

AGENDA
Northern Lights Library Network
Governing Board Meeting
June 19, 2021
Zoom Conference Call

1. Election of Officers.
2. Review and approve agenda, minutes, financial reports.
3. New Business.
 - a. Review and approve the following for Fiscal Year 2022:
 - FY2022 NLLN Budget.
 - Minnesota State Operating Grant 2022 MCMT Aid Application, MCMT FY2022 Budget
 - NLLN Membership List
 - NLLN Governing Board List, Board Terms, and FY2022 Board Meetings.
 - NLLN MSUM Lease.
4. Old Business
 - a. Thank you from the **Viking Library System** for the new bookmobile (\$25,000 from NLLN reserves).
 - b. Thank you from the **Kitchigami Regional Library System** for NLLN support of eAudio and eBooks (\$5,000).
 - c. Books for **Circle of Life Academy**.
 - d. Books from **Bug-O-Nay-Ge-Shig School** to libraries in the region, Laurie Villwock.
 - e. **Adell Bridgford** donation.
 - f. Reminder of **Funders Database**: <https://nlln.org/nlln-resources.html>
 - g. **Moving Words**: Writers Across Minnesota
 - h. “You May Have the Suitcase, Now” by Beudelaine Pierre book donation from **Lake Region Arts Council (LRAC)** for 100 libraries in the region through grant to **New Rivers Press** (<https://www.newriverspress.com/tag/poetry/>).
 - i. Update on legislation to eliminate the multicounty, multitype library systems.
 - j. **Becoming an Author Writing Series** online on April 17, Gina Drellack.
 - k. **Youth Voice and Choice Training** in Thief River Falls at Northwest Service Cooperative on September 30.
 - l. **Media Landscapes**: 23 Things Minnesota's Multicounty, Multitype Library Systems Address Misinformation <https://levelupmn.org/23things/>
 - m. Archiving NLLN’s records at the **Northwest Minnesota Historical Center**.
 - n. NLLN office lease with **Minnesota State University Moorhead**.
 - o. Read the Library Bill of Rights.



Funded by the Minnesota Legislature through the Minnesota Department of Education, Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN) is one of seven Minnesota multicounty, multitype library cooperative systems. NLLN is comprised of two hundred eighty academic, public, school, and special libraries in twenty-three counties in North-Central, Northwest, and West-Central

Minnesota. NLLN works at the grassroots level to bring together all types of libraries and collections in the region to discover, enhance, and share resources through administrative, technological, and educational support.

Northern Lights Library Network covers a geographic region of 26,950 square miles (Minnesota is comprised of 86,939 square miles), including the following twenty-three counties: Becker, Beltrami, Cass, Clay, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Douglas, Grant, Hubbard, Kittson, Mahnommen, Marshall, Norman, Otter Tail, Pennington, Polk, Pope, Red Lake, Roseau, Stevens, Traverse, Wadena, and Wilkin.

The Northern Lights Library Network system consists of four regional public library systems; academic libraries on two campuses of the University of Minnesota at Crookston and Morris; Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System institutions including Minnesota State University Moorhead, Bemidji State University, Northland Community College, Minnesota State Community and Technical College on four campuses (Moorhead, Thief River Falls, Wadena, and Fergus Falls); three tribal colleges, including Leech Lake, Red Lake, and White Earth; Maamigin Achigaazo Community Library at White Earth numerous private colleges; one hundred eighty five school libraries (including public and charter schools, Bureau of Indian Affairs schools, and private schools) in seventy-nine school districts; and a rich variety of special libraries in museums, county law libraries, hospitals, churches, and early childhood programs.

Northern Lights Library Network reduces duplication of services by enhancing coordination among libraries. As resources are shared among libraries, services are expanded, and efficiency is improved. As a result, libraries can offer services or programs they may not otherwise be able to afford.

All of the work performed by Northern Lights Library Network affects the direct service of its members, and has an exponential effect on its client base. Northern Lights Library Network exists to recognize the kinds of library services people need at the local level and to determine what supporting structures are required for local library systems to function successfully, taking into account the unique needs of people at the local level and the different types of libraries served.

A primary goal of Northern Lights Library Network is to bring resources from the state and national level to the local level. Another goal is to discover resources within the region and share them universally.

Northern Lights Library Network is one of seven multi-county, multi-type library systems in Minnesota mandated by Minnesota Statute 134.351 to develop and maintain services including, but not limited to, “referral of users, intra-system reciprocal borrowing, cooperative collection development, cooperative reference services, staff development, research and development, cooperative storage facilities, and publicity and community relations.”

The five goals outlined in Minnesota Statute 134.351 for multi-county, multi-type systems include:

- *Sharing Resources Among all Participating Libraries*
- *Providing Long-range Planning for Cooperative Programs*
- *Developing a Delivery System for Services and Programs*
- *Developing a Bibliographic Database*
- *Maintaining a Communications System Among all Cooperating Libraries*

The seven multi-county, multi-type systems perform the following functions: Develop library staffs professionally; improve local library collections; sponsor and support funding for libraries; champion libraries; create, develop, and maintain library programs that enrich the lives of Minnesotans; move the discipline of Library and Information Science forward; and lead and administer their own nonprofit agencies. The seven systems are governed by regional boards.

There are twelve regional public library systems in Minnesota that serve public libraries, while the seven multi-type systems serve all types of libraries.