



DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Northern Lights Library Network
February 13, 2016

NLLN Meetings December 12, 2016 – February 13, 2016

December 15: MSUM, Sara Schultz, MSUM Planetarium to discuss joint literacy programming.

December 18: Hallock, Poet Professor Kevin Zepper at Kittson Central

January 12: MSUM, meeting with 3 interns.

January 14: St. Paul & Mpls., Minnesota Book Awards meeting; presentation to the Minnesota School Board Association, "Skills for Student Success in the Electronic Age", Minneapolis Convention Center.

January 21 & 22: Rochester, Multitype director's meeting.

January 25: Mahnomon, White Earth, Tribal College Library Director's meeting

January 26: MSUM, meeting with 3 interns.

January 30: Alexandria, meeting with media specialist, Glenn Heinecke.

February 2: MSUM, meeting with 3 interns.

February 13: MSUM, NLLN Governing Board meeting and 3rd Annual Library Luncheon with Legislators.

Interlibrary Loan Support for Viking Library System and Bookmobile Service to Campbell, Minnesota

Northern Lights Library Network sent a check for \$5,600 to Viking Library System (VLS) on January 14, 2016, to support interlibrary loan service in the region and to enable VLS to provide bookmobile service to Campbell, Minnesota. Campbell is in the Lake Agassiz Regional Library System (LARL), but LARL doesn't have a bookmobile. Campbell is thirty miles from the nearest community library and this is one way to get library service to the community. This is a joint project between Viking Library System and Northern Lights Library Network.

Library Luncheon with Legislators

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

We begin the conversation with lunch (11:30 - 12), and then proceed to hear from librarians in the region about their constituents and issues of importance to them (12 - 1 p.m.). This year, nine library leaders will be speaking, followed by legislators. A list of attendees is below.

Conversations with legislators, such as our “Library Luncheon with Legislators”, forms positive working 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.

Library Luncheon with Legislators attendees February 13, 2016:

LEGISLATORS

Representative Ben Lien Representative, District 4A

Representative Bud Nornes Representative, District 8A

Senator Eken Senator, District 4

SPEAKERS

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

Wayne Ingersoll President, NLLN

NLLN GOVERNING BOARD

Richard Anderson, Beltrami County Commissioner, Solway

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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

Tribal College Library Directors

The tribal college librarians in the region meet quarterly. The winter meeting was January 25, 2016 at the White Earth Tribal College in Mahnomon. A new library will be opening at the

White Earth Tribal College this summer and they need help moving and shelving the collection. Red Lake Tribal College library could also use librarians to catalog and label books.

Internships

Three interns began January 2016, and are studying the library of the future in order to integrate the ideas into NLLN's website. Planning meetings with interns are ongoing.

Skills and Knowledge Students Acquire from Media Specialists

Executive Director Kathy Enger presented "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. This presentation is based on the research she and Glenn Heinecke are doing on the skills media specialists impart to students. A full copy of the presentation is on the NLLN website in the Strategic Plan-Work Plan-Report of Results for February 13, 2016.

Outline of the Presentation.

- I. What skills do students need to succeed in the electronic era?
- II. Social skills.
- III. The basic skills of reading, writing, math, and critical thinking.
- IV. Cognitive skills.
- V. Adaptability and resiliency.
- VI. Lifelong learning skills.
- VII. Information Literacy Skills.
- VIII. Technology Skills.
- IX. Library and Information Science Skills.
- X. The Skills Media Specialists Impart to Students are: Information Literacy Skills, Technology Skills, and Reading and Library and Information Science Skills.
- XI. Where have all the School Librarians Gone? Schools are missing out.
- XII. Information literacy achievement gap based on income inequality.
- XIII. Schools make a difference.

Professional Engagement and Scholarships

As of January 1, 2016, NLLN obligated all \$15,000 budgeted for scholarships for Fiscal year 2016 (July 1, 2015 – June 30, 2016). Scholarships were used for the ITEM and MLA fall conferences, continuing education courses, ALA Midwinter, the ALA Annual Conference, and the ISTE national conference.

Poets Across Minnesota

On December 18, Poet Professor, Kevin Zepper visited Kittson Central School, teaching poetry to approximately 80 students. NLLN sponsored Zepper's visit and donated paperback poetry books, *The 100 Best American Poems*.

IBBY Workshop June 6, 2016

On June 6, 2016, from 10 – 12 noon in the Faculty Development Center Multi-Purpose Room 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 her 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.