

DIRECTOR'S REPORT
Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN)
Kathy B. Enger, Executive Director
September 17, 2021
10 a.m.
Room 203 Comstock Memorial Union
and via Zoom Online

ADMINISTRATIVE SUMMARY

FY2022 Audit

The fiscal year 2022 audit was conducted by Carpenter, Evert, and Associates and is complete. NLLN is under budget by several thousand dollars this fiscal year.

Budget

The budget was approved in June. Due to population adjustments that are reported in August, NLLN's budget from the Minnesota Department of Education (MDE) was reduced by \$99.01 and that amount was subtracted from director's travel in the FY23 budget.

Pay Increase for NLLN Office Manager, Deb Keena

The office manager's hourly salary is \$25.00. An increase of \$2.50/hr. is requested.

OCLC Overage Charges

For approximately 20 years, NLLN has carried a consortial subscription with OCLC for CatExpress. In previous years, Northwest Regional Library (NWRL) has incurred an overage, and amounts over NLLN's subscription were paid by NWRL. However, this year, the overage amounted to \$17,000. Since the subscription is with NLLN, it is reasonable that NLLN cover at least portion of the cost. \$800/yr. is in the NLLN budget to cover the cost. This July, the subscription was cancelled.

Contract for Lobbyist

The contract for Capitol Hill Associates through the Minnesota Library Association was renewed by the multi-county, multi-type systems (MCMT) for the next two legislative sessions. The MDE budget for public library systems in Minnesota has not increased since 2008. The MCMT systems are considering a possible different situation for legislative advocacy in the future.

Adjunct Teaching

Kathy is teaching some adjunct courses evenings and weekends.

PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

Grants

Kathy is conducting background work to seek grants for books and training on Social Emotional Learning (SEL), Censorship, and *How to Stop Bullying* grants and training. The Grants committee is comprised of Sheri Levasseur, Glenn Heinecke, and Charlie Lindberg.

For the Love of Literature

Wayne Gudmundson, photography professor at Minnesota State University for over twenty-five years, donated his books to the Curt & Pam Gudmundson Room as reference copies. The Curt & Pam Gudmundson Room is across from the NLLN office at 265C MacLean at MSUM. Copies will also be given to the Northwest Minnesota Historical Center on the fourth floor of the MSUM library.

New Rivers Press (NRP) is storing its collection in the basement of the Center for Business at MSUM and NRP is closing in December of this year. Kathy has been working behind the scenes to find a home for the collection.

Thom Tammaro donated five boxes of books from his personal collection for libraries in the region. Dr. Tammaro was a professor at MSUM for nearly 40 years.

NLLN donated books for a MCMT table at the Minnesota Library Association (MLA). Twenty copies of title, *You May have the Suitcase Now* by Beudelaine Pierre was donated for distribution. The book is published by New Rivers Press through a grant from The Lake Region Arts Council (LRAC) for distribution in the region and beyond. Copies of *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States* by Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz were also donated. This title was purchased in conjunction with a presentation at the 2020 "Better Together" workshop, which did not happen in person at that time. NLLN has copies of both titles.

NLLN is sponsoring Moving Words, again, this year.

White Earth Tribal and Community College (WETCC) is working on creating an academic librarian and student success position at the college and consulted with Kathy on the best ways to go forward with the library there.

Kathy Enger is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: NLLN Governing Board Meeting
Time: Sep 17, 2022 10:00 AM Central Time (US and Canada)

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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, Mahanomen, 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.”