



Executive Summary: *(Name of System)*

Reporting Time Period: July 1, 2010 – June 30, 2011

Total Number of Programs Held: 290

Total Attendance: 12,055

Total Number of Partnerships: 16

In-Kind Staff and Partnership Contributions: \$52,600

The amount of staff time necessary to present each program varies, but local library directors estimated that between 5 – 12 hours are required from staff for each program.

Program Highlights:

1. The Bemidji Library Book Festival was initiated in 2010, and continued in 2011. In one year the public attendance increased from 600 to 1166. Organizing and presenting three authors a day for a week is very labor intensive and takes much planning and logistics, but a vibrant and dedicated citizen planning committee has made this festival of authors and their books a success. Valuable partnerships have been developed with the Headwaters School of Music and local public and commercial venues.
2. The Genealogy program is a model of meeting a community information need and linking it to the electronic resources that the public library can provide.
3. The idea for the Wadena Ceiling Tile Mural Project was initiated by an area artist. It was an opportunity to teach children a new approach to art and introduce information about sources for images. The project took place in the weeks following the 2010 tornado and was viewed, in part, as a way to help children express their feelings of upheaval and loss in a positive project. The children

enjoyed making the ceiling tiles – their friends and families love to come to the library to point out “their” contributions to children’s area décor.

4. *Please list outstanding outcomes, partnerships, unique locations, great stories, quotes, etc. If you have promotional materials and photographs, feel free to attach them, too.*

	Annual Budget	Reporting Period Total Expenses	Partner Financial Support	
			Actual \$\$	In Kind
Administration (2.5% max)				
Staff		5289.36		
Overhead	6700	3252.77		5,200
Statewide Initiative Participation				
Multi-Regional Programs				
Region-wide Programs	188868	250,943		
Local Programs	94152	60690.39		

Subgrant Program				
Regional Public Library System Total	289,720	320,175.52		5200

Please note: All expenditures include carryover from FY 2010, including the Administration costs. The majority of administration costs were mileage; we will account for mileage as Overhead in FY 2012.

2011 Annual Report due on Friday, September 30, 2011 to
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