

Director's Report

Northern Lights Library Network

Fiscal Year 2016

October 17, 2015

Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN) is a cooperative network of 280 library members in academic, public, school, and special libraries in 23 counties of North-central, North-west and West-central Minnesota. We work 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 is funded by the Minnesota State Legislature through the Minnesota Department of Education

Travel to libraries throughout the NLLN region, to attend local, regional, and statewide meetings and conferences, serve on professional library committees, and attend MLA legislative initiatives.

August 22: Moorhead, Governing Board meeting.

August 24, 25: Moorhead, audit field work by Marc Colin, Carpenter, Evert & Associates, Bloomington.

August 25: Moorhead, Dinner with Katelyn Ostby to thank her for the internship. Katelyn is a graduate student in Library and Information Science at Kent State (online).

September 3: Moorhead, meeting with Jordan Schroeer. Jordan will be volunteering at NLLN weekly.

September 4: Alexandria, meeting with Joan Larson to discuss Spotlight on Books and with Kari Anderson and Glenn Heinecke at Zion Lutheran Church to catalog books for the church library received from Thrivent grant.

September 9: Moorhead, Minnesota Humanities Center meeting on education strategy to increase student engagement and presentation of absent narratives for local constituents.

September 25: Perham, Meeting with Lina Belar to discuss Historical and Cultural Organizations and Museums, broadsides signed.

September 28: Red Lake, Tribal College Library Director's meeting.

October 1-2: St. Cloud, ITEM fall conference; two presentations: *Dynamic Duo: A Public Sidekick and a School Media Specialist Superhero Unite* and *Serving Students – Media Specialists and paraprofessionals: A Panel Discussion*.

October 1: Fiscal year 2015 audit completed and sent to Minnesota Department of Education.

October 7-9: St. Paul, MLA fall conference; panel presentation MLA Public Library Section: *Let's Talk Multitypes*.

October 17: Moorhead, NLLN Governing Board meeting.

Minnesota Humanities Center Absent Narratives is expanding services to the NLLN region. In partnership with community members and Dr. Phyllis May-Machunda at MSUM, NLLN Executive Director 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.

Campbell-Tintah School Library

Over 9,000 books in the elementary library were cataloged and received barcodes with the volunteer efforts of Glenn Heinecke, Charlie Lindberg, and Katelyn Ostby. NLLN president, Wayne Ingersoll donated 5 books and 1 DVD to Campbell School. MSUM donated 120 bookends to Campbell School.

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Tribal College Library Directors

The tribal college librarians in the region meet quarterly. The fall quarterly meeting was September 28th in Red Lake. NLLN participates in these meetings and assisted in forming tribal college libraries vision, mission, and values statements.

Zion Lutheran Church Library

Book processing and cataloging occurred at Zion Lutheran Church in Alexandria for the books received from a Thrivent grant Kathy and Kari Anderson wrote. Work continued on August 20 and was completed September 4. 100 books for the church library were organized for check-out. Thank you to Glenn Heinecke for working on this project.

Historical and Cultural Organizations and Museums

Met with Lina Belar September 25 to continue discussing the dream of having a regional system for historical and cultural organizations and museums in Minnesota like the regional public library systems. Lina signed her broadsides and plans to write a grant to bring the broadsides and poets to locations in the region.

Conduct research of the skills media specialists impart to students through a comprehensive review and analysis of the literature and interviews of library media personnel in the region -- Skills and Knowledge Students Acquire from Media Specialists. Kathy is currently writing the article and submitted a proposal to present at the Minnesota School Board Association January 2016.

Career development, professional engagement scholarships, and library service funding for staff and library board member participation in continuing education programs.

	LIBRARY	EVENT	AMT. APP FOR	AMT. PD
1	Marshall County Central H S	ITEM Fall Conf - Oct 1-3, 2015	\$460.00	
2	Park Rapids Area Schools	MN eLearning Summit - July, 2015	\$500.00	\$500.00
3	NWRL - Thief River Falls Branch	MLA 2015 Conf Oct 8-9, 2015	\$550.00	
4	LARL - Moorhead	MLA 2015 Conf Oct 8-9, 2015	\$490.00	
5	LARL - Fertile	MLA 2015 Conf Oct 8-9, 2015	\$500.00	
6	Elbow Lake Public Library	MLA 2015 Conf Oct 8-9, 2015	\$443.00	\$479.52
7	NWRL - Red Lake Falls Branch	MLA 2015 Conf Oct 8-9, 2015	\$450.00	
8	LARL - Moorhead	MLA 2015 Conf Oct 8-9, 2015	\$500.00	
9	LARL - Crookston	MLA 2015 Conf Oct 8-9, 2015	\$500.00	
10	NWRL - Red Lake Falls Branch	MLA 2015 Conf Oct 8-9, 2015	\$405.00	
11	Laporte Schools	ITEM Fall Conf - Oct 1-3, 2015	\$500.00	\$482.64
12	Campbell-Tintah School	ITEM Fall Conf - Oct 1-3, 2015	\$422.60	\$422.60
13	NWRL - Greenbush	MLA 2015 Conf Oct 8-9, 2015	\$425.00	
14	LARL - Detroit Lakes	PLA Conf 2016 - April 2016	\$1,000.00	
			\$7,145.60	\$1,884.76

Ongoing library administrative and technical support for the White Earth Child Care/Early Childhood Program (WECC/ECP)

NLLN president, Wayne Ingersoll, donated 34 DVD's and 6 books to White Earth. MSUM donated 257 bookends to White Earth.

“Poets Across Minnesota”

Encourages the love of reading, literature, and the spoken word by sponsoring poetry readings and events for regional poets in and through libraries in the region. Poet Professor Zepper visits include the following public schools: Campbell, Kittson Central, and Moorhead.

Technology training for librarians in the region assists them in keeping up with rapidly changing technology.

An Unworkshop to discuss and learn new technology is planned for Century School in Park Rapids November 7th, facilitated by Laurie Conzemius and conducted by media specialists from the region and a Destiny training is planned for November 14 in Moorhead at MSUM. Gloria Collyard is leading this workshop. Executive Director Kathy Enger presented twice at the ITEM Fall conference: 1. With Gina Drellack, *Dynamic duo: A Public Sidekick and a School Media Specialist superhero Unite* about the LARL/NWRL eBook initiative. A benefit of the program is getting library cards into the hands of students in schools in the region, which Gina Drellack did in Bagley. Executive Director Kathy Enger was also on a panel at ITEM, *Media Specialists and Paraprofessionals: A Panel Discussion* where the lack of certified media specialists in schools was discussed. Kathy was also on a panel at the Minnesota Library Association fall conference Public Library Division, *Let's Talk Multitypes*.

eBook access for middle and high school students throughout the NLLN region.

The Lake Agassiz Digital Library and NWRL Overdrive School Initiative: With funding support from Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN), LARL and NWRL purchased up to 280 eBooks and eAudiobooks for middle and high school students. Since January 2015, approximately 750 customers have signed up for this service. From January 1 – August 31, 2015, LARL customers checked out 45,896 eBooks and eAudiobooks.

Gina Drellack and Kathy Enger presented a session at the fall ITEM conference on how Gina got library cards for students 13 yrs. and older at Bagley Public Schools so they could access resources at the Bagley Public Library and take advantage of the Digital Library Overdrive School Initiative. The presentation was entitled, *Digital dynamic duo: A Public Sidekick and a School Media Specialist Superhero Unite*.

Explore ways rural libraries can be served and enhanced in the North-central, North-west, and West-central region of Minnesota.

Met with other rural multitype directors at ITEM and MLA fall conferences to discuss ways to best serve our rural populations.

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Appendices

Bringing Libraries Together

Campbell School Libraries

Date: 09/23/2015 14:06

From: "Lynette Schwagerl" <schwagerll@campbell.k12.mn.us>

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On a side note: Both the elementary and high school students are REALLY excited about our libraries! They are so excited to see the new books - I would almost say the books are flying off the shelves, at both elementary and high school levels! My high school students are frequently asking me to go to the library, and they are getting excited about the books they're reading! It is so great to see! I've been doing some Destiny catalog training in the elementary classes, too, and they are pretty excited for the new search functions. I wish that you and the other NLLN volunteers could see the reactions of our students to all of the work that we did this summer. There is a lot of enthusiasm about reading, and our efforts are very much appreciated!

Thanks, Kathy! Have a good week!

-Lynette

Handout at Minnesota Library Association Fall Conference Public Library Division *Let's Discuss Multitypes*

The Function, Responsibilities, and Duties of Multicounty, Multitype Library Systems in Minnesota

The seven multicounty, multitype library systems in Minnesota function as intermediary between all types of libraries, ensuring that resources are shared and cooperation occurs among all library types, including academic libraries, public libraries, school libraries, and special libraries.

Through library cooperation and resource sharing, Minnesotans receive the best library service possible, in the most efficient manner. Each multicounty, multitype system is as unique as the libraries they serve. The multicounty, multitype library systems in Minnesota are ***Arrowhead; Central Minnesota Library Exchange (CMLE); Metronet; Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN); Southwest Area Multicounty Multitype Interlibrary Exchange (SAMMIE); Southeast Library System (SELS); Traverse de Sioux Library Cooperative (TdS)***. The multicounty, multitype systems are mandated by Minnesota Statute 134.351.

During 2014 and 2015, a qualitative grounded theory study of the responsibilities and function of the multicounty, multitype library systems in Minnesota was conducted by Northern Lights Library Network and reviewed by the multitype system directors. The study used as data fourteen quarterly reports from 2009 to 2014 submitted to Minitex and recorded in the multitype

system wiki. Each line from each report was coded, categorized, and analyzed for themes. It was determined from the reports that multicounty, multitype library systems in Minnesota perform the following duties:

Develop Library Staff Professionally.

- Administer continuing education grants for library staff.
- Teach librarians about new library resources.
- Teach new technologies.

Improve Local Library Collections.

- Support interlibrary loan services.
- Support union catalogs.
- Find cost-effective eBook solutions.

Sponsor and Support Funding for Librarians.

- Write and receive grants that support libraries.
- Raise funds for libraries.
- Share library resources.

Champion for Libraries.

- Meet with library stakeholders.
- Meet with legislators on behalf of libraries.
- Publicly promote libraries.

Create, Develop, and Maintain Programs that Enrich the Lives of Minnesotans.

- Sponsor literacy initiatives through programs, conferences, and workshops.
- Facilitate improved library services.

Move the Discipline of Library and Information Science Forward.

- Provide leadership in library organizations and associations.
- Present at conferences and publish articles in the library literature.
- Collect and analyze library data.

Lead and Administer Agency.

- Manage human resources.
- Design and implement strategic plans.

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The Multicounty Multitype Library Systems in Minnesota

Arrowhead Library System

Contact Shari Fisher at: shari@arrowhead.lib.mn.us
<http://www.arrowhead.lib.mn.us/>

Arrowhead publishes the *Weekly Weeder* Newsletter. To register, Go to:
to <http://www.alscurrentevents.blogspot.com/p/als-weekly-weeder.html>

Central Minnesota Libraries Exchange (CMLE)

Contact Patricia Post at: papost@cmle.org
www.cmle.org

CMLE publishes *Weekly Review*, a newsletter that captures local library stories, trends, and best practices. Subscribe here:
<http://bit.ly/CMLEsubscribe>

Metronet

Contact Ann Walker Smalley at: ann@metronet.lib.mn.us
<http://www.metrolibraries.net/library-wire/overview.html>

Metronet publishes bi-weekly newsletter *MetroBriefs* (everyone welcome to subscribe):
<http://bit.ly/metrobriefs>

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Southwest Area Multicounty Multitype Interlibrary Exchange (SAMMIE)

Contact Shelly Grace at: shelly@sammie.org
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SAMMIE publishes the *SAMMIEnews*. To be added to the newsletter, send an email to:
shelly@sammie.org

Southeast Library System (SELS)

Contact Reagen Thalacker at: rthalacker@selco.info

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Traverse de Sioux Library Cooperative (Tds)

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