JOURNEY TO THE NATIONAL MEDAL

Wendy Pradt Lougee
MLA 2018
Presented annually by the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

The nation’s highest honor for institutions that make significant and exceptional contributions to their communities.
“I am a proud supporter of the University of Minnesota Libraries because of their passion to improve student achievement, the diversity of communities they touch, and for the significant impact they make in the education of generations new and old across many disciplines and across many sectors. For these reasons and more, I nominate the University of Minnesota Libraries for this national recognition.”

Judy Hornbacher, Ph.D.
Immediate Past President
Friends of the University Libraries
“Their wide-ranging and pioneering work in bringing collections online and to the world, and the way they have pursued these projects with a spirit of collaboration and openness, and a special attention to underserved populations, has been incredibly inspiring…”

*Dan Cohen, DPLA*

“The Libraries…is a shining example of how a public institution can make a great difference in the lives of people within its walls and beyond its borders.”

*Rep. Keith Ellison*

“I think there is no entity more important than our University libraries to the intellectual life of this community, from the campus to the metropolitan region, the state, and the world.”

*Tom Fisher, UMN*
Cascading Communities: Campus State World
29,000
UNDERGRADUATES

16,000
GRADUATE & PROFESSIONAL

4,500
FACULTY
STUDENTS WHO USE OUR LIBRARIES ARE

40% MORE LIKELY TO GRADUATE IN 4 YEARS!*

ADVANCING STUDENT SUCCESS

*A FIVE-YEAR CORRELATIONAL STUDY OF 5,368 FIRST-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA DEMONSTRATED THAT LIBRARY USE CORRESPONDS WITH A 40 PERCENT INCREASE IN THE ODDS OF GRADUATION (OVER WITHDRAWING) IN FOUR YEARS. SEE Z.UMN.EDU/LIBGRADRATE.
Course Affordability

P A R T N E R S H I P  F O R  A F F O R D A B L E  C O N T E N T

Faculty Grant Program  +  UMN Bookstores  +  Digital Course Packs  +  Open textbook and OER Publishing

Total potential savings for all Partnership efforts is $3,515,262 from Fall 2015 to Spring 2017.
Research Support

• Liaisons, specialists
• Data management
  • Plans, compliance
  • Workshops
• Repository, DRUM
• Publishing Services
At-scale Collaboration

Geoportal

Find Maps and Data

The Big Ten Academic Alliance Geoportal provides discoverability and facilitates access to geospatial resources. The resources in the portal are selected and curated by librarians and geospatial specialists at ten research institutions in the Big Ten Academic Alliance.

The resources include GIS datasets, web services, and digitized historical maps. Learn more about the research institutions involved and the sources of the geospatial records.

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State resource sharing program
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Digitization of MN history
Global Resource
Distinctive Content, Distinctive Tools
The 2017 National Medal is presented to

University of Minnesota Libraries

In recognition of service to its community and the nation

Kathryn K. Matthew
Director
Institute of Museum and Library Services
“University of Minnesota Libraries are a trailblazing service provider for diverse and extraordinary number of communities.”

Kathryn K. Matthew
IMLS
President
- July award ceremony @ National Archives
- $5000 award toward programs
- StoryCorps visit; stories preserved at the American Folklife Center at Library of Congress
UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LIBRARIES DAY
JULY 17, 2017
...pioneer among the nation’s academic libraries in shifting its focus...connecting library users digitally with its own rich resources and those of libraries around the world...providing fundamental infrastructure in an information-based economy.
HONORING THE UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LIBRARIES

HON. KEITH ELLISON
of Minnesota
in the House of Representatives

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of the University of Minnesota Libraries, which has been awarded the 2017 National Medal for Museum and Library Service. Their devotion to innovative and accessible library service has made them one of the nation’s standout public research libraries.

Every year, the Institute of Museum and Library Services selects ten institutions that best represent the stewardship of public knowledge. Throughout its 25-year history, the IMLS has only selected three academic libraries for the recognition. This is a fitting recognition of the amount of community-driven work the UMN Libraries undertakes. As a public research library, their work expands far beyond the University walls to our state’s 5.5 million residents and beyond.

As I wrote in my letter of nomination for the University of Minnesota Libraries: I have been moved by the deep commitment the libraries have shown to our community. Its mission is realized every day through the dedication, creativity, and human kindness of the librarians and staff it provides. It is a shining light in our community.

I am thrilled to congratulate the University and its libraries on this honor, having the opportunity to speak at this important event.

HENNEPIN COUNTY LIBRARY BOARD

COMMENDATION FOR UNIVERSITY OF MINNESOTA LIBRARIES

WHEREAS, the University of Minnesota Libraries were awarded the 2017 National Medal for Library Service by the Institute of Museum and Library Services; and
WHEREAS, the University of Minnesota Libraries are only the third academic library in the award’s 22-year history to win the National Medal; and
WHEREAS, the University of Minnesota Libraries were selected from 30 families across the country nominated for the honor; and
WHEREAS, only five libraries receive this honor each year — out of 123,000 libraries in the United States; and
WHEREAS, the National Medal for Museum and Library Service honors institutions that make significant and exceptional contributions to their communities; and
WHEREAS, such institutions demonstrate committed and innovative approaches to public service, exceeding the expected levels of community outreach; and
WHEREAS, the award celebrates institutions that respond to social needs in innovative ways, making a difference for individuals, families, and their communities; and
WHEREAS, 2017 winners of the National Medal for Museum and Library Service demonstrate impactful programs and services that exceed the expected levels of community outreach and are known as catalysts for community change;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Hennepin County Library Board hereby acknowledges and commends the University of Minnesota Libraries and their innovation and dedication.

Signed July 26, 2017

[Signatures]
Celebrate!!
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Impact

• Uplifting, affirming
• Recognition of significant paradigm shifts
• Featured, leveraged
  • Friends of the Libraries
  • Campaign, fund raising
  • Board of Regents
• Incorporated in grant applications, budget requests