

Director's Report
Northern Lights Library Network
October 21, 2017
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NLLN Meetings

August 19: Moorhead, NLLN Governing Board meeting.
August 30: St. Paul, brought broadsides to the CLIC office for the MLA silent auction.
September 27: Moorhead, conversation with auditor; ACRL webinar, "The Changing Expectations of Modern Researchers".
September 28: Moorhead, lunch with former intern, Jordan Schroeer.
October 3-4: Rochester, multitype director's meeting.
October 5-6: Rochester, Annual Minnesota Library Assn. meeting.
October 9: Breckenridge, meeting with Lynette Schwagerl and Pamela Dohman to upload Ebooks MN onto the Breckenridge school's Destiny catalog.
October 12: Moorhead, supper with former intern, Madeline Dixon.
October 16: St. Cloud, Joint CRPLSA/Multitype Luncheon.
October 18: Moorhead, "Connecting Non-profits" at Offutt School of Business, Concordia.
October 21: Moorhead, NLLN Governing Board meeting.

The Fiscal Year 2017 Audit is completed and was submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) by October 1. Marc Collin of Carpenter, Evert, and Associates is NLLN's auditor. NLLN is in accordance with auditing standards.

Budget revision. NLLN's budget was revised by the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) according to changing population data in the region. The budget changed from \$218,686.06 to \$218,598.58 for Fiscal Year 2018.

Minnesota Department of Education Report of Results. The yearly Fiscal Year 2017 Report of Results was submitted to the Minnesota Department of Education by the deadline, October 1, 2017.

eBook access for middle and high school students throughout the NLLN region. Many students living within the counties served by Lake Agassiz Regional Library (LARL) and Northwest Regional Library (NWRL) have been issued iPads or tablets by their schools. LARL and NWRL have seen a steady increase in the use of eBook and eAudiobook collections. Teachers and media specialists from across the region have contacted LARL and NWRL, asking how their students can obtain access to eBooks and eAudiobooks. LARL and NWRL are encouraging schools, teachers, and students to register for LARL and NWRL library cards to access the eBook services provided to them through their public library. The Tumblebook Library is provided for the Northwest Regional Library System. NLLN President, Wayne Ingersoll, will hand LARL Director, Liz Lynch, a check for the amount of \$5,000.00 following the October 21 board meeting and NLLN Secretary, Charlie Lindberg, will hand NWRL Director, Kristi Hanson, a check for the amount of \$8,350.00 following the October 21 board meeting.

Ebooks Minnesota and Electronic Library of Minnesota in Area Schools. NLLN is working with area schools, Region I, and Minitex throughout Fiscal Year 2018 to get Ebooks Minnesota and the Electronic Library of Minnesota into school libraries in the region.

Career development, professional engagement, scholarships, and library service funding for staff and library board member participation in continuing education programs, events, and participation at national and international conferences for library professionals in the region who may not be able to attend without the support of Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN). Eleven library staff from the NLLN region participated in Master Class Leadership, the IBBY Regional Conference, the MLA Annual Conference, the ITEM conference, and the Northwest Service Cooperative Fall Workshop with committed funds of \$6,457.90 so far this year.

Professor Alan Davis, Senior Editor Emeritus, New Rivers Press and Professor of English Emeritus, MSUM, Visiting Area Libraries this fall to Conduct and Lead Seminars. Dr. Davis presented a workshop at the Detroit Lakes Public Library in September that went very well. A person who attended the workshop sent NLLN a note thanking us for the role we played in providing her with an enriching learning experience, “Nearly twenty of us eager ‘would be’ writers felt encouraged and were given ideas at the Writing Seminar conducted by Alan Davis. The ninety minutes flew by as he engaged us at the Detroit Lakes Library on September 18th, starting at 6:30 p.m. I hope such opportunities will continue to be available.”

Seminars at Battle Lake and Two Harbors are up-coming.

The broadsides of Lina Belar, Kenneth Bennett, Travis Dolence, created by Patrick Vincent, former professor of visual arts at MSUM, were framed and given to the Minnesota Library Foundation for the annual silent auction at the Minnesota Library Association (MLA) annual conference the week of October 2nd. The broadsides are for sale at \$25 each to raise funds for NLLN’s scholarship fund.