

DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Northern Lights Library Network December 12, 2015

Library Luncheon with Legislators

The third annual *Library Luncheon with Legislators* will be held Saturday, February 13, 2016 from 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. in Room 203 of the Comstock Memorial Union on the MSUM campus. Librarians from the region will briefly describe their work to legislators in order to prepare legislators for Minnesota Library Legislative Day, March, 2016.

Minnesota Humanities Center Absent Narratives is expanding services to the NLLN region. In partnership with community members, MSUM, Moorhead Public Schools, and Dr. Phyllis May-Machunda at MSUM, NLLN Executive Director Kathy Enger will attend an all-day workshop in St. Paul on Saturday, January 23, to improve meaningful engagement with our communities. The workshop focuses on the core values of the Minnesota Humanities Center: 1. Build and strengthen relationships. 2. Recognize the power of story and the danger of absence. 3. Learn from and with multiple voices. 4. Amplify community solutions for change. With funding from a Minnesota Humanities Center grant, NLLN will host regional resources for the Absent Narratives project. Meetings to support the initiative are ongoing.

Tribal College Library Directors

The tribal college librarians in the region meet quarterly. The fall quarterly meeting was September 28th in Red Lake. The next meeting is January 25, 2016 at the White Earth Tribal College. NLLN participates in these meetings and assisted in forming tribal college libraries vision, mission, and values statements.

Internships

NLLN will have four interns starting in January 2016. Two interns will study the library of the future in order to integrate the ideas into NLLN's website. One intern will develop a new website for the Minnesota Humanities Center Absent Narratives for the region, as well as work on the Library of the Future website. Another intern will write media advisories and press releases.

Skills and Knowledge Students Acquire from Media Specialists

Kathy and Glenn Heinecke completed data collection to determine the skills and knowledge students acquire from media specialists. Kathy is currently working on the literature review, theory development, and writing the article. Based on the research of the skills media specialists impart to students, Executive Director Kathy Enger and Moorhead School Board member, Mark Altenberg will present, "Skills for Student Success in the Electronic Age" at the Minnesota School Board Association 2016 Leadership Conference on January 14th at 3:45 p.m.

Ongoing support for the White Earth Community Library, the Maamigin Achigaazo

The community library is up and running. NLLN president, Wayne Ingersoll, donated 56 DVD's and 11 books to the White Earth Library and MSUM donated 257 bookends. More Little Free Libraries are going up, to total 17.

Poets Across Minnesota

Poet Professor Zepper visits this semester include the following public schools: Campbell, Kittson Central, and Moorhead.

Technology Training for Librarians in the Region

An Unworkshop to discuss and learn new technology occurred at Century School in Park Rapids November 7th, facilitated by Laurie Conzemius and conducted by media specialists from the region and a Destiny training was conducted November 14 in Moorhead at MSUM. Gloria Collyard from Red Middle School led this workshop. A January 30 training is planned, led by Gina Drellack and Glenn Heinecke.