## Northern Lights Library Network (NLLN) Director's Report Kathy B. Enger, Executive Director September 18, 2021

The Fiscal Year 2020 audit has been completed, along with the Minnesota Department of Education *Report of Results*.

The NLLN office move is complete to Weld Hall 208 on the campus of Minnesota State University Moorhead.

NLLN's bookkeeper, LeAnn Erickson with Mosiac Consulting is retiring her accounting business and NLLN is looking to replace this service.

Mini – "Better Together" workshop was held via Zoom on August 10<sup>th</sup>, with Lynette Schwagerl from Campbell School, Glenn Heinecke from Roseau School, and Linda Mork from Minitex hosting. Linda introduced attendees to resources for schools in eLibrary Minnesota (<u>https://elibrarymn.org/</u>); authors Al Davis and Thom Tammaro entertained us with information about Bob Dylan in their book, *Visiting Bob: Poems Inspired by the Life and Work of Bob Dylan*, New Rivers Press; and Glenn and Lynette wrapped-up the session with a library conversation.

Media Landscapes: 23 Things (<u>https://levelupmn.org/23things/</u>) is an instructional tutorial sponsored by the seven multicounty, multitype library systems to train librarians in the use of tools to inform patrons on the value of accurate information and how to recognize misinformation.

Adell Bridgeford, retired media specialist from Walker School donated two sets of card catalog drawers to the Ottertail County Historical Society.

Leah Larson from State Library Services and Andrea Egbert from Anoka County Library will be delivering "Youth Voice & Choice" content in person at the Lakes Country Service Cooperative (LCSC) in Thief River Falls on September 30. The workshop is sponsored by State Library Services, Anoka County Library, Lakes Country Service Cooperative (Gina Drellack), and Northern Lights Library Network. The goal of the workshop is to train librarians in working successfully with youth, to understand them developmentally and culturally, and to provide library services that meet their needs.

Glenn Heinecke will be training librarians in the use of the Destiny catalog at Minnesota State University Moorhead Livingston Lord Library on October 30.

The monthly online conversations with librarians in the region will resume this academic year.

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.