

2025 Legislative Priorities

- **Capital Investment**
 - \$10M appropriation for Library Construction Grant funding. Allow flexibility in matching funds. Raise grant cap to \$2 million.
 - Support improvement of higher education library facilities, including exploring the dedication of Higher Education Asset Preservation and Replacement (HEAPR) funds for such purposes.

- **Education Finance**
 - \$2M per year increase for eLibrary Minnesota resources.
 - Link multicounty multitype (MCMT) funding to the forecasted increases for the Basic Education Allowance.
 - Support efforts to strengthen use of school library aid to improve school library media programs that are staffed by licensed media specialists as defined in 124D.991.

- **Education Policy**
 - Modify 134.351 to add two governance structures for multicounty multitype library systems and describe and expand the services MCMTs may provide to their members.

- **Higher Education**
 - \$1.5M per year increase for Minitex operational funding.
 - \$9M per year in new and ongoing funding to create and sustain the Minnesota eHealth Library within the Minitex organization.

- **Legacy**
 - \$3M per year appropriation in Arts & Cultural Heritage Funding for regional public library systems. Extend the spending deadline for FY2025 funds by one year and ensure that future allocations allow for consistent carryover spend down time.

- **Public Safety**
 - Support efforts to authorize local governmental units to prohibit or restrict possession of dangerous weapons, ammunition, or explosives in public facilities, including public libraries.