

# NLLS Virtual Conference Call for Proposals

NLLS Annual Conference + Workshops

May 27-28, 2021

The Northern Lights Library System (NLLS) invites you to participate in its annual conference to be held virtually over zoom on **May 27-28, 2021**.

While virtual, we still acknowledge that both ourselves and our attendees are situated on Treaty 6 territory, traditional lands of First Nations and Métis Peoples.

We were inspired to organize our conference around storytelling, conversations, and learning, as these elements are at the heart of libraries and what they do for their communities. To spark ideas and ignite a passion for working in libraries during challenging times, this conference offers librarians and everyone working in library settings the opportunity to share ideas, lessons, or challenges that they have developed, learned, or faced over this past year.



## Spark Ideas, Ignite Passion

The theme of the NLLS Virtual Conference is Spark Ideas, Ignite Passion. We invite you to share your stories of success and failure with us! What lessons have you learned? Are there tips and tricks you've developed to offer library services in our current virtual existence? Do you have a story about overcoming a challenge? How have you created positive change in your community? How do you want to offer services in 2021?

## Potential Topics

Sessions presented might relate to the following topics:

- Virtual Summer Programming
- Creating/Editing Videos
- Podcasts
- Fundraising
- Managing Rural/Small Libraries
- Polaris
- Marketing
- Early Literacy
- Working with Seniors

*\*other topic will be considered*

## Session Proposals

The NLLS Conference Committee invites session proposals for three types of live-streamed sessions:

### Lightning Talks

- Strict 5-minutes.
- Share a story centered around problem-solving ideas and stories of creating positive change in your community, personal experiences in the field, or any projects you are currently working on!
- Lightning-talks can be pre-recorded.

### Fireside Chats

- 60-min interview styled presentation with experts.

### Workshop Sessions

- Length of sessions offered: 60-min, 75-min, or 3-hours.

In your proposal, please include the following information:

- Name
- A short bio
- Contact information
- Session type and length selection
- Title
- Description and learning objectives

Submit your proposals either through the form link just below or as an email attachment, using the following filename convention: Lastname\_topickeyword\_nllsconference.

Call for Proposal Form <https://www.nlls.ab.ca/nlls-conference/call-for-proposal-submission-form>

Please send your questions and proposals to [nllsconference@nlls.ab.ca](mailto:nllsconference@nlls.ab.ca).

*\*only those selected to present will be contacted*

**The deadline for proposals is: March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**