

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Northern Lights Library Network
December 17, 2016
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NLLN Meetings October 15, 2016 – December 17, 2016

October 21: Moorhead, Factor-of-4 meeting.

October 24: Moorhead, *Like Books for Chocolate* Book Club meeting at NLLN office in the Faculty Development Center.

October 26: Moorhead, MSUM, Executive Director Kathy Enger was Guest Lecturer at two research methods classes in the School of Social Work at MSUM.

October 27: Thief River Falls, delivered eBook Initiative check to LARL, lunch with Kristi Harms and Pauline Helgeland.

October 31: Moorhead, meeting with Dr. David Wahlberg to discuss public relations for NLLN.

November 1: Moorhead, meeting with Pam Were, MSUM Curriculum Librarian, and Audra, Graduate Student, to discuss the organization of the Bridgeford collection.

November 2: Moorhead, meeting with Dr. Manjusha to discuss online chemistry labs and classes for children through public libraries. Federal funding is available for this initiative.

November 10: White Earth, ECI meeting.
St. Paul, MDE, Every Child Succeeds (ESSA) listening session on media specialists.

November 14: Edina, book reading of *The High Divide* by Lin Enger at Southdale Public Library.

November 17: Moorhead, *Absent Narratives* meeting.

November 18: Moorhead, phone conversation with Factor-of-4.

December 8: St. Louis Park, meeting with SeilerSchindel Law Firm to discuss the John Wallace Ingersoll Foundation Fund. No charge.
St. Paul, Science Museum of Minnesota, Annual Technology Solutions for Sustainable Buildings by the University of Minnesota.

December 10: Alexandria, meeting with Lynette Schwagerl from Campbell Schools and Glenn Heineck from Roseau Schools to plan the April 8, 2017, ITEM Regional Conference.

December 13: Moorhead, dinner with former interns at director's home (paid by director, not NLLN).

December 15: Moorhead, webinar with MDE's state librarian to discuss state forms.
Fargo, supplied refreshments for author reading at Zambroz (paid by director, not NLLN).

Library Luncheon with Legislators

The next *Library Luncheon with Legislators* will be February 18, 2017, at the Comstock Memorial Union on the campus of Minnesota State University Moorhead (MSUM) at 11:30 a.m. Several personal invitations have gone to legislators in the NLLN region and a broadcast email has been sent to librarians to gather speakers. More invitations will go out the last week of this year.

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.

Bridgeford Donation

Retired media specialist and NLLN Governing Board member, Adell Bridgeford, donated 584 items for children and young adults to the MSUM Curriculum Library. The materials that MSUM did not retain went to Moorhead Public Schools (non-fiction books and some storybook characters) and White Earth's Maamigin Achigaazo (storybook characters). The last of the storybook characters will be brought to the January Tribal College Library Director's meeting to make available to tribal college community libraries in the region.

Bengtson Book Donation

Educators, David and Marilyn Bengtson of Long Prairie, donated seven boxes of books for libraries in the NLLN region. The books were donated to the Campbell School High School Library. Some poetry books and books on writing fiction and poetry were donated to the Weld Hall Library at Minnesota State University Moorhead.

John Wallace Ingersoll Memorial Fund

John Wallace Ingersoll was born on December 27, 1942, in Moorhead, Minnesota. The son of John and Ada (Holmes) Ingersoll, John Wallace graduated from Moorhead State Teacher's College in 1966 with a degree in German (secondary education) and taught German at the Grand Rapids High School from 1966 until 1998, when he retired to Arizona. John Wallace Ingersoll is the brother of Wayne Ingersoll, who currently serves as president of Northern Lights Library Network. Wayne opened the John Wallace Ingersoll Memorial Fund in memory of his brother, following his brother's death on November 12, 2016.

The fund was established December, 2016, to honor current and past NLLN Governing Board members and to honor current and past NLLN members. Funds will be used to support the programming of Northern Lights Library Network. Donations will recognize those honored with a memorial biography in a memorial directory and special recognition when the funds are dispersed in support of programming at Northern Lights Library Network.

Tribal College Library Directors

The next Tribal College Library Director's meeting is Tuesday, January 24, from 10:30 a.m. – 12 noon at the Leech Lake Tribal College Library.

Greenbush Public Library

Architect, David Crutchfield (NDSU), visited the Greenbush Public Library on November 11, to consult on cracked concrete in the floor of the library and cracked beams in the ceiling. Exterior rainwater surface and site-drainage appeared to be creating the problem. David is the principle architect with BIOME Architecture, PLLC, AND volunteers his time to libraries in the NLLN region.

The Skills Media Specialists Impart to Students

The article, *The Skills and Knowledge Students Acquire from Media Specialists: Emerging Theory to Support Student Success*, has been submitted to the journal, *Learning and Instruction* and will be presented at the Minnesota School Board Association convention at the Minneapolis Convention Center in January. The article is also under revision to submit to *School Library Journal* and will be submitted for presentation at the Annual American Association of School Librarians (AASL) national convention, Fall 2017.

Professional Engagement and Scholarships

Continuing education scholarships are awarded as incentive for individual growth and development in order to enhance library services throughout the NLLN region. \$4,539.14 has been expended so far this year.

Thirty-five BroadSides Each of Six Poets in the NLLN Region

Broadsides by regional poets, Belar, Bennett, Dolence, Lajimodiere, Vinz, and Zepper have been created by Patrick Vincent, former professor of visual arts at MSUM and are for sale at \$25/each to raise funds for NLLN's scholarship fund. The Lajimodiere and Dolence broadsides are nearly completed. A picture of the Lajimodiere broadside is below.

Online Destiny Training

Gina Drellack, Media Specialist and Education Services Coordinator with Northwest Service Cooperative in Thief River Falls, developed an online Destiny Training program that library staff in the region can take online for continuing education credits through Schoology. So far, eighty people have participated in the Online Destiny Training.

ITEM/NLLN Regional Conference

A spring ITEM/NLLN regional conference will take place on April 8, 2017, at Lakes Country Service Cooperative in Fergus Falls. Lynette Schwagerl from Campbell Schools and Glenn Heineck from Roseau Schools are planning the conference:

Our Land, Ourselves: A Spring Celebration of Learning

“Bringing librarians, educators, and historians from the region together to learn from one another, reflect and discuss teaching and learning practices, and earn continuing education units”

ITEM Regional Conference

April 8, 2017

10 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Lakes Country Service Cooperative

1001 East Mount Faith

Fergus Falls, Minnesota

There is no charge for the conference

Lunch provided

CEU's awarded

9:30 a.m. – 10 a.m.: Morning coffee

10 – 10:45 a.m.: Session I

10:45 – 11:30 a.m.: Session II

11:30 – 12:15 Session III

Ottertail County Historical Society

Kathy Evavold and Missy Hermes

“Library Resources and Outreach Programs”

12:15 – 1 p.m. Lunch Keynote

Regional author Brent Olson

1 – 1:45 p.m.: Session IV

eBook Access for Middle and High School Students throughout the NLLN Region

eBook and eAudiobook access for students in the LARL and NWRL regions enhances efforts schools make to provide content rich materials to students. NLLN expended the \$13,350.00 budgeted to support the initiative.

MSUM Planetarium and Scholastic Family & Community Engagement Resources (FACE) Building Home Libraries

Access to books in the home is a key factor in determining a child's future success. Children raised in homes with lots of books are nearly 20% more likely to finish college. Through Scholastic's Family and Community Engagement Resources *Building Home Libraries*, NLLN was able to purchase books at a discount and will send one book home each to:

- Detroit Lakes 3rd graders on January 20th, *Journey through our Solar System* by Dr. Mae Jemison and Dana Meachen Rau will be distributed.
- Annual Stars of PBS event on February 4th, NLLN donated books as door prizes.
- *One World One Sky* with Moorhead Kindergarten in the spring. Both events will distribute, *My Very First Space Book* by Emily Bone, illustrated by Lee Cosgrove.

Lajimodiere Broadside

Birch Bark Biting

I study the spring peeled

unfolded. Thunderbirds,
wings spread wide, gaze
back at me. I peel the amber
bark into thin layers, careful
not to tear claw marks.

I place the folded bark in my
mouth, biting down with eye
teeth, closed eyes see designs.

I unfold a flower, turtle,
or dragonfly, hold
it to the light, feathery bite
marks glow through
transparent wings

Denise K. Lajimodiere.

Northern Lights Literary Network commission 35 numbered and signed copies of Denise Lajimodiere's "Birch Bark Biting" designed and printed by Patrick Vincent, Assistant Professor, Minnesota State University Moorhead, in 2016.
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