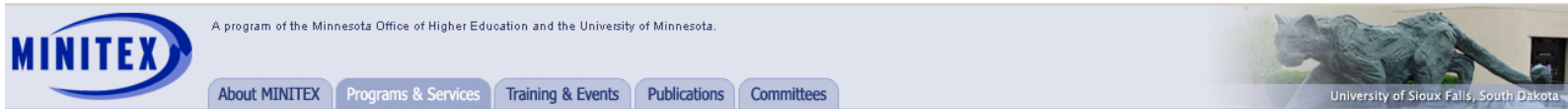


# The Minnesota Library Information Network (MnLINK) is a statewide virtual library that electronically links major Minnesota libraries.

- the project is funded in a 1997
- appropriation of \$12 million from the Minnesota State Legislature to the MN Higher Education Services Office (Now the MN Office of Higher Education)
- a standing annual appropriation of about \$400,000
- now operated through MINITEX

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## MnLINK Gateway

Through the MnLINK Gateway, libraries and community members have access to electronic resources including online catalogs from over 20 Minnesota library systems and the Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM). ELM includes a wide variety of subscription databases made available through collective, statewide contracts.

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Search the MnLINK Gateway



**Enter Keywords:**

**Use the MnLINK Gateway to:**

- ▶ Search multiple libraries and databases at once.
- ▶ Request materials.
- ▶ Search the Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM) to view and download articles about numerous topics.

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# What Libraries does the Gateway Link?



- Univ. of Minnesota campuses
- All MnSCU libraries
  - State Universities
  - 31 Community and Technical Colleges
- 20 Public Library Systems
- 14 Private Colleges
- School districts (up to 384 could join)
- 20+ Special Libraries (more possible)

# 24 Automated Library Systems Searchable on Gateway

- Anoka County Library
- Arrowhead Library System
- CLIC (College Libraries In Consortium)
- Carver County Library
- Dakota County Library
- Duluth Public Library
- East Central Regional
- Great River Regional
- Hennepin County Library - Mpls
- Hennepin County Library - Suburban
- Kitchigami Regional Library
- Lake Agassiz/Northwest Regional Libraries
- MnSCU/PALS
- Pioneerland Library System
- Plum Creek Library System
- Ramsey County Library
- Rochester Public Library
- Saint Paul Public Library
- Scott County Library
- SELCO (Southeastern Libraries Cooperating)
- Traverse des Sioux
- University of Minnesota
- Viking Library System
- Washington County Library

# What Automation Systems does the Gateway Link?

- Gateway with Interlibrary Loan functionality from Fretwell-Downing – now purchased by OCLC
- Z39.50 searching to create a virtual state library by linking 8 different vendors' library automation systems.
- Patron data – including blocked status retrievable by barcode from all systems
- Horizon
- Ex Libris
- III
- PALS
- SIRSI Unicorn

# ELM (Electronic Library for Minnesota) Resources on the Gateway

The screenshot shows a Mozilla Firefox browser window with the address bar displaying <https://www.mnlinkgateway.org/zportal/zengine>. The page title is "MnLINK Gateway - Mozilla Firefox". The browser's menu bar includes File, Edit, View, History, Bookmarks, Tools, and Help. The address bar contains navigation buttons (back, forward, refresh, home) and a search box with the Google logo.

The website content is as follows:

- Basic Search : MnLINK Gateway**  
Welcome to your gateway to Minnesota's Libraries.
- Remember to **Sign Out** when you have completed your session.
- SEARCH LIBRARY CATALOGS FOR BOOKS, MEDIA, JOURNAL TITLES**
- Current Profile: **ELM - All Databases [shared]**
- Enter Keywords:
- SEARCH** button
- [Where's My Library?](#)
- [Advanced Search](#)
- Select Catalogs:**
- Academic Search Premier ⓘ
- Business Source Premier ⓘ
- InfoTrac Junior Edition ⓘ
- InfoTrac Student Edition ⓘ
- MasterFILE Premier ⓘ
- ProQuest Newsstand Complete ⓘ
- Regional Business News ⓘ
- WorldCat (World-Wide Bibliography) ⓘ
- [Select All](#) | [Deselect All](#) | [Expand All](#) | [Collapse All](#)

**Left Sidebar:**

- MnLINK GATEWAY**
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# The MnLINK Gateway allows users to search library catalogs and on-line resources at the same time!

MnLINK Gateway - Mozilla Firefox

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https://www.mnlinkgateway.org/zportal/zengine

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Basic Search : MnLINK Gateway

**SEARCH LIBRARY CATALOGS FOR BOOKS, MEDIA, JOURNAL TITLES**

Current Profile: ELM - All Databases [shared]

Enter Keywords: A & P  
All Catalogs for MnLINK Gateway [shared]  
[Where's My Library?](#) ELM - All Databases [shared]

Select Catalogs:

- ELM - Business & Consumer Information [shared]
- ELM - Full Text Magazines/Journals [shared]
- ELM - Full Text Newspapers [shared]
- ELM - Kids and Teens [shared]
- ELM - WorldCat [shared]
- Libraries - Academic [shared]
- Libraries - Central Minnesota [shared]
- Libraries - Metropolitan Region [shared]
- Libraries - Northeastern Minnesota [shared]
- Libraries - Northwestern Minnesota [shared]
- Libraries - Public/K-12 [shared]
- Libraries - South Central Region [shared]
- Libraries - Southeastern Region [shared]
- Libraries - Southwestern Region [shared]
- NetLibrary [shared]

WorldCat (World-Wide Bibliography) ⓘ

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# Gateway Features



- Authentication of valid MN users
- Search groups of library catalogs and databases simultaneously.
- Save records; e-mail them for later, off-line use
- Advanced searching - refine, sort, browse.
- Search history
- Create and save customized groups
- Help screens



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#### SIGN IN TO:

- Request materials
- Access online magazine and newspaper articles, etc. in ELM
- Check your MnLINK patron account



**SIGN IN**

- OR -

#### SEARCH LIBRARY CATALOGS FOR BOOKS, MEDIA, JOURNAL TITLES

Current Profile:

Enter Keywords:

**SEARCH**

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- [Traverse des Sioux Library System](#)
- [University of Minnesota - All Campuses](#)
- [Viking Library System](#)
- [Washington County Library](#)

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Let's search the



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