

Mission Statement

provide efficient, effective and exceptional library services



BOARD CHAIR BRIEF



LIBRARY EVENTS GRAND OPENINGS, PROGRAMS, EVENTS



SAVE THE DATE UPCOMING ITEMS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

THE AURORA



Board Chair Brief

As some of you know, I was elected as Chair of the Northern Lights Library System, on March 10th. As I am writing this, it's only been a few days, so, I'm not going to spend a lot of time telling you what I've done – since there hasn't been time to do much! I do want to thank the Board for giving me their support.

I want to thank Cyndy Heslin, and Vicky Lefebvre for choosing to put their name forward. Democracy is very important, and by putting their name forward Cindy and Vicky gave the Board a choice. Both Cindy and Vicky will be continuing to serve Northern Lights on the Executive Committee, with Vicky continuing as Vice-Chair. I also want to thank Elaine Sorochan, Justin Thompson, and Jill McLuckie, our new members of the Executive Committee. I am looking forward to working with all of you.

Everywhere we go, we hear about working regionally, working collaboratively, and working together. The

Library Systems are a great example of municipalities coming together, and working to a common goal. For some parts of the municipal world this is a new concept; for the Library world, this has been done for quite some time.

I believe the focus of the Northern Lights is three-fold: internal, regional, and provincial. Firstly, by necessity, for the last few years our focus has been internal. I want to thank Vicky Lefebvre and Stephen Dafoe for all their work in rewriting our policies. That work is largely done – or at least, as done as policies can ever be. There is some policy review, and updating which always has to be done.

Secondly, Northern Lights has to have a regional focus. Our municipal partners, and our Library partners, need to know what is happening at Northern Lights, they need to know what their money is being spent on. Julie and I will begin to meet with municipal councils, and if it goes as planned, we will be able to meet with all of the Councils at least once by the end of this municipal term. To help us meet this goal, I am asking for help. If your County is planning to have a joint Council meeting, please let us know – maybe we can be added to the agenda!

Thirdly, Northern Lights has to have a provincial focus. We are one of the seven Library Systems, so we do have to be working together with the other Systems. In addition, we have to be talking with our MLAs. Our MLAs need to know what is happening at Northern Lights, and what we are spending their money on, just like our municipal partners and our Library partners do. When the provincial government is ready to put more money into Libraries, we need to be at the table to let them know what we can do to help.

We all have a voice. But when we speak as individuals, our voice gets lost in the choir. When we speak with one voice as a region, our voice gets much louder. When we speak as one voice across the province, our voice gets louder still. It doesn't mean we stop competing, but it does mean we work with our competitors, so we all do better.

Newbrook Public Library Grand-Reopening



25 Years at the Bonnyville Municipal Library

February 1 marked the 25th anniversary for Linda Smiley at the Bonnyville Municipal Library. She began her library career in 1992 at Dr. Brosseau School as a library aide. She was hired at the Bonnyville Municipal Library on February 1, 1993 as a part-time library clerk. During this time, she also took charge of the Summer Reading Program. In 1995 Linda was promoted to Assistant Librarian and in 1998 she became a full-time employee. Over the years Linda has experienced the evolution of library service from the card catalogue to the online catalogue; the typewriter to the desktop computer and beyond; and all the different formats that have run their course over the years. To sum up, she has done it all, seen it all and can tell a lot of good stories!

Congratulations Linda!

Mundare Municipal Public Library



Mundare Municipal Public Library celebrated Valentine's Day with a story, crafts and a snack for local pre-school children. Dewey, the library mascot was on hand.

Children created miniature versions of Dewey and enjoyed a chocolate Valentine hunt in the library.

Lois Zyla, Secretary for the Mundare Library Board and Dewey joined in the celebration of two birthdays at Father Filas Manor. Jean on the left was celebrating 89 years young, and Anne on the right was happy to tell one and all that it was her 93rd birthday! Bingo, birthday cake and Dewey all were part of the celebration.



Stuart MacPherson Public Library



During our annual Library Con the Lac La Biche County Libraries unveiled the Maker Space collection, Audio Recording Studio and VR System.



2018 Minister's Award for Excellence in Public Library Service

Awards will be presented at the Alberta Library Conference on April 27, 2018



The Cold Lake Public Library is pleased to announce our selection as a finalist for the 2018 Alberta Business Awards of Distinction in the Arts and Culture Award of Distinction category. Finalists were announced Friday, December 15, 2017.

This recognition by the Alberta Chambers of Commerce is a great honour for our organization. Along with being a finalist for the Arts and Culture award, the library is also eligible for the prestigious Premier's Award of Distinction.

Other nominees from NLLS: County of St. Paul Library Board, Mallaig Public Library; Town of Morinville Library Board, Indigenous Canada Learning Circle Town of St. Paul Library Board, Pop Up Story.

Happy Anniversary Redwater Public Library





Board Meetings

- May 5, 2018
- September 8, 2018
- November 3, 2018
- March 2, 2019

Executive Meetings

- May 5, 2018
- July 30, 2018
- September 8, 2018
- November 3, 2018
- March 2, 2019

Executive Committee

Larry Tiedmann – Chair, S.V. of Mewatha Beach
 Vicky Lefebvre – Vice Chair, City of Cold Lake
 Warren Griffin, Athabasca County
 Laurent Amyotte, County of St. Paul
 Craig Lukinuk, Smoky Lake County

Susan Evans, Sturgeon County
 Elaine Sorochar, Town of Two Hills
 Justin Thompson, Town of Vermilion
 Jill McLuckie, Village of Mannville
 Cyndy Heslin, Village of Ryley

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 Stephen Dafoe
 Tyson DeMoissac
 Sheila Lupul
 Bernie Marko
 Tara Lawrence
 Julie Krahulec

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 Tanya May
 Lorna Storoschuk
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 Debra McQuinn
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 Cathy Brown
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Alberta Library
 Conference
 April 26-29 in Jasper



NLLS Conference
 Space – Unlimited Possibilities
 Sept. 20-21, 2018