About MnLINK

MnLINK's Mission
We support and develop a technology infrastruc-
ture and collaboration to facilitate equitable and
shared access to library and information resources for all people of Minnesota.

Two Major Components
MnLINK is a statewide virtual library that electronically links
major Minnesota libraries. It is currently made up of two
major components: the MnLINK Gateway and the Integrated
Library System (ILS).

MnLINK Gateway
Through the MnLINK Gateway libraries, you have access to electronic resources in-
cluding online catalogs from over 20 Minnesota library systems and the Electronic Li-
brary for Minnesota (ELM). ELM includes a wide variety of subscription databases
made available through collective, statewide contracts.

Integrated Library System (ILS)
This shared library automation system (software and hardware) for the University of
Minnesota, the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnPALS) and the Minneso-
ta State Agencies (MnPALS) allows for equal access to library resources across the
state.
Other participating libraries include private colleges, public universities, K-12 school li-
braries, and special libraries. Ex Libris-USA, Inc. holds the contract for delivery of the
ALEPH library automation system.

As of 2005, the University of Minnesota Twin Cities campus, along with coordinate
campuses in Duluth, Morris and Crookston, were all transitioned to the Ex Libris Aleph
software. Through MnPALS, several of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
library have also successfully moved to the system and others are scheduled to mi-
grate in the near future.