition - K12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kids InfoBits	0	2	8	10	5	7	0	4	0	0	0	0	3
Professional Collection	91	47	47	36	4	13	5	0	10	0	1	2	4
Research in Context													9
Student Edition	42	21	29	13	0	5	2	0	0	3	3	65	15
Student Resource Center Gold	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Student Resources in Context	46	227	48	16	1	5	2	0	0	0	0	3	0
<b>TOTAL USAGE</b>	<b>490</b>	<b>484</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>187</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>55</b>

# Just the Stats

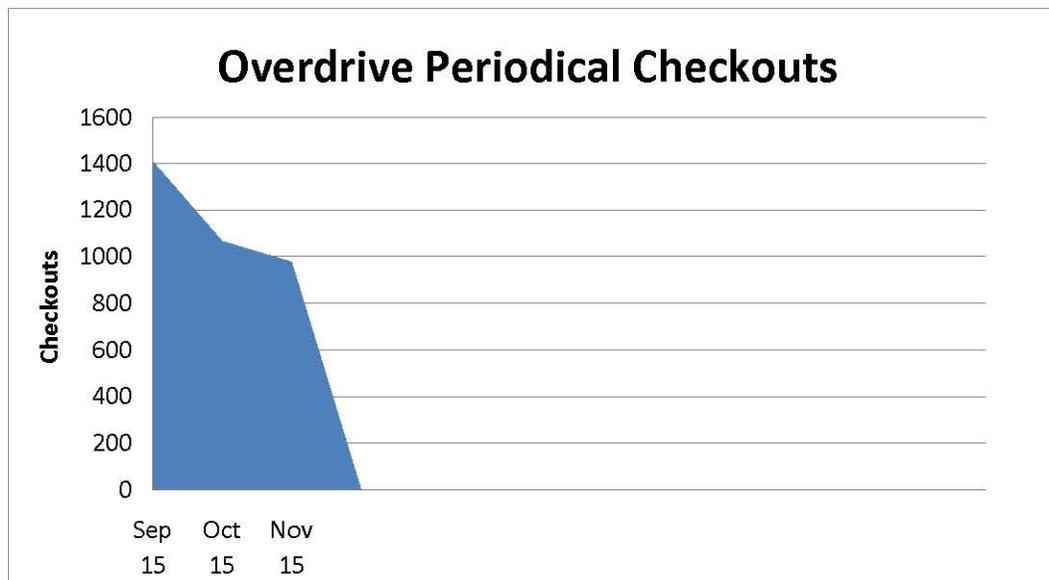
## Overdrive

Nov 14	Dec 14	Jan 15	Feb 15	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 15	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 15	Sep 15	Oct 15	Nov 15
14097	15200	16881	15452	16992	15010	13445	15849	12006	16750	16025	17674	16578



## Overdrive

Sep 15	Oct 15	Nov 15
1407	1065	976



# Just the Stats

Arrowhead Library System  
Overdrive Periodical Use  
For Period: November 2015

Check outs	Check outs	Check outs
38 OK! magazine	9 mental_floss	3 Smithsonian
36 Family Circle	9 Quilter's World	3 A Wellness Update
34 Food Network Magazine	9 Weight Watchers Magazine	3 Zoobooks
31 HGTV Magazine	8 Bead & Button	2 Entrepreneur
30 Reader's Digest	8 Outside	2 Field & Stream
27 Do it Yourself	8 Taste of Home Holiday	2 Inc.
26 Better Homes and Gardens	8 Vegetarian Times	2 In-Fisherman
26 Taste of Home	7 AARP the Magazine	2 Popular Photography
24 Country Living	7 The Atlantic	2 Timber Home Living
23 O, The Oprah Magazine	7 History Revealed	1 American Snowmobiler
23 Prevention	7 Men's Fitness - US edition	1 Brides
22 The Family Handyman	7 Newsweek	1 Interweave Crochet
21 Good Housekeeping - US edition	7 The World of Cross Stitching	1 The Oxford American
20 Cosmopolitan - US edition	6 Astronomy	1 Petersen's 4-Wheel and Off-Road
19 Cardmaking & Papercraft	6 More	1 Poets & Writers
19 Martha Stewart Living	6 Runner's World	1 Seventeen
17 Real Food and Health	6 Vanity Fair	1 Skewed and Reviewed - The Maga
16 Better Homes and Gardens' Diabetic	5 Air and Space Magazine	1 Smart Photograph
15 Redbook	5 American Craft	
15 Reminisce	5 Arts and Crafts Homes	
15 Woman's Day	5 National Geographic Little Kids	
15 Yoga Journal	5 Parents Magazine	
14 Budget Travel	5 Pets	
14 Clean Eating	5 Tech & Learning	
14 Rachael Ray Every Day	4 AARP Bulletin	
14 Shape	4 Backpacker	
13 Amazing Wellness	4 Boating	
13 Dr. Oz The Good Life	4 Car and Driver	
13 Macworld - US edition	4 ESPN The Magazine	
13 National Geographic	4 Muscle & Fitness	
12 The Onion	4 National Geographic Kids	
12 Popular Science	4 Rodale's Organic Life	
11 Cabin Living	4 Woodworker's Journal	
11 Hobby Farms	4 Zootles	
11 PCWorld	3 Discovery Girls	
11 Popular Mechanics	3 Gluten-Free Living	
10 Discover	3 Home Business Magazine	
10 Interweave Knits	3 Motor Trend	
10 Midwest Living	3 National Park Trips	
10 Women's Health	3 Petersen's Hunting	
		Total eMagazine Titles 98
		Total eMagazine Circulation 976

# MINNESOTA'S INFORMATION SHARING ECONOMY

## Minitex & Minnesota's Libraries

Connecting Minnesotans with information since 1971

### MINNESOTA REFLECTIONS

is Minnesota's premier, searchable, online collection of primary source materials. At year-end, the collection contained

**44,470**

photos, maps, letters, works of art, and more, all shared by cultural heritage organizations from across the state.

### The MINNESOTA DIGITAL LIBRARY (MDL)

has collaborated with

**172**

partner organizations to create and preserve digital collections and to provide enduring open access to Minnesota's cultural legacy.

### The ELECTRONIC LIBRARY FOR MINNESOTA (ELM)

includes encyclopedia, magazine, journal, and newspaper articles, plus multimedia, primary sources, and much more. In FY2015 alone, Minnesotans searched ELM

**55,835,477**

times!

### The MINNESOTA LIBRARY ACCESS CENTER (MLAC)

is a state-of-the-art underground storage facility. MLAC contains

**1.5 million**

volumes from 21 contributing Minnesota libraries.

### Minitex RESOURCE SHARING

staff delivered

**75,815**

articles electronically, straight to the inboxes of library patrons.

### The MNLINK GATEWAY

is an online library catalog that makes the collections of nearly all Minnesota's libraries accessible to library patrons via one easy-to-use website. In FY2015, the system handled

**488,538**

interlibrary loan requests.

### AskMN

is an online reference desk run by Minitex 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

In 2015, AskMN's librarians answered a staggering

**37,813**

questions.

### In FY2015, Minitex CONFERENCES & EVENTS

brought

**4,877**

people together — virtually and in person — to learn, collaborate, and build professional skills.

### Minitex DELIVERY

handled

**888,351**

items for libraries and library patrons in FY2015.

2016

*Resolution*

**I will learn something new.**



*(available at your library or at home through your library's website)*

2016

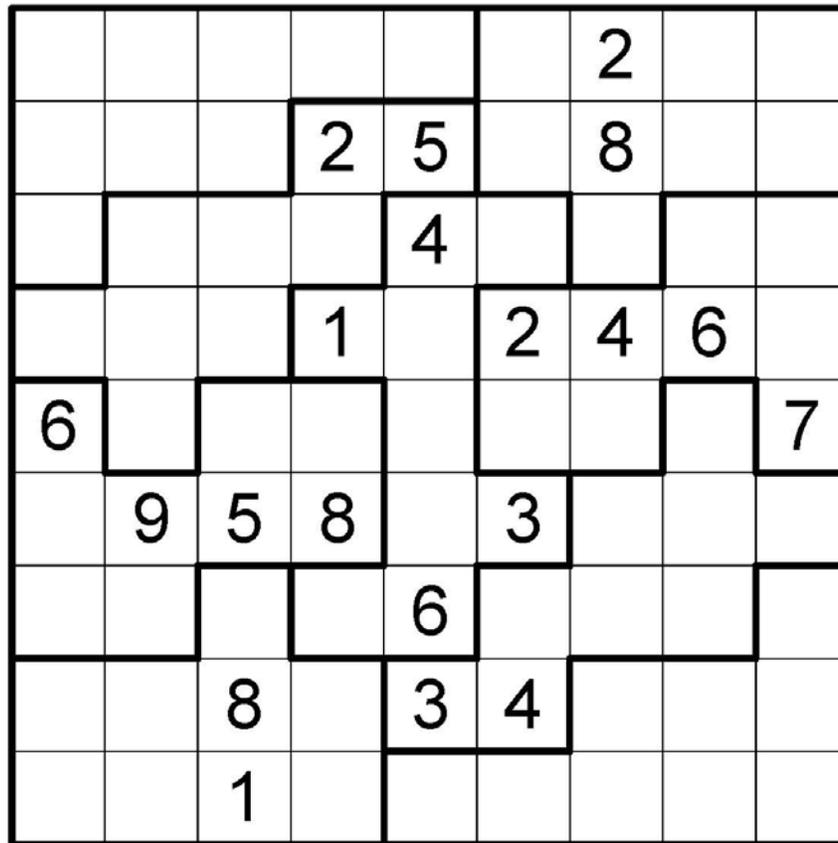
*Resolution*

**I will update my resume.**



*(available at your library or at home through your library's website)*

# Jigsaw Sudoku #8



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Fill in the blank squares so that each row, each column, and each jigsaw shape contain all of the digits 1 thru 9.

Answer

2	9	5	2	7	1	1	9	6
5	2	8	7	3	4	9	8	2
1	6	9	8	9	5	3	4	1
4	9	5	8	2	3	7	1	6
6	4	2	3	8	9	1	5	7
3	8	7	1	9	2	4	6	5
2	1	9	6	4	7	5	3	8
7	3	6	2	5	1	8	4	9
8	5	4	9	1	6	2	7	3

## MaryLei's Links Limited on Typing

- [Why \(and How\) to Set Up a College Library Visit for Middle Schoolers](#)
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