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Info Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

ALS Summer Resource Showcase for School Library Staff—ALS Headquarters August 2, 9:30am-3:30pm—Want to know more about homework help, how to access free eBooks for your students, and mingle with other school library staff from the seven-county region? Please join us for the Summer Resource Showcase for School Library Staff! This full-day event will highlight fantastic resources available to you, your teachers and your students. To reserve your spot please [register](#) by July 1 and make sure to include an email you have access to during the summer months.

Gaming and Information Literacy: Lessons from a Library Credit Course—Minitex May 18, 1:00pm Central—The presenter from the University of Northern Iowa will share how gamification has introduced into their information literacy credit course to foster active learning. The presenter will demonstrate inexpensive and easy-to-use web gamification apps (i.e. Kahoot, Quizlet), and discuss how to incorporate these into classroom environments (i.e., one shot sessions, credit course, em-

bedded classroom) to increase student engagement. [Register](#)

How to implement a Digitization Program—ALA July 11 and continuing for 4 weeks, **fee \$185.00**—Digitization is a rapidly growing area of librarianship. Whether you're a community repository or you need to digitize old materials to save space, the ability to start a digitization project is becoming an essential skill for the modern librarian. [Register](#)

RightsStatements.org: Why We Need It, What It Is (and Isn't) - DPLA 2 part workshop—May 10 & 17, 2:30pm-4:00pm CDT—The goal of RightsStatements.org is to provide standardized rights statements for cultural heritage institutions and aggregators. This two-part webinar series will demonstrate and describe the need for the statements, the rationale behind the statements, and NYPL and DPLA's implementation plans. Part I of the webinar will cover the need for the statements and the philosophy behind the statements. Part II of the webinar will cover the statements themselves along with the implemen-

tation strategy. Participants are highly encouraged to attend both parts, as they will build off each other. [Register](#)

Conversation with 3 Debut YA Authors—*School Library Journal* May 19, 3:00pm EDT—The excitement and heartache of first loves, the strength and frailty of the ties that bind siblings, the courage to stand up for yourself—and for what's right. Join Simon & Schuster and *School Library Journal* for a rich conversation with three debut young adult authors, Calla Devlin, Meg Leder, and Laurent Linn. [Register](#)

English as a Library Language—*Library Journal* May 26, 3:00pm ET—More than 25 million people living in the United States have limited proficiency in English, and they're disproportionately more likely to be living in poverty as a result. English language learners make up nearly 10 percent of all public school students in America. That makes supporting English language learning a top priority for school, public, and academic libraries alike. Join this [webcast](#) to learn how innovative libraries are meeting patrons' needs.

CMLE Job Posting

Info Submitted by Shari Fisher

Executive Director—Central Minnesota Libraries Exchange (CMLE) - The CMLE, seeks an energetic, enthusiastic candidate to serve as Executive Director of this 12-county multitype library system with 320 member libraries.

This position exists to provide vision and oversight for the CMLE, one of seven multicounty, multitype library systems in Minnesota. The position requires awareness of issues and trends in the broad library world, assessment of needs at the statewide, regional, county and individual member level, in addition to the ability to coordinate effort and finances to best provide services to 320 academic, public, K-12, and special libraries in twelve counties.

The Executive Director reports to an

11-member CMLE Governing Board and supervises staff members as required for services. The Executive Director also works with personnel as it relates to outside contractual agreements for specialized services.

The Executive Director is responsible for planning and evaluation, as well as management, development and implementation of programs and services. The person in this position will initiate and develop relationship with the CMLE board and members of the library community. The Executive Director manages CMLE's \$175,000 budget, administrative activities and staff.

CMLE employees enjoy human resources expertise, payroll services, and employee benefit packages through a cooperative arrangement with the Central Minnesota Educational Research and Development Council (cmERDC). The CMLE Governing Board is responsible for CMLE

staffing, financial oversight, and delivery of Central Minnesota Library Services. **Pay Range:** \$59,070-\$87,863. **Position Starts:** August 15. More [info](#)

Stanford's Links to Assess

- [Summer Reading Program Booklets](#)
- ["Ten Pigs" Results in Smiles and Laughter](#)
- [SRP Booklist from Teen Services Underground](#)
- [Rainbow Soda Dough Recipe](#)
- [How a School Library Increased Student Use by 1,000 Percent](#)
- [Child Development by Age](#)
- [Makerspace Resources and Programming Ideas](#)
- [Active Games for Kids](#)

Job Posting

Info Submitted by Shari Fisher

Do you have a strong knowledge in the use of web services, APIs, and related programming languages? Do you have a strong understanding of network environments and design? Are you passionate about improving the efficiency of workflows for an automation system and its web-based components in a Software as a Service environment? The Arrowhead Library System is seeking a full-time Systems Analyst to join us as part of our operations management team!

The Systems Analyst is responsible for analyzing and improving efficiencies in our automation system and will work with our Local Area Network and Wide Area Network infrastructure to provide guidance on future-focused services and determine increasing future Internet access bandwidth needs. This position also actively contributes to the planning, development and implementation of the library system's overall technology strategy. This is a hands-on technology and team-based position.

Educational Requirements: Bachelor's degree, preferably in Computer

Science or other technology-related field, plus a minimum of three years of relevant work experience. Library experience is desirable.

The position is full-time, 40 hours per week and is located at the Arrowhead Library System headquarters in Mt. Iron, MN. Hiring range begins at \$58,240. Insurance benefits are included. To apply for this position, please send your cover letter, resume, completed Arrowhead Library System application available [here](#) and three professional references to Shari Fisher, ALS Assistant Director, [Email](#)



Webinars: Take 2

Article Submitted by MaryLei Barclay

Listen Up! New Audiobooks for Summer 2016—*Booklist* May 24, 1:00pm CDT—Wondering what to suggest to your listeners this summer? *Booklist* has the answer! Join us and representatives from Books on Tape, Dreamscape, LA Theatre Works, and Recorded Books to discover the best new audiobooks of the season. [Register](#)

How to Market Your Library eCourse—ALA May 16, continuing for 4 weeks **fee \$175.00**—Can you guess one of the most essential components of library operations? It's marketing! In this eCourse, you will learn all the necessary skills to market your library—from social media and PR campaigns to designing new library programs and enhancing the experience of your library's users. [Register](#)

You'll know how to successfully draw patrons in and get them interested in the products and services you provide. [Register](#)

New on the Job eCourse/eBook Bundle—ALA May 16, continuing for 6 weeks **fee \$250.00**—Are you new on the job? Going from completing class work to being on the job is a big shift... Much of what is expected and the politics of schools are not covered in library school. Moving from one school to another means you need to start from scratch to build your reputation. This eCourse gives you the tools and techniques to be successful from day one—and continue to build on that success. School librarians are often alone in their buildings and assumed to know everything about the job; yet as noted earlier, much of it is not covered in library school. [Register](#)

Basic Reference Skills for Non-Reference Librarians eCourse—

ALA July 11, continuing for 4 weeks **fee \$175.00**—Are you new to the reference desk? The ability to provide reference services is a valuable skill for every librarian, but proper training is essential. This course is designed to help librarians who have never done reference work get up to speed. [Register](#)

New Ideas in Collection Development & Merchandising—*Library Journal* June 1, continuing for 4 weeks **fee \$179.10**—Participants will learn practical techniques for increasing library circulation and expanding staff capacity for readers' advisory (RA).

You'll attend weekly guest speaker sessions via webcast with library and retail experts and work directly with a dedicated advisor in a coaching environment to receive one-on-one feedback on your plan.

[Register](#)

While Here in Minnesota

Articles submitted by Mollie Stanford & MaryLei Barclay

Vandals torch Little Free Library in Cottage Grove—*Pioneer Press* by Bob Shaw (Released 4/28/2016) - It's not the worst case of arson in Cottage Grove history, but it's one of the meanest—the destruction of a Little Free Library. City Council member Jen Peterson said that a ninth-grade girl living nearby built the library as a Girl Scout project. It was completed

last fall and used all winter. [Article](#)

Planners hope 'Little Libraries' have big impact—*Post-Bulletin* by Gretta Becay (Release 5/5/2016) - Librarian Ingvild Herfindahl from the town's library is partnering with the industrial arts classes at Triton High school to build 10 "Little Lending Libraries" for placement throughout Dodge County. Herfindahl received a grant from Southeastern Libraries Cooperating to buy the supplies to build little structures, which will be placed with hosts throughout the county. [Article](#)

Traverse de Sioux Job Posting

Info Submitted by Shari Fisher

Executive Director—This dynamic and challenging position will manage a cooperative that serves libraries in a nine county area around Mankato, MN. Mankato is a vibrant, fast-growing city, home to Minnesota State University, Mankato and a thriving business com-



munity. The Executive Director Reports to a fourteen member Board of Directors. Members include twenty public libraries (nearly forty branches), school media centers and academic libraries. Services provided to member libraries include a Sierra (III) online catalog and circulation system, cataloging, delivery, inter-library loan, continuing education, programming and much more through a

staff of twelve. Minimum requirements include a Master's in Library Science from a program accredited by ALA and several years of administrative experience. For further information check out www.tdslib.org or call 507-386-3022. Letters of application, resumes, and references to: chaugen@tds.lib.mn.us Competitive salary, depending on experience, and generous benefits. Applications received by June 10 will receive top priority.

MaryLei's Links Limited on Typing

- [7 Expert Grant Writing Tips](#)
- [658.8—Marketing, Management, Leadership, Libraries](#) (this blog was submitted by Chris Magnusson and Shelly Ceglar)
- [Arrowhead Library System new Website](#)
- [Arrowhead Library System new Facebook page](#)
- [The Rise of Pirate Libraries](#)

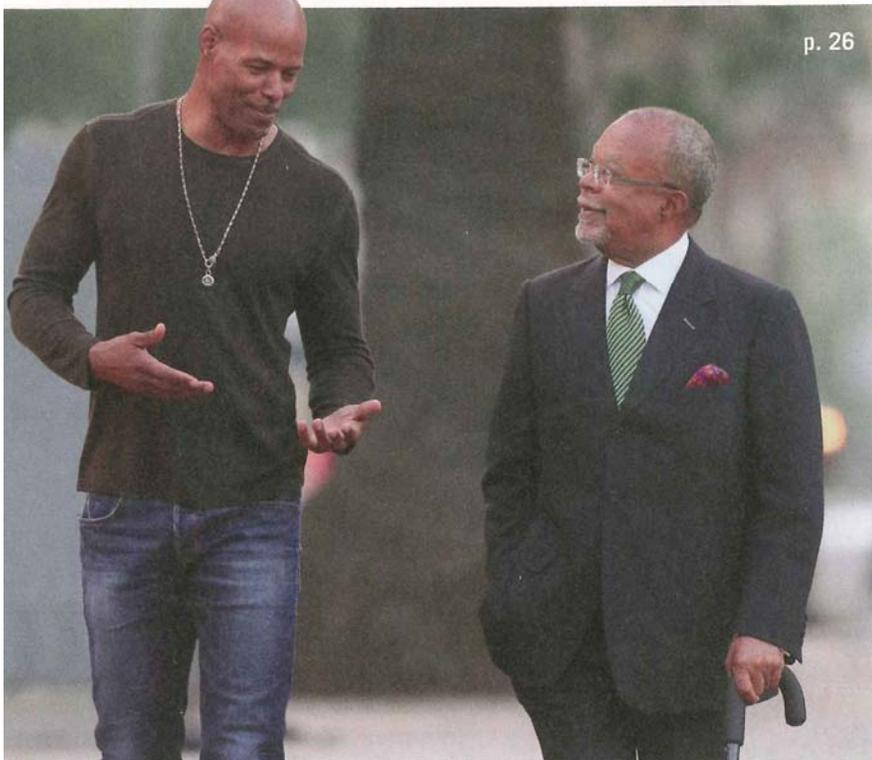
VDX Statistics: Cumulative Comparison

Traffic by institution and group (Fiscal Year 2016 July through Fiscal Year 2016 March) : FY 2015 & FY 2016

		AS BORROWER / REQUESTER				AS LENDER / RESPONDER									
		FY 2016		FY 2015		FY 2016		FY 2015							
Code	Institution Name	Total	Filled	% Fill	%Change	Total	Filled	% Fill	Total	Filled	% Fill				
Minitex															
MII	MINITEX	40,416	37,827	93.6%	-0.6%	40,670	38,204	93.9%	101,939	58,636	57.5%	1.8%	100,152	57,733	57.6%
MIJUM	UNIV OF MINNESOTA			0.0%	0.0%			0.0%	9,579	6,507	67.9%	-2.0%	9,776	6,507	66.6%
Minitex Total:		40,416	37,827	93.6%	-0.6%	40,670	38,204	93.9%	111,518	65,143	58.4%	1.4%	109,928	64,240	58.4%
Public Libraries															
MELSA															
ANK	ANOKA COUNTY LIB	13,361	10,777	80.7%	4.6%	12,771	10,138	79.4%	19,202	11,084	57.7%	-6.1%	20,457	12,118	59.2%
CCE	CARVER COUNTY LIB SYS	7,563	5,506	72.8%	-6.0%	8,044	5,754	71.5%	8,201	5,370	65.5%	-1.8%	8,349	5,554	66.5%
DCB	DAKOTA COUNTY LIB SYS	30,663	23,520	76.7%	10.9%	27,638	21,296	77.1%	17,811	10,726	60.2%	-2.0%	18,182	11,015	60.6%
HCO	HENNEPIN COUNTY LIB	53,344	36,876	69.1%	-1.5%	54,177	37,807	69.8%	46,639	27,597	59.2%	-3.2%	48,196	27,348	56.7%
RCL	RAMSEY COUNTY PUBLIC LIB	15,056	11,964	79.5%	2.5%	14,686	11,659	79.4%	25,611	16,757	65.4%	-5.1%	26,996	16,027	59.4%
SPP	ST PAUL PUBLIC LIB	16,299	12,716	78.0%	1.4%	16,073	12,696	79.0%	27,974	19,895	71.1%	7.2%	26,093	17,968	68.9%
SSH	SCOTT COUNTY LIB SYS	8,468	6,760	79.8%	21.5%	6,971	5,452	78.2%	7,317	3,797	51.9%	-3.6%	7,588	4,792	63.2%
WLM	WASHINGTON COUNTY LIB	15,778	12,348	78.3%	5.0%	15,022	11,668	77.7%	10,386	5,931	57.1%	6.1%	9,791	5,825	59.5%
MELSA Sub-Total:		160,532	120,467	75.0%	3.3%	155,382	116,470	75.0%	163,141	101,157	62.0%	-1.5%	165,652	100,647	60.8%
ALV	ARROWHEAD LIB SYS	14,876	10,200	68.6%	-1.7%	15,140	10,519	69.5%	19,029	13,415	70.5%	1.9%	18,679	12,441	66.6%
CRM	PIONEERLAND LIB SYS	14,963	11,432	76.4%	-4.1%	15,606	11,405	73.1%	7,607	5,679	74.7%	-6.7%	8,150	5,983	73.4%
DUD	DULUTH PUBLIC LIB	9,001	7,123	79.1%	5.3%	8,552	6,849	80.1%	13,021	8,627	66.3%	-10.3%	14,523	8,904	61.3%
ETC	EAST CENTRAL REGIONAL LIB	20,647	15,369	74.4%	-8.9%	22,663	16,856	74.4%	9,710	6,207	63.9%	-3.6%	10,070	6,142	61.0%
GRR	GREAT RIVER REGIONAL LIB	17,925	13,310	74.3%	-6.7%	19,206	14,404	75.0%	29,343	20,119	68.6%	-5.3%	30,970	20,269	65.4%
KRL	KITCHIGAMI REGIONAL LIB	11,422	7,787	68.2%	4.1%	10,976	7,776	70.8%	7,111	3,726	52.4%	-13.5%	8,224	4,419	53.7%
LAL	LAKE AGASSIZ REGIONAL LIB	11,135	8,932	80.2%	-3.4%	11,524	9,376	81.4%	3,388	1,790	52.8%	-18.0%	4,131	2,172	52.6%
MLM	PLUM CREEK LIB SYS	11,179	8,481	75.9%	3.2%	10,837	8,325	76.8%	9,111	6,073	66.7%	17.5%	7,756	5,238	67.5%
NRG	NORTHWEST REGIONAL LIB	3,556	2,660	74.8%	12.7%	3,154	2,404	76.2%	2,924	1,664	56.9%	-12.7%	3,348	1,871	55.9%
ROC	ROCHESTER PUBLIC LIB	15,009	11,748	78.3%	-2.5%	15,401	12,240	79.5%	23,225	15,789	68.0%	2.1%	22,738	14,475	63.7%
S#L	SELCO	20,697	13,515	65.3%	0.4%	20,611	13,089	63.5%	17,608	11,674	66.3%	-6.8%	18,900	12,470	66.0%
TDS	TRAVERSE DES SIOUX LIB COOPERATIVE	12,659	9,579	75.7%	10.8%	11,426	8,442	73.9%	10,863	8,213	75.6%	-4.6%	11,390	8,345	73.3%
XOL	VIKING LIB SYS	8,245	6,478	78.6%	-1.9%	8,405	6,760	80.4%	7,018	4,434	63.2%	8.7%	6,455	3,902	60.4%
Public Libraries Total:		331,846	247,081	74.5%	0.9%	328,883	244,915	74.5%	323,099	208,567	64.6%	-2.4%	330,986	207,278	62.6%
Private Colleges															
DML															
DML	MARTIN LUTHER COLL	399	336	84.2%	17.7%	339	251	74.0%	1,382	1,169	84.6%	7.5%	1,285	1,133	88.2%
DML Sub-Total:		399	336	84.2%	17.7%	339	251	74.0%	1,382	1,169	84.6%	7.5%	1,285	1,133	88.2%
CLIC															
BTA	BETHEL SEMINARY			0.0%	0.0%			0.0%	1,425	1,192	83.6%	4.1%	1,369	1,155	84.4%
MHA	HAMLIN UNIV			0.0%	0.0%			0.0%	2,031	850	41.9%	45.9%	1,392	947	68.0%
MNA	AUGSBURG COLL			0.0%	0.0%			0.0%	1,227	787	64.1%	2.3%	1,200	809	67.4%
MNC	CONCORDIA UNIV - ST PAUL			0.0%	0.0%			0.0%	1,831	402	22.0%	30.6%	1,402	404	28.8%
MNE	ST CATHERINE UNIV-ST PAUL	7	7	100.0%	-93.8%	112	107	95.5%	2,887	1,212	42.0%	23.5%	2,338	1,332	57.0%
MNK	BETHEL UNIV			0.0%	0.0%			0.0%	1,344	772	57.4%	4.3%	1,288	728	56.5%
MNT	UNIV OF ST THOMAS			0.0%	0.0%			0.0%	3,417	2,421	70.9%	-5.2%	3,606	2,508	69.6%
NOW	UNIV OF NORTHWESTERN - ST. PAUL			0.0%	0.0%			0.0%	1,267	786	62.0%	7.6%	1,178	742	63.0%
SMC	ST CATHERINE UNIV-MPLS	5	3	60.0%	-78.3%	23	21	91.3%	401	199	49.6%	-10.3%	447	213	47.7%
TL#	UNIV OF ST THOMAS SCHOOL OF LAW			0.0%	0.0%			0.0%	192	130	67.7%	56.1%	123	86	69.9%
Private Colleges Total:		411	346	84.2%	-13.3%	474	379	80.0%	17,404	9,920	57.0%	11.4%	15,628	10,057	64.4%
Grand Total		372,673	285,254	76.5%	0.7%	370,027	283,498	76.6%	452,021	283,630	62.7%	-1.0%	456,542	281,575	61.7%

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By **Henrietta Verma** Popular culture, advances in DNA testing, and digital resources drive broad fascination with family genealogy, but help from librarians and other human experts is still crucial. Among those experts is the creator and host of the PBS series *Finding Your Roots*, Dr. Henry Louis Gates Jr. (on our cover and above with actor Keenen Ivory Wayans), who spoke with *LJ*'s Lisa Peet about the art of and addiction to researching family backgrounds.

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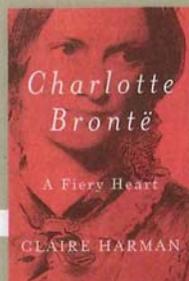
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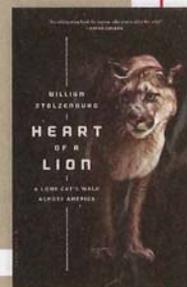


BORN OUT OF IRE AND FIRE RA CROSSROADS

"In a remarkable melding of literary history and biography, Harman illuminates the lives of the Brontës, deftly weaving Charlotte's encounters with those of her most famous heroine, Jane Eyre, demonstrating with skill how the writer's life gave rise to her art."—from *Claire Harman's Charlotte Brontë: A Fiery Heart* by Neal Wyatt (ow.ly/4mHGfb)

FIRST LOOK AT NEW BOOKS XPRESS REVIEWS

"Verdict: Stolzenburg traces our fear-based evolutionary relationship with cats back to Pleistocene Africa, which explains their role even today, in some quarters, as a public enemy. Mountain lions are in the news, thanks in part to the activities of "P-22," the resident cat in Los Angeles's Griffith Park. This most deserving work should find a large audience among general readers."—from Robert Eagan's starred review of William Stolzenburg's *Heart of a Lion* (ow.ly/4mHD6a)



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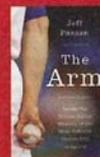
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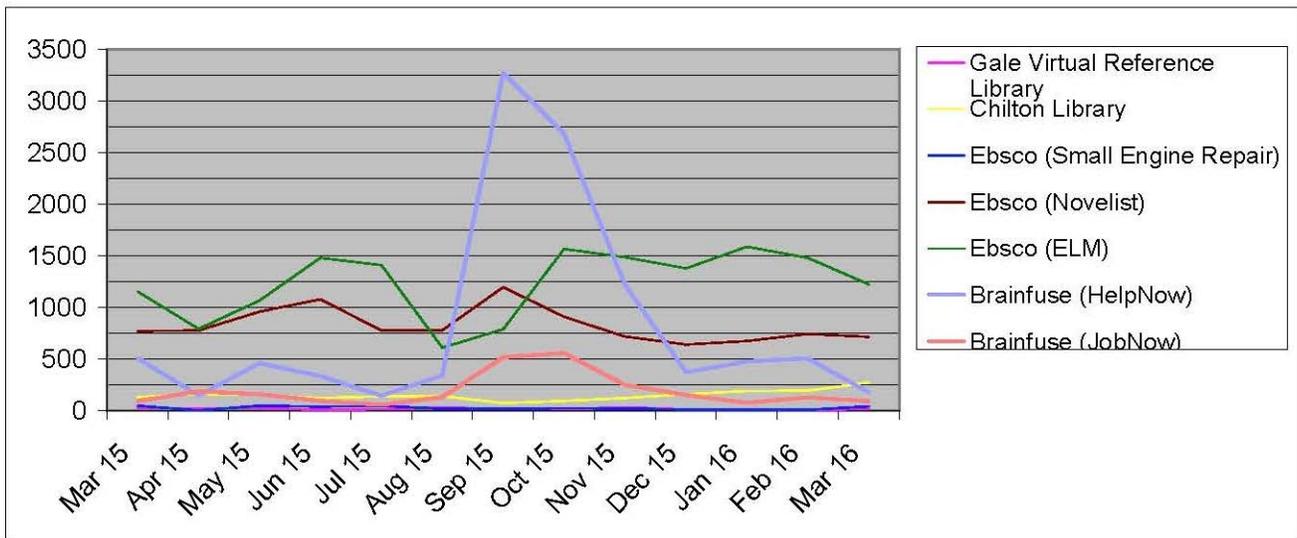
Just The Stats

Usage for Databases Paid for by ALS thru March 2016

ALS Paid Databases

Searches

	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 15	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 15	Sep 15	Oct 15	Nov 15	Dec 15	Jan 16	Feb 16	Mar 16
Gale Virtual Reference Library	29	26	24	10	14	30	18	15	33	12	9	6	19
Chilton Library	132	165	153	124	139	141	73	97	124	162	192	193	276
Ebsco (Small Engine Repair)	50	3	50	40	48	20	20	25	22	12	13	8	43
Ebsco (Novelist)	773	779	959	1079	778	782	1199	910	718	641	676	744	716
Ebsco (ELM)	1154	793	1068	1481	1412	611	789	1568	1487	1380	1590	1481	1225
Brainfuse (HelpNow)	509	148	460	335	144	342	3275	2682	1221	375	477	505	179
Brainfuse (JobNow)	93	189	160	95	59	134	517	560	251	151	77	129	93
TOTAL USAGE	2740	2103	2874	3164	2594	2060	5891	5857	3856	2733	3034	3066	2551



Other Gale Databases

Searches

	Mar 15	Apr 15	May 15	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 15	Sep 15	Oct 15	Nov 15	Dec 15	Jan 16	Feb 16	Mar 16
Discovering Collection	3	7	5	4	1	1	7	0	0	0	0	0	0
Educator's Reference Complete	4	7	2	10	0	1	14	1	3	0	3	6	0
Expanded Academic ASAP	156	81	18	6	12	1	12	9	19	9	8	5	28
General Science Collection	9	34	4	7	0	0	1	8	2	5	8	8	0
Informe Academico	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	0
Junior Edition	0	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Junior Reference Collection	5	1	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kids Edition - K12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Kids InfoBits	5	7	0	4	0	0	0	0	3	9	65	3	39
Professional Collection	4	13	5	0	10	0	1	2	4	1	12	8	0
Research in Context									9	5	7	1	14
Student Edition	0	5	2	0	0	3	3	65	15	9	3	4	30
Student Resource Center Gold	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Student Resources in Context	1	5	2	0	0	0	3	0	1	4	4	4	5
TOTAL USAGE	187	170	42	31	23	6	43	88	55	39	113	43	116

Just The Stats

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Check Outs

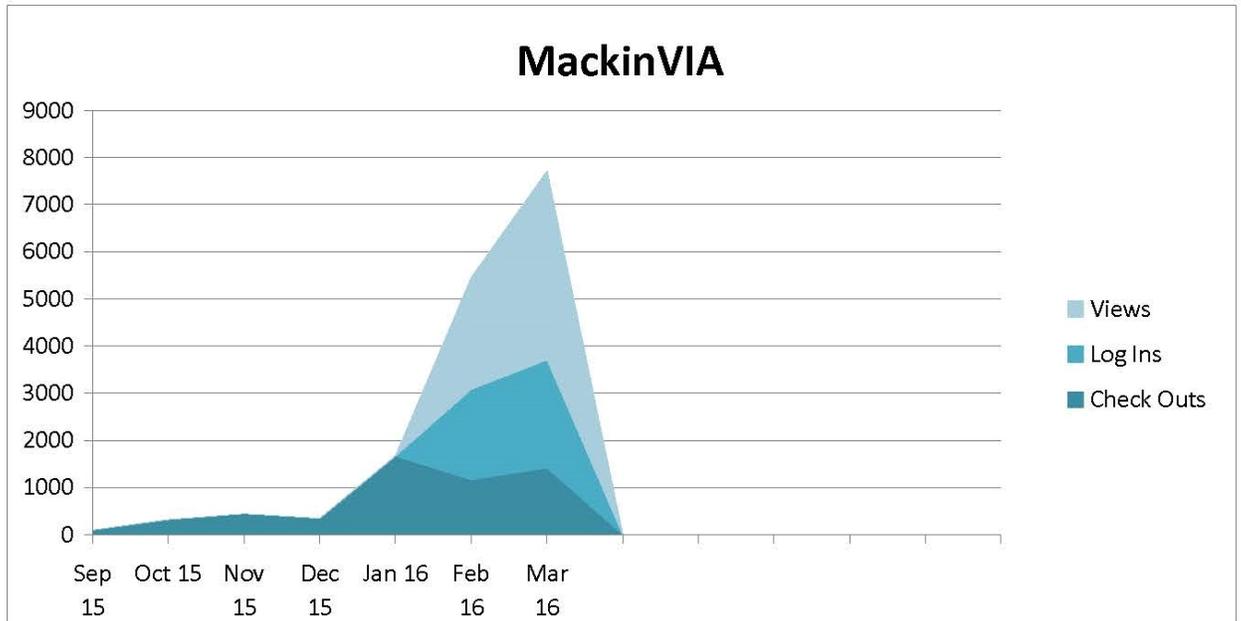
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Log Ins

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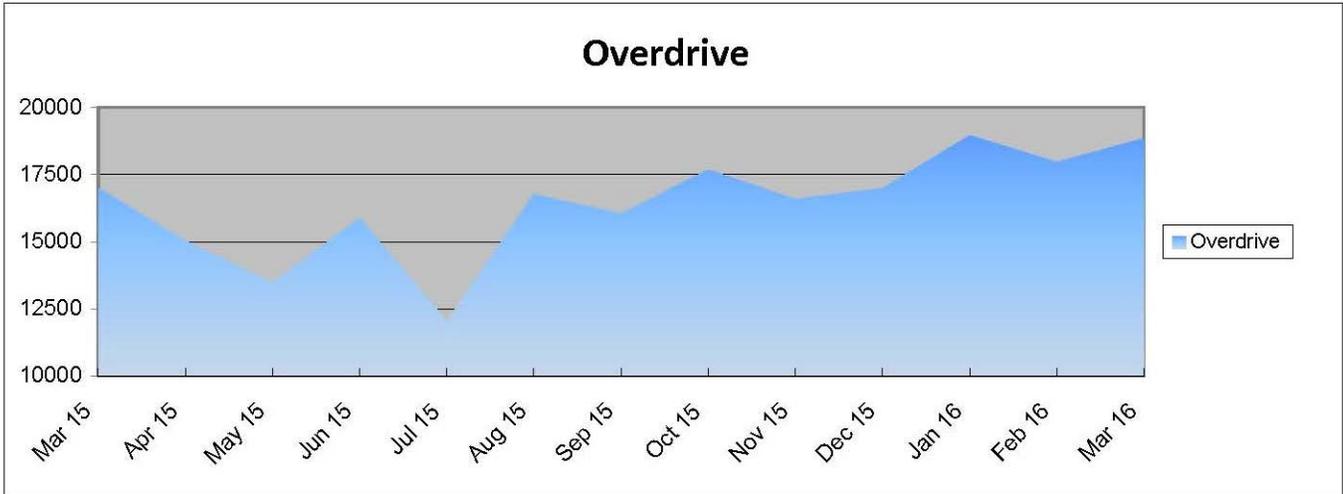
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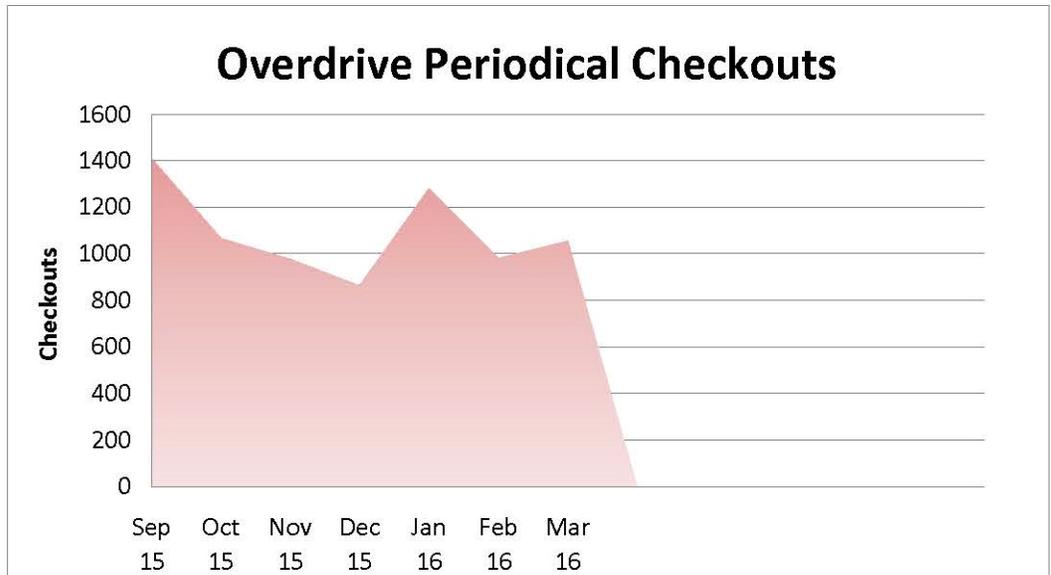
Overdrive

Mar 15	Apr 15	May 15	Jun 15	Jul 15	Aug 15	Sep 15	Oct 15	Nov 15	Dec 15	Jan 16	Feb 16	Mar 16
16992	15010	13445	15849	12006	16750	16025	17674	16578	16974	18948	17952	18852



Overdrive

Sep 15	Oct 15	Nov 15	Dec 15	Jan 16	Feb 16	Mar 16
1407	1065	976	861	1278	979	1053



ALS offers 'A Day in a Life' program next week

MOUNTAIN IRON — The Arrowhead Library System presents “Graphic memoir: A Day in a Life presented by COMPAS Artist, Pat Owen,” a free program offered the following dates and public libraries:

May 9, 1 p.m., Eveleth.

May 9, 3:30 p.m., Gilbert.

May 11, 10 a.m., Babbitt.

May 11, noon, Virginia.

May 11, 3:30 p.m., Ely.

May 11, 6 p.m., Hoyt Lakes.

This program focuses on creating a story of a person’s day in words and pictures.

The focus is on today and capturing the beauty, whimsy or commonality of everyday life. Using simple techniques, each person creates a graphic memoir page suitable for framing. The end result is pages illustrating the theme of “reflecting about aging.”

Patricia Owen has taught the techniques of graphic memoir to people of many age groups and life situations. After working as a psychologist/administrator for 25 years, Owen joined the Peace Corps. She developed this method of capturing daily experience in simple but powerful pages of watercolor and words. Since then she has taught graphic memoir to people in hospice and rehabilitation programs

and has worked with a large senior care center to develop an arts program.

Drawing pictures to illustrate words has always been important to her. Her art background ranges from being among the first “Snoopy Artists” in the 2000 summer event in St. Paul — she did the North Star Flying Ac, which is still at the Minneapolis-St. Paul Airport — to showing her work at the Minnesota State Fair Fine Arts exhibit, teaching as a long-time COMPAS artist and being a protégé in the WARM mentorship program. Living in Africa in 2003-05 as a Peace Corps volunteer, she found that keeping a daily journal using illustrations was a great way to capture the events of the day.



PATRICIA OWEN

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SOCIAL SCENE

Theatrical character design program to be held at libraries

MOUNTAIN IRON — The Arrowhead Library System will present Theatrical Character Design, a free program, on the following dates at these libraries:

Monday, May 16, 1 p.m. Mountain Iron.

Monday, May 16, 3:30 p.m. Gilbert.

Tuesday, May 17, 3:30 p.m. Buhl.

Thursday, May 19, noon Virginia.

Wednesday, June 1, 1 p.m. Ely.

Wednesday, June 1, 3:30 p.m. Babbitt.

Thursday, June 2, 6 p.m. Hoyt Lakes.

Friday, June 3, 1 p.m. Eveleth.

Friday, June 3, 3:30 p.m. Cook.

Why is the wicked witch so wicked? Why is Mary Poppins practically perfect? It's all in how the actors and actresses portray the character. Join Dylan Kaercher and be introduced to the stage and world of characterization.

Kaercher is the executive director at Enchantertainment and is the drama director at Austin Public Schools. He created his week-long



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Dylan Kaercher will present a program on theatrical character design at area libraries.

theater camp in 2008 where he covers all different areas of theater, including choreography, costumes and singing.

In this one hour long

class participants will learn how to build a character from start to finish, starting with character design, then costumes, and finally

how to give the characters personality traits.

This program, sponsored by Arrowhead Library System, was funded in part or in whole with money from Minnesota's Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. To learn more about Arrowhead Legacy Events, see www.arrowhead.lib.mn.us/whats-new, find us on Twitter www.twitter.com/Arrowhead-Legacy, on Pinterest at <https://www.pinterest.com/alexisleitgeb/legacy-events>, on Storify at <https://storify.com/legacy2>, on Wordpress at <https://arrowheadlegacy.wordpress.com>, or like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/ArrowheadLegacy.

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Local writer gaining attention

CHRISTOPHER A. FERNLUND

HERALD-REVIEW

“Truth is stranger than fiction,”
Mark Twain.

Circumstances brought Jim Boerner to Grand Rapids and circumstances has brought him attention from Hollywood and Oxford, England.

Inspired by the PBS documentary “Mystery of a Masterpiece Davinci,” Boerner began to write and has now finished an overview, an outline, dialogue and is now shopping for someone to “green-light” a screenplay project that has achieved attention from around the world. In fact, he has been asked to create, and is in the making of, a sequel.

Boerner’s idea, which has captured lots of attention, is a story about two guys who meet in a meeting. One expresses that he is opening an art gallery; the other is kind of shady but expresses an interest in art. The first guy, tentatively named Jay, sends this shady guy away to attend some art exhibitions where the shady guy buys some art work at an estate sale to disguise his waste of company time. When the artwork arrives, Jay notices one was special and finds the means to buy it. It turns out he is correct about the special painting. It’s worth millions, however, Jay is not the only one who knows about the special painting and conflict ensues.

Born in St. Paul, Boerner moved to Eagan at the age of seven attending Rosemount High School and graduating in 1988. His family included his mother, father, and three sisters.

“I had poor high school grades,” said Boerner. “But I did well on the ASVAB (military test).”

Boerner joined the service immediately after high school completing many various tasks for the military but was discharged from the military because of injuries sustained from a fall during a combat exercise in 1992. Boerner moved back to Minnesota to



CHRISTOPHER FERNLUND /HERALD REVIEW

Jim Boerner is a local writer based in Grand Rapids.

work for Maytag as a district representative in the Twin Cities with Grand Rapids as part of his territory.

Leaving Maytag in the early 2000s, Boerner took on work at Browning-Ferris Industries (BFI) negotiating hauling contracts for waste and commodities, such as paper and aluminum.

Befriending his trainer, Boerner found himself an offer he couldn’t refuse.

“He said ‘I’ve got a piece of property across the lake I want to show you,’” said Boerner.

The retiring trainer offered him 20 acres of land and over a mile of lake shore for \$25,000. Boerner didn’t have the money, so the trainer suggested a contract for deed. Boerner received the parcel of land and immediately built a small bunkhouse for summer outings.

A few years later, his parents bought into the property to help subsidize the cost of the lake property. A couple years after, Boerner and his family sold part of the land to his sister. The money Boerner made from his sister went towards building a better house next to the bunkhouse. However, he could only afford to build a shell of a house with no heat or running water.

Boerner was living in Rosemount at the time with his wife and child, however, the chronic pain Boerner had been dealing with since his injury in the military had slowly gotten worse.

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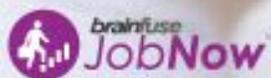


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