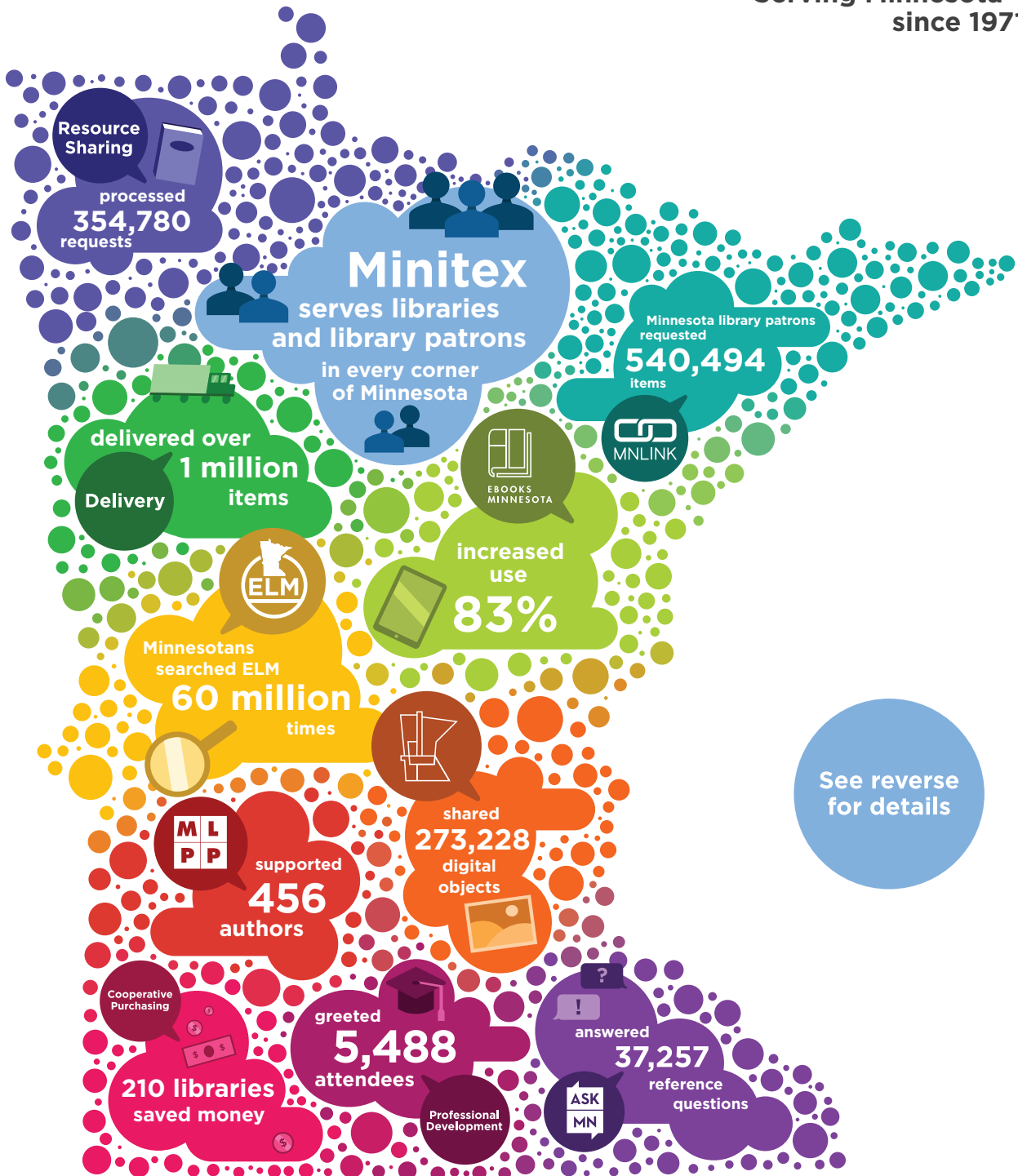


# FY2018

Year In Review

# Minitex

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## RESOURCE SHARING

Minitex **Resource Sharing** extends library collections by helping all kinds of libraries across Minnesota share materials and enable patrons, regardless of where they live, to access the rich resources of Minnesota libraries. Minitex staff processed **354,780 requests** last year.



## DELIVERY

Minitex **Delivery** processes, sorts, and packs ingoing and outgoing materials from all over the Minitex region. Last year, for the first time ever, the system handled **over one million items**.



## ELM

The **Electronic Library for Minnesota (ELM)** includes encyclopedia, magazine, journal, and newspaper articles, plus multimedia, primary sources, and much more. Last year alone, Minnesotans searched ELM **60 million times**.



## MLPP

The **Minnesota Library Publishing Project** provides online publishing tools and training information to support independent authors and small publishers. In its first year, MLPP supported **456 authors on 359 book projects**.



## COOPERATIVE PURCHASING

Minitex leverages the buying power of the library community to get the best price for electronic resources and library products. Last year, **210 Minnesota libraries saved money with Minitex Cooperative Purchasing**.



## MNLINK

**MNLINK** is Minnesota's statewide interlibrary loan website, connecting nearly all of Minnesota's libraries with one easy-to-use search box. Last year, the number of requests sent through MNLINK increased by 4.4% over the previous year.

Behind every request there's a story. **"MNLINK has opened up a whole new world of books for me to read. Thank you to all who make this possible. It's wonderful."**



## EBOOKS MINNESOTA

**Ebooks Minnesota** is the statewide ebook collection for readers of all ages. The collection offers over 5,000 books to any reader within Minnesota's borders. In 2018, use of the collection went up **more than 83%** over the previous year.



## MINNESOTA REFLECTIONS

MDL's primary project, **Minnesota Reflections**, is an online collection of 52,526 primary source materials (including 273,228 associated digital objects) from **190 Minnesota-based contributing organizations**.



## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Minitex provides **training, education, support, and event management** on a wide range of library and digital library trends and services. Last year, our efforts reached **5,488**, a five-year high.



## ASKMN

**AskMN**, the online information service available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, is celebrating 10 years on the job. In 2018, librarians from AskMN's network of 44 libraries **answered 37,257 questions**.

