



DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Northern Lights Library Network
April 16, 2016
Kathy B. Enger

NLLN Meetings February 13, 2016 – April 16, 2016

February 13: MSUM, NLLN Governing Board meeting.

3rd Annual Library Luncheon with Legislators.

February 24: MSUM, Meeting with Professor Poet Zepper to discuss trip to Roseau.

March 8: Kensington, *Beads on One String* poet/singer, Dennis Warner, visited South Elementary in Kensington.

March 9: Elbow Lake, *Beads on One String* poet/singer, Dennis Warner, visited Elbow Lake North Elementary.

March 15: Roseau, Poet Professor Zepper visited Roseau Elementary School Library, including 9 classes, grades K-6.

March 30: Moorhead, Meeting with Carol Sibley to discuss IBBY workshop.

April 7: Fergus Falls, Meeting with Brent Andres, Christiansen Memorial Library, Lutheran Brethren Seminary to discuss becoming an NLLN member.

April 8: Moorhead, Meeting with Dawn Barrera, St. Joseph's School Library to discuss needs.

April 11: Perham, Meeting with Lina Belar.

April 12: Moorhead, supper with interns.

April 15: Bemidji, Meeting with architect, David Crutchfield, NDSU, and media specialist, Stephen Pflieger to discuss the Bemidji Middle School renovation.

April 16: St. Paul, Minnesota Book Awards.

Library Luncheon with Legislators

The third annual Library Luncheon with Legislators was held Saturday, February 13th, from 11:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. on the campus of Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM) in the Comstock Memorial Union, Room 203.

We began the conversation with lunch from 11:30 a.m. – 12 p.m., and then proceeded to hear from librarians in the region about their constituents and issues of importance to them (from 12 noon - 1 p.m.) This year, nine librarians spoke, followed by three legislators. A list of attendees is below.

Conversations with legislators, such as NLLN's "Library Luncheon with Legislators", forms positive relationships between legislators and librarians, ensuring ongoing library support for

constituents in our region. Librarians in our region actively seek ongoing support for libraries in order to improve service delivery and continue to serve citizens in the state of Minnesota adequately.

Libraries are at the core of a democratic society, defending the freedom of all citizens to access information to make informed decisions, to read material that interests them, to use technology successfully, and to engage in learning throughout the life cycle.

As valued and trusted civic resources, libraries bring people together to access knowledge through the use of physical space, technology, and skilled staff. Libraries bring people together in a nonpartisan way, and provide them with unbiased facts in an impartial environment.

Attendance at the Library Luncheon with Legislators February 13, 2016

LEGISLATORS

Representative Ben Lien Representative, District 4A
Representative Bud Nornes Representative, District 8A
Senator Eken Senator, District 4

LIBRARIANS

Liz Lynch Director, Lake Agassiz Regional Library
Hannah Buckland Director, Leech Lake Tribal College Library
Larry Schwartz Collection Management Librarian, Minnesota State University Moorhead
Kristi Hanson Director, Northwest Regional Library
Peg Werner Director, Viking Library System
Perry Werner Director, MState Libraries, NW Region
Barb Fabre Program Director, White Earth Child Care
Kathy Enger Executive Director, NLLN

NLLN GOVERNING BOARD

Wayne Ingersoll President, NLLN
Richard Anderson, Beltrami County Commissioner, Solway
Mari Dailey, Moorhead City Council, Moorhead
Charlie Lindberg, NWRL board member, Kennedy
Ruth Holmgren, Viking Library System, Pelican Rapids
Jenna Kahly, librarian, Moorhead
Adell Bridgeford, retired media specialist, Walker Public Schools
And Husband Mr. Bridgeford
Terri Darco, White Earth
(Tammy Thomasson-Ehrhart), Crookston
(Lina Belar), Perham

LARL, Moorhead

Bob Perry
Evie Fox
Husband Mr. Fox

Megan Krueger

The Life Achievement Award from Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN) signifies a contribution to the NLLN region from a citizen who has given extraordinary service to libraries throughout a career. The award is given once a year upon the recommendation of the executive director or a governing board member. The third annual life achievement award will be given in fiscal year 2016.

Absent Narratives is expanding services to the NLLN region. In partnership with community members, MSUM, Moorhead Public Schools, and Dr. Phyllis May-Machunda at Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM), NLLN Executive Director Kathy Enger will attend an Anti-racist Multicultural Across the Curriculum Workshop at MSUM the week of May 16th. During the workshop, Executive Director Kathy Enger will develop an Ojibwe curriculum that can be used by elementary schools in the region. The workshop focuses on: 1. Building and strengthening relationships. 2. Recognizing the power of story and the problem of absence. 3. Learning from and with multiple voices. 4. Amplifying community solutions for change. Another meeting will be held at the Minnesota Humanities Center in St. Paul on June 16 and 17.

Campbell-Tintah School Library

Last summer, Lynette Schwagerl from Campbell-Tintah School, along with volunteers from NLLN and the community, moved the elementary school card catalog to the Follett Destiny online catalog system (9,000 books cataloged). NLLN supported the online transition. This summer, Roseau media specialist Glenn Heinecke, will assist with cataloging the high school collection.

Laporte School Library

Technology Integrationist, Dana Wood, would like to collaborate with Kathy to write an LSTA grant for creating a maker space at the library.

Bemidji Middle School Library

The Bemidji Middle School library is under renovation and NDSU architect, David Crutchfield, NDSU professor, has graciously offered to visit the library to offer suggestions for renovation. NLLN is covering mileage and a gift card for \$100 for the trip to the school library on April 15th. Media specialist, Stephen Pflieger, is leading the project.

The Christiansen Library, Lutheran Brethren Seminary Fergus Falls

A meeting with Brent Andrews of the Christiansen Library at the Lutheran Brethren Seminary took place on April 7 to determine library needs there. The library was given an organizational agreement to become a member of NLLN.

School Library at St. Joseph School Moorhead

Executive Director Kathy Enger met with Dawn Barrera at the St. Joe School library on April 8 to determine library needs. This is Dawn's first year managing the St. Joseph School Library.

Bookend Donation from MSUM

Several thousand bookends were donated from the Livingston Lord Library, Minnesota State University Moorhead and given to Moorhead Public Schools, Bemidji Middle School, Horace May Elementary in Bemidji, Angle Inlet School, Fisher School, Red Lake Tribal College Library, Waubun School.

The Library of the Future

A qualitative survey is underway to find out from people anywhere what will be needed in the *Library of the Future*. NLLN is undertaking this research in order to design a website that reflects the *Library of the Future*. Funding will be sought for this initiative. Access to the qualitative survey is on NLLN's website at nlln.org and at this link: https://ndstate.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_3wLyQQ8538x3owt

The survey asks, "Why do people need libraries? Write as much as you like."

Minnesota Book Awards

Executive Director Kathy Enger served on a committee with the Minnesota Books Awards and is attending the Awards ceremony on April 16th.

The Planetarium, Minnesota State University Moorhead

Kathy is working with MSUM Planetarium director, Sara Schultz, and the Scholastic FACE program, *Building Home Libraries*, to give books to school children in the region who attend shows at the Planetarium. Sara delivers over 100 programs to school children a year that include curricula such as *Back to the Moon*, *Cosmic Colors*, *One World One Sky*, *Larry Cat in Space*, *Sky Zoo*, and more.

"Poets Across Minnesota School Readings and Instruction

Roseau Media Specialist, Glenn Heinecke, invited MSUM Poet Professor Zepper to Roseau on March 14 where Zepper visited nine classes at the media center (approximately 110 students) and talked about writing poetry. NLLN paid mileage and gave a \$100 gift card to Zepper for the trip. NLLN Intern, Aleta Sanford, a first-year student at MSUM, who is from Roseau and was on spring break, assisted Zepper with some of the classes.

Beads on One String poet/singer, Dennis Warner, visited South Elementary in Kensington on Tuesday, March 8, 2016 and Elbow Lake North Elementary on Wednesday, March 9, 2016.

IBBY Workshop June 6, 2016

On June 6, 2016, from 10 – 12 noon in the Faculty Development Center Multi-Purpose Room 124 at Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM), Professor Emerita, Carol Sibley, will present a workshop as a result of serving on the biennial International Board on Books for Young People (IBBY) Honour committee, to select outstanding international books for children and young adults (Pre-K through high school). As a result of Sibley's work, she has 356 books to donate to schools in the NLLN region (169 picture books, 72 novels, 67 non-fiction books, 35 graphic/"comic" books, 13 winners). Those attending the workshop would receive 14-15 free books to bring back to their library collections.