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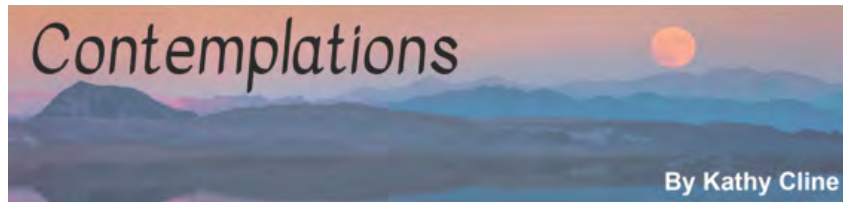
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## Legislative Lawmaker Booklet

The State Library purchases Legislative Lawmaker Booklets prior to each session and shares one copy with libraries that request one. We ask that you include the address the booklet should be mailed to via the form below before December 13th.

[Request A Booklet](#)



## Are Teens Getting Enough Media Literacy Education?

According to a study by The News Literacy Project, ninety-four percent of over 1,000 young people aged 13-18 stated they would like more media literacy instruction in their schools. In comparison, only thirty-nine percent said they received such instructions. Are your students receiving media literacy instruction?



In a society where most young people get news from social media, it becomes imperative that they learn media literacy skills that enable them to analyze information and sources, evaluate the content source, and engage with various perspectives. Media literacy skills enhance student success and responsible citizenship.

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## School-Library Partnership Survey: Schools

### StarNet

The purpose of this survey is to better understand the current state of school-public library partnerships and to identify ways that STAR Net, or similar groups, can better support these collaborations. Results from this survey will be shared in STAR Net resources, project reports, published journal articles, and/or oral presentations at conferences. Identifying information is only included for the purpose of follow-up on qualitative questions and will be deleted once we assure no follow-up is needed. This survey is being conducted in support of the "From Our Town to Moon, Mars, and Beyond" project (grant #80NSSC21M0081) and has been determined to meet the criteria for IRB exemption by the Education and Development Center.

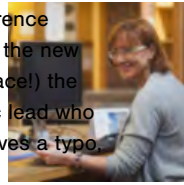
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## Reference

### Submitted by Monica Struck

Have you ever seen the movie [Desk Set](#)? Katharine Hepburn, reference librarian extraordinaire, works to prove her worth against EMERAC, the new electronic brain being used to ease the burden of (or perhaps replace!) the hardworking reference librarians. Spencer Tracy plays the romantic lead who coincidentally is the brain behind EMERAC. The pivotal scene involves a type, quick wits, and a librarian knowing where to find the answer.



In the time of *Desk Set*, reference librarians were necessary because information wasn't easily accessible, and patrons relied on the librarians to answer questions quickly and correctly. Reference workers are just as necessary now for the opposite reason. Patrons have access to so much information that it is easier to ask for help to find reliable sources than to sift through the options on their own.

Reference work can be intimidating, but I encourage you to not back away from the challenge. Your patrons do not expect you to know the answer to every question off the top of your head. Much like in *Desk Set*, you only need to know where to look. This is a skill that is honed through experience. Every interaction (both inside and outside the library) is preparing you to answer the next question.

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## Niche Academy Highlight

by Al Peterson

### What's New in Niche Academy

Main Category – [Library Directors](#)

New Tutorial: *Developing and Implementing Policies*

Sub-Category – [Goal Setting, Performance Plans, Employee Surveys](#)

New Tutorial: *Effective Employee Surveys for Managers – Planning and Writing*

New Tutorial: *Building a Strong Employer Brand*

In addition to the added tutorials, this category was re-organized and cleaned up a bit.

Sub-Category - [Hiring Staff](#)

A new sub-category was created called Hiring Staff that has four tutorials uploaded including two brand new ones.

[Niche Academy](#)

### Upper Midwest Digital Collections Conference

The Upper Midwest Digital Collections Conference and the Minnesota Digital Library Annual Meeting will be held jointly on May 6-7, 2025, at the Union Depot in Saint Paul, MN.



The opening keynote speaker Craig Stevens from Northwestern University IT and the Knight Lab will discuss his work on augmented and virtual reality technologies that create captivating library-based experiences from university collections for visitors.

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